

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, with Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Rich Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mr. Joe Musselman, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Ms. Erin Thompson (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mr. Rich Allison, Ms. Tessa Knisely, Ms. Juliana Helsel, Ms. Michele Crist, Mr. Dave Kramer (Schneider Electric), Mr. Kelly Hinkledire, Mr. Collin Musselman, Mr. Ron Repak (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Carl Beard, Jr. (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Stephen Puskar, Ms. Royce Ann Boyd, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Repak introduced Mr. Carl Beard, Jr.

Ms. Crist addressed the Board. She spoke regarding the possibility of after school tutoring at the Jr.-Sr. High School and volunteered to assist in starting an after school tutoring program. She also provided the results of her own informal survey of 10 select high school students regarding the blended classes.

Ms. Heather Musselman addressed the Board. She spoke regarding her son and a specific teacher. Mr. Knott responded that the Board could not discuss personnel items in an open forum and asked Ms. Musselman to follow up with Mr. Puskar and/or Ms. Boyd.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the minutes for the February 8, and March 1, 2017 meetings. Dr. Eckley asked that February 8th minutes be amended as follows: "Under Old Business, Dr. Eckley requested copies of the Board Approved Plan by Design plans for the 6 Spheres of Influence." Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Barnes abstaining on the vote for the February 8th meeting as she was absent.

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

Motion by Burket, seconded by Gergely, to approve the treasurer's report for February. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the agreement with Schneider Electric, pending final solicitor review. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve the addition of Janet Bailey to the list of approved Bus/Van Drivers. Ms. Boyd noted that Ms. Bailey has provided the appropriate clearances and certificates. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burkett, to approve the addition of the following Non-instructional substitutes: a) Tina Knisely, b) Kristina Fulton, c) Angela Ebersole, and d) Courtney Hill. Ms. Knisely and Ms. Fulton will be non-instructional substitutes; Angela Ebersole and Courtney Hill will be substitute nurses. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket and Mr. Burkett abstaining on letter d), as they are related to the candidate.

Ms. Boyd noted that there are no volunteers to approve this month.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the appointment of Ben Chamberlain to the position of Asst. Jr. High Baseball Coach at Step 1 on the Supplemental Salary Schedule (\$900). Currently the Jr. High Baseball Roster includes 39 players. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Eckley, to accept the resignation of Paula Ickes from her position as Jr. High Asst. Volleyball Coach. Ms. Boyd noted that the open position will be advertised immediately. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Eckley, to approve the resolutions for Board Recognition of the following: a) Lady Bulldog Basketball Boosters, b) Lady Bulldog Softball Boosters, c) Boys' Basketball Boosters, and d) Wrestling Boosters. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve the school calendar for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Boyd noted that CKEA has asked for additional Professional Development time in the form of early dismissal days for students. Mr. Musselman noted that the Board and Administration attempted to negotiate for additional Professional Days, to be compensated, during recent contract negotiations and those negotiations were unsuccessful. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to acknowledge and accept the Educational Program and Curriculum Study Report. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket provided a Legislative Update, addressing many of the Governor's Budget initiatives.

Ms. Repko reported that the GACTC recently offered a retirement incentive to their staff.

Ms. Boyd noted that she attended the GACTC Spring Occupational Meeting on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Puskar provided his Secondary Principal's report (attached).

Mr. Hall provided his Elementary Principal's report (attached).

Ms. Boyd provided her Federal Programs report (attached).

Ms. Boyd provided her Superintendent's report (attached).

Under Old Business, the Board discussed the Educational Program and Curriculum Study Report. Ms. Boyd reported that the Report was presented to the teaching staff at the in-service meeting held this past Friday. The Board also discussed the format/dates for a meeting to have a discussion with teachers. Mr. Repak advised that this should be in the form of an Informational Session where teachers can express comments/concerns. Board members will be able to ask

clarifying questions, but will not be able to make deliberations at that meeting, to ensure the meeting complies with Sunshine laws. The Board determined that the best date for the meeting will be March 21st at 7:00 pm. The teachers are to set the agenda.

Board members asked if teachers will have access to the report. The consensus was to follow up with the Solicitor and then distribute the report to the teachers as well as display the report on the website.

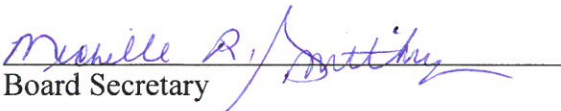
Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to un-table his motion from the January meeting for further discussion: Prior to any new additions, eliminations or changes to our educational systems and/or programs being offered to the students of Claysburg Kimmel School District, the administration must communicate their desire of a change to the board for further discussion and/or approval. Discussion regarding this motion and Board approved Policies. Motion failed by a 6-3 vote, with Dr. Eckley, Mr. Gergely, and Mrs. Repko voting for the motion.

Dr. Eckley asked if the Plan by Design Plans for the 6 Spheres of Influence have been developed. Ms. Boyd responded that they have been developed, but they have not been approved by the Board.

Under New Business, Mr. Musselman reported that he was made aware of a local school district that provides mandatory summer school as a punitive measure for students who do not perform at proficient or above on standardized testing. Mr. Puskar responded that he was not familiar with that particular situation and discussed other methods of working to improve scores.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burket, to go into Executive Session at 9:12 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel items. No further business will be conducted.

The Board adjourned from Executive Session at 9:40 pm.


Board Secretary