

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, with Mr. Rich Gergely, Board President presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Joseph Musselman, Mrs. Amy Gill, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Mandy Daugherty, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were, Mr. Carl Beard (Beard Legal Group), Rachel Foor (Altoona Mirror, Jerome Dodson, Michelle Guyer, Chuck Kassick, Matt Hall, Brannon Raptosh, Courtney McCracken, Stacey Claycomb, Lesa Imler, Todd Imler, Dan Potter, Nicole Rhodes, Lori Ickes, John Walter, Olivia Walter, Emma Walter, Julie Walter, Jeanne Yingling, Barry Yingling, Dr. Brian Helsel and Mrs. Dena Burket.

Mr. Gergely noted that the Board met in executive session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel issues.

During Public Comment, Emma Walter addressed the Board about Dual Enrollment classes at Claysburg-Kimmel being weighted, but not for Early to College classes for students attending Alleghany College of Maryland and other colleges. The Board informed Emma that this is something the District is looking into. Mr. Kassick explained the purpose of not weighing the Early to College courses. Mr. Raptosh said this is something the District is taking seriously. Dr. Helsel thanked Emma for addressing the Board.

Stacey Claycomb informed the Board that her son takes a course through St. Francis University. It is not weighed either.

Todd Imler introduced himself to the Board as one of the candidates to fill the empty board seat vacated last month. Mr. Imler expressed wanting to support the District, students and the community.

Nicole Rhodes introduced herself as one of the candidates to fill the board seat. She said she wants the best educational experiences at Claysburg-Kimmel.

Dan Potter also introduced himself as a candidate to fill the Board seat. He is an educator at Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center. Mr. Potter said he wants the District to be fiscally responsible and provide quality education.

Mr. Gergely introduced the candidates again and opened the floor for nominations. Motion by Daugherty, seconded by Knott, to nominate Nicole Rhodes. Motion by Musselman, seconded by Dr. Eckley, to nominate Dan Potter. Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Gergely, to nominate Todd Imler. Motion by Knott, seconded by Dr. Eckley, to close the nominations.

Roll call vote for Nicole Rhodes with three voting yes, Daugherty, Knott and Gergely, and five voting no, Musselman, Gill, Dr. Eckley, Knisely and Kennedy.

Roll call vote for Dan Potter with five voting yes, Musselman, Gill, Dr. Eckley, Knisely, Gergely, and three voting no, Daugherty, Kennedy and Knott.

Roll call vote for Todd Imler with two voting yes, Kennedy, Gergely, and 6 voting no, Musselman, Gill, Dr. Eckley, Daugherty, Knisely and Knott.

The Board Secretary, Dena Burket, tallied the votes and called the election of Dan Potter.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Kennedy, to appoint Dan Potter as Board Member. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board Secretary and Notary Public, Dena Burket, performed the Oath of Office with Mr. Potter.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the minutes for October 11, 2023 and October 30, 2023. Motion was passed with Musselman, Gill, Dr. Eckley, Daugherty, Kennedy, Knott and Gergely voting yes. Knisely voted yes for October 11, 2023 and abstained for October 31, 2023.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Knott, to approve the Treasurer's report for October 2023. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Musselman, to approve the additional bills for October and regular bills for November. Motion was passed by unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to authorize the Administration to apply for all pertinent Federal and State grants for the 2023/2024 school year and to approve the contract the PSBA for PSBA's Administrative Regulations for the 2023/2024 school year. Motion was passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the hiring of Support Staff Substitutes, Tyler Patterson and Kelly Rhoat at \$11.50 per hour pending receipt of all clearances and new hire paperwork. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Musselman, to approve Administration to seek candidates for a supplemental Musical/Theater Advisor, Assistant Wrestling Coach (girl's), and to approve Chris Burket as Wrestling Volunteer pending receipt of all clearances. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to retire Policy 146.1 Trauma Informed Approach. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the first readings of the following policies:

1. 918 Title I Parent and Family Engagement
2. 100 Comprehensive Planning
3. 101 Mission Statement
4. 102 Academic Standards
5. 103 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
6. 103.1 Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
7. 104 Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
8. 105 Curriculum
9. 105.1 Review of Instructional Materials by Parents/Guardians and Students
10. 105.2 Exemption from Instruction
11. 106 Guides for Planned Instruction

12. 107 Adoption of Planned Instruction
13. 108 Adoption of Textbooks
14. 109 Resource Materials
15. 110 Instructional Supplies
16. 111 Lesson Plans
17. 112 Guidance Counseling
18. 113 Special Education
19. 113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
20. 113.2 Behavior Support
21. 113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
22. 113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
23. 114 Gifted Education
24. 115 Career and Technical Education
25. 116 Tutoring
26. 117 Homebound Instruction
27. 118 Independent Study
28. 119 Current Events
29. 121 Field Trips
30. 123.1 Concussion Management
31. 123.2 Sudden Cardiac Arrest
32. 124 Alternative Instruction
33. 125 Adult Education
34. 126 Class Size
35. 127 Assessment System
36. 130 Homework
37. 138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learners
38. 140 Charter Schools
39. 140.1 Extracurricular Participation by Charter/Cyber Charter Schools
40. 142 Migrant Students
41. 143 Standards for Persistently Dangerous Schools
42. 144 Standards for Victims of Violent Crimes
43. 146 Student Services
44. 150 Comparability of Services

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the second reading of the following policies:

1. 916 School Volunteers
2. 000 Board Policy/Procedure/Administrative Regulations
3. 001 Name and Classification
4. 002 Authority and Powers
5. 003 Functions
6. 004 Membership
7. 005 Organization
8. 006 Meetings

9. 006.1 Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications
10. 007 Policy Manual Access
11. 011 Principles for Governance and Leadership

Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.


Administrative informed the Board that more fencing has been completed and sidewalks are finished at the athletic complex.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Knott, to give Administration permission to sell the old irrigation system that is no longer needed. Motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Gergely gave a Career and Technology report stating that the CTC is updating policies, adding a post-secondary assistant dental program and stating that Dr. Baker has been named as Superintendent of Record for the CTC.

Mr. Gergely stated that is has been a pleasure serving on the Board and as Board President. He said he values the friendships he has made and is going to miss everyone.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to adjourn the meeting at 8.34 pm.



Board Secretary