

CLAIRTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors

Legislative Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2023

6:30 p.m.

I. Call to Order – Richard Livingston, President of the Board of School Directors, called the meeting to order at 6:34p.m.

II. Roll Call

Rikell Ford	Present
Felix Fusco	Present
Richard Livingston	Present
Kailon Lyons	Absent
Artrena McKenzie	Present
Barbara Roberts	Present
Kathy Santoline	Present
Roger Tachoir	Present
Jawanna Warren	Present

Board of Directors: 8 Present 1 Absent

III. Salute to the Flag

**IV. Approval of the Minutes – November 22, 2022 and
Reorganization December 7, 2022**

MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, to approve the Minutes of the November 22, 2022 Legislative and Reorganization December 7, 2022 meetings.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

**V. Presentations – “Student of the Month” – Elementary and MS
School Director Recognition by Students**

Mr. Lyons entered the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Dr. Allen-Thomas addressed the Board of Directors in appreciation, thanking them for all that they do on behalf of the District.

- *Students of the Month, Grades K – 5 and Grades 6 – 8 were recognized by the Board, as they were presented certificates from Ms. Maurizio, Elementary Principal and Dr. Wilkinson, HS Principal*
- *Ms. Maurizio acknowledged the various gifts, cards and banners presented by Elementary students to the Board in honor of Board Appreciation Month*

VI. Reports:

A. Administration – No Report

B. Solicitor’s Report – No Report

C. Board Committees:

- a) **Personnel** – No Report
- b) **Finance** – No Report
- c) **Budget** – No Report
- d) **Curriculum/Technology** – No Report
- e) **Building & Grounds/Security** – No Report
- f) **Athletics** – No Report
- g) **Recreation** – No Report
- h) **Library** – *Scheduled to meet 01/25/23*
- i) **Land Bank** – Met 01/12/23
- j) **Steel Center** - No Report

VII. Citizens Comments – Mr. Emanuel Lewis, 239 Boundary Avenue, requested to address the Board on the topic of “Mold”. Mr. Lewis expressed his concerns for students and staff regarding the possibility of the Clairton Education Center containing mold.

Mr. Nicolette, Business Administrator, stated the mold testing report from Mid Atlantic Environmental Consultants taken in August of 2022 indicated the inside air sample results indicate a normal fungal ecology and very low mold spore counts. The mold spore concentrations are lower and comparable to the outside reference sample, indicating acceptable fungal ecology according to the EPA and other industry guidelines.

Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Nicolette for this report and asked the District to please stay on top of it.

VIII. Treasurer’s Report – November 2022 and December 2022

MOTION made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Santoline, to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the months of November and December 2022.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

IX. Payment of Bills – December 2022 / January 2023

MOTION made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Roberts, to approve the Payment of Bills for the months of December 2022 and January 2023.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

X. Old Business – None

XI. New Business – None

Administrative Agenda

Personnel Committee – Dr. Ford, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. McKenzie, seconded by Ms. Roberts, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through H.

- A. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Sharon Biros, Elementary Teacher, effective June 7, 2023. Ms. Biros has been with the District 30 years.
- B. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Sally Kunkel, Elementary Teacher, effective June 7, 2023. Ms. Kunkel has been with the District 30 years.
- C. Board accepted, with regret, her resignation for the purpose of retirement of Andrea Baker, Elementary Teacher, effective June 7, 2023. Ms. Baker has been with the District 30 years.
- D. Board accepted the resignation of Paige Moody, Honeybear Sponsor, effective December 31, 2022, as submitted.
- E. Board accepted the resignation of Lori Benack, Senior Class Sponsor effective January 17, 2023, as submitted.
- F. Board ratified Jennifer Russell, Elementary Special Education Teacher to provide instruction in the home up to 10 hours per week at \$31.83/hour based on the student's IEP, effective December 12, 2022.

- G. Board ratified Family Medical Leave of Rava Wright, Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) commencing December 5, 2022 up until the date of her previously approved Maternity Leave, as submitted.
- H. Board ratified the Medical Leave of Danette Thompson, Elementary Secretary, effective December 12, 2022 through January 9, 2023 in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Secretarial Association (CSA), as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Curriculum Committee – Ms. Roberts, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. Santoline, seconded by Ms. Warren, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated I. through S.

- I. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership recently updated and recommended to ensure the language is reflective of current needs and practices, as submitted.
- J. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #200 – Enrollment of Students updated to expand requirements for immediate enrollment to include students experiencing foster care and other forms of educational instability; mandated, as submitted.
- K. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students updated to expand mandated requirements for immediate admittance to include students experiencing foster care and other forms of educational instability, as submitted.
- L. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #204 – Attendance updated to expand mandated requirements for immediate enrollment to include circumstances related to foster care and other forms of educational instability, in addition to homelessness, as submitted.
- M. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #217 – Graduation updated to include the provisions of 24 P.S. Sec. 1-121 and in accordance with 24 P.S. Sec. 5-510.2 regarding graduation requirements and annual reporting of graduation information and data recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- N. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #221 – Dress and Grooming revised regarding language as mandated due to a student’s educational instability, including Homelessness, Foster Care and other Educational instability, as submitted.

- O. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #233 – Suspension and Expulsion updated to include confidentiality of Special Education Student Information and additional minor revisions recommended for legal liability purposes, as submitted.
- P. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and other Educational Instability mandated updates specific to 24 P.S. Sec. 1331 have been included, as submitted.
- Q. Board approved the First Reading of Policy #810 – Transportation updated as mandated to policy references and provision of transportation for Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and other Educational Instability, as submitted.
- R. Board approved the Allegheny County Black Teacher Study to survey African-American staff, as submitted.
- S. Board approved a change to the District Calendar to reflect the cancelation on January 17, 2023 due to a community tragedy. Make-up to be on March 10, 2023, previously scheduled In-Service Day, to be submitted to PDE for approval, as follows:

Classes Canceled due to a Community Tragedy	Make-up Day for Students & Staff / Previously In-Service	Information Calendar/Detail
January 17, 2023	March 10, 2023	<i>As Submitted</i>

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Building & Grounds/Security Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

- T. **MOTION** made by Dr. Ford, seconded by Ms. Roberts to approve the use of the gymnasium and scoreboard by Clairton Youth Football Association (CYFA) for Youth Recreational Seasonal Basketball League on weekends (Saturdays/Sundays) beginning on Sunday, January 28th and ending on Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM, as submitted. It is understood that a school-sponsored activity may occur and the CYFA will be notified of the unavailability. CYFA is responsible for proper maintenance of the areas used. William Thompson, Jr. is responsible for this program. All fees have been waived.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

- U. **MOTION** made by Mr. Fusco, seconded by Ms. Santoline to approve the use of the Clairton Bear Training Facility and Athletic Equipment located at the Administration Building by Grind Hard Training for group fitness training of 10-16 staff and/or others that are non-athletes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at beginning January 31st through June 1, 2023 at 4:00 PM, as submitted. It is understood that a school-sponsored activity may occur and Grind Hard Training will be notified of the unavailability. Grind Hard Training is responsible for proper maintenance of the areas used. Robert Boatright is responsible for this program. All fees have been waived.

Non-Roll Call Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Business Administrator's Agenda

Finance Committee – Mr. Fusco, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through D.

- A. Board adopted Resolution #01-23, the opt out resolution pursuant to section 311(d)(1) stating the district will not raise the rate of any tax by more than the index (6.6%).
- B. Board authorized to accept donation from Margaret M. Ogurchak in the amount of \$1,429.98 and recognize the restriction that it be used for the purchase of technology equipment to improve instruction.
- C. Board approved Larry Nicolette to attend PASBO Annual Conference held March 14 – 17, 2023 at the Kalahari Resorts & Conventions. Registration fees and travel expenses to be paid by the District in accordance with Policy 331.
- D. Board ratified the acceptance of Bid for Band Uniforms from DeMoulin Brother and Company in the amount of \$31,285.50. To be paid from grant 223-21-0084, as submitted.

Non-Roll Call Vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

Athletic Agenda

Athletic Committee – Mr. Livingston, Chairperson

ON MOTION made by Ms. Roberts, seconded by Ms. Santoline, the Board of Directors, by non-roll call vote, approved the following items designated A. through G.

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- A. Board accepted the resignation of Leiah Clifford as Scorekeeper and Ticket Taker, effective December 7, 2022.
- B. Board accepted the resignation of Tara Fields as Scorekeeper, effective December 7, 2022.
- C. Board ratified Keanen Johnson as Scorekeeper for Boys High School Basketball, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreement between the District and Clairton Education Association (CEA), effective November 29, 2022.
- D. Board ratified Lamont Wade as Videographer for Girls Home Basketball games at \$50.99/per game, effective December 19, 2022.
- E. Board ratified Andrew Carr as Videographer for Boys Home Basketball games at \$50.99/per game, effective December 19, 2022.
- F. Board approved Alexis Trubiani, Athletic Director to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association Conference, Hershey PA on March 21 through March 25, 2023. Registration fees, lodging and travel expenses to be paid by the District.
- G. Board approved, in lieu of a full-time Equipment Manager, a \$500 stipend to the Head Coach of all high school sports to manage, wash, and maintain their equipment and uniforms. This would be for the Basketball (boys & girls), Baseball, and Track. Mrs. Trubiani will handle Middle School sports. All uniforms will be in the bins labeled and folded at the end of the season.

Non-Roll Call Vote 9 Ayes 0 Nays 0 Absent 0 Abstentions APPROVED

XII. MOTION made by Dr. Ford, seconded by Ms. McKenzie, at 7:57 p.m. to ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted:

Gayle S. Colonna
Secretary to the Board