

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, with Jeff Dugan, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. John Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mrs. Terri Lingenfelter, Mr. Joe Musselman, and Mr. Jeff Dugan. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Ms. Mindy Gates (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Judy Ward (PA State Representative), Ms. Jodi Glass, Mr. Dave Glass, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mr. Rich Allison, Mr. Michael Hoenstine, Mr. Joe Kitt, Mr. Rich Gergely, Mr. Ray Repko, Ms. Shelda Repko, Ms. Michele Crist, Mr. Brent Miller, Ms. Cathy Cox, Ms. Erica Crist, Mr. Brent Miller, Ms. Rhonda Eckley, Ms. Brenda Marriner, Mr. Joe Kennedy, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Andrews & Beard), Mr. Mike O'Dellick, Mr. Matt Hall, Ms. Royce Ann Boyd, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve the minutes for the February 11, 2015, meeting. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Lingenfelter abstaining due to her absence from the February 11th meeting.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the additional bills for February and regular bills for March. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the treasurer's report for February. Mr. Knott inquired about the \$500 donation from Sheetz. The Sheetz for the Kidz Christmas Party was held at the high school building in December. The \$500 donation was given in appreciation of the use of space. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Ms. Michele Crist addressed the board regarding PSSA scores.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burkett, to approve the revised cafeteria prices for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Smithmyer explained that the administration recommended a \$0.05 increase in lunch prices and no increase in breakfast prices. Mrs. Smithmyer also discussed Federal Lunch Equity Pricing, meal participation, and delinquent student meal accounts. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by C. Burket, to approve the renewal of the contract with Nutrition, Inc., for Food Service Management Services. Ms. Boyd explained that this will be the fourth year of a five year contract with Nutrition; the renewal is required annually by PDE. Mrs. Smithmyer reviewed the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year for cafeteria services. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by C. Burket, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the revised budgets for Title I and Title IIA. These revision represent a decrease of approximately \$1,600 in our federal funding. The difference will be made up from the General Fund. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the budget for IDEA-B and IDEA 619 for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. These funds are used to support our special education students.

These funds are passed through the local intermediate unit. Ms. Boyd and Mrs. Smithmyer explained the pass through function. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Eckley, to approve the school calendar for the 2015-2016 school year. Ms. Boyd reviewed the calendar and explained that this closely follows the calendar for the GACTC. Mr. J. Burket voiced concern regarding the recent 2 hour delays and early dismissal; he emphasized the disruption they cause for families and asked for an explanation of the process of making weather related decisions. Ms. Boyd explained the process that she uses to make weather calls. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burkett, to approve the appointment of Kory Shiley to the position of part-time custodian (5 ½ hours/day) at a starting salary of \$7.25/hour. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Lingenfelter, to accept the following resignations: Jeff Dugan (Head Boys' Basketball Coach), Cody Dugan (Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach), and Eric Claar (Assistant Baseball Coach). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by C. Burket, to approve the list of Spring Coaching Staff. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the establishment of a Track and Field team in cooperation with the Spring Cove School District. Ms. Boyd explained that this will be similar to the golf program and to other track and field programs that the Board has approved in the past. There are currently 4 students interested; they have the option of competing individually or as a team. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. C. Burket reviewed recent legislative news.

Mrs. Lingenfelter reported that the GACTC and the sending schools cooperated in setting the school calendar for next year.

Mr. O'Dellick reported that 10th grade students participated in the Survival 101 Assembly with Trooper McGarvey. 20 students represented CKSD at the Junior High County Chorus Festival on March 9 and 10. 20 students were inducted into the National Honor Society on March 10th. The 8th Grade Career Fair was held on March 14th. Approximately 40 sophomores and juniors attended Dual Enrollment Days at Mt. Aloysius on February 26th. Students and staff participated in a Lock Out/Lock Down drill on February 26th. PSSA testing will take place during the last 3 weeks of April. The end of the 3rd marking period will be March 31st. 16 students qualified to attend the FBLA State Competition in Hershey on April 13, 14, and 15. Ali Feathers and Maria Knisely were featured in the latest edition of the PA FBLA Pen Pal. CK hosted the ICCA basketball playoffs in February; Mr. Dugan thanked Mr. Helsel and Mr. Repko and the custodial staff for their help.

Mr. C. Burket asked how many parents chose to have their students opt out of standardized testing this year. Mr. O'Dellick responded only one.

Mr. Hall reported that the character trait for March at the elementary school is Responsibility; green is the color chosen to remind students to be responsible. Teachers participated in a Text Dependent Analysis workshop on February 27th; a second workshop is scheduled for March 29th. Elementary students participated in a “Jump for Heart” event for the American Heart Association and to promote the Derby Dash. The Book Fair will be held March 27-April 2. Fifth grade students can invite their parents for lunch on March 20th. April 6th will be a snow make up day. The Greenfield Police continue to be very present in our building and are very popular among our young students! Kindergarten transition meetings were held on March 11th. Mr. Hall and Mr. O’Dellick attended a Principal Networking Meeting on March 11th. Mr. Hall commended our elementary teachers for promoting communication between the grade levels. The Lock Out/Lock Down drill held on February 26th was a success; the administration and staff are reviewing procedures to make improvements.

Mrs. Smithmyer provided a brief summary of the Governor’s Budget address.

Ms. Boyd discussed the budget for Federal Programs. The Federal Programs Conference will be held in May; allotments for the 2015-2016 school year will be announced then.

Ms. Boyd read a letter she received from the State Senate regarding the Governor’s proposed budget. She also read a letter received from Emily Weiland, a recent CKSD graduate attending PSU; Emily thanked the School Board for their support of FBLA and discussed the importance of her FBLA experiences in preparing her for success in her college career.

Ms. Boyd discussed the Lock Down/Lock out drill. A letter was sent to parents prior to the Drill to explain the process. Students and staff were also involved in pre-drill preparations and education. The Greenfield Township Police participated. The staff was surveyed for their response/reaction and suggestions regarding the drill. Staff will work to make improvements for the next drill.

CK is working to partner with the Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries (ALSM) on an application for the Early Childhood Education Community Innovation Zone phase II grant.

The in-service day, originally scheduled for March 6th, was moved to the end of the year due to weather. Teachers will also participate in in-service activities on the afternoon of April 22nd, an early dismissal day for our students.

Ms. Boyd discussed the results of her research on a Director of Education-Curriculum/Assistant to the Superintendent position.

Under old business, Mr. Knott asked if the 2015-2016 budget can include some options for a Director of Education-Curriculum/Assistant to the Superintendent position to see if such a position would be fiscally feasible. The Board discussed a variety of positions. Administration responded that different options will be included in budget discussions.

Mr. Brent Miller addressed the board regarding discussion processes.

Under new business, Mr. C. Burket asked that volunteer/coaching positions be itemized on the agenda so that Board members have the option of voting for or against each position.

Mr. C. Burket read a prepared personal statement regarding the current school board, and community comments, as well as other statements.

Mr. J. Burket asked that the business office compile a detailed, specific report of legal expenses for the last 12 months and compare these to legal costs for the last 5 years.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by Burkett, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel items at 8:52 pm.

The Board adjourned from executive session at 10:10 pm.

Recording Secretary