

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, with Jeff Dugan, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm. 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. John McShane (Boenning & Scattergood), Mr. Brian Hess (Morrisons Cove Herald), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Erin Thompson (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Gabe Walter, Ms. Brenda Marriner, Mr. Dale Hartman, Mr. Michael Hoenstine, Ms. Rachel Walter, Mr. Reid Walter, Mr. Aaron Burket, Mr. Marshall Neff, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Richard Allison, Mr. Rich Gergely, Mr. Eric Claar, Ms. Mary Walter, Mr. Lyn Crist, Mr. Aaron Hileman, Mr. Bobby Ciaverella, Mr. Brandon Gergely, Mr. Bryan Kulick, Ms. Elizabeth Weiland, Ms. Samantha Fickes, Ms. Olivia Locke, Ms. Emily Claar, Ms. Abby Locke, Ms. Melissa Locke, Ms. Christina Claar, Mr. Bryce Walter, Mr. Nate Krampen, Mr. Korey Moses, Mr. Caleb Sell, Mr. Tyler Elder, Mr. Kris Dick, Mr. Isaac Fleck, Ms. Bernadette Weiland, Mr. Don Staub, Ms. Laurie Staub, Mr. Andrew Biesinger, Mr. Logan Johnson, Mr. Nick Mauro, Ms. Denitia Weyandt, Ms. Darla Burket, Ms. Royce Boyd, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Dugan acknowledged that the Board met in executive session at 6:30 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Mr. McShane (representative of Boenning & Scattergood) discussed the possibility of refunding the 2010 bond series and explained the potential savings to the District.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Barnes, to approve the minutes for the June 10, and June 29, 2015 meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Knott abstaining as he was absent from those meetings.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the additional bills for June, all bills for July, and regular bills for August. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Eric Claar addressed the Board; he spoke regarding the importance of volunteers to our athletic programs.

Mr. Aaron Burket addressed the Board; he spoke in support of Gabe Walter as a volunteer with the football program.

Mr. Bryce Walter addressed the Board; as a representative of the football players, he presented a petition in support of Gabe Walter as a volunteer with the football program.

Mr. Boyd read a letter from Evan Imgrund in support of Gabe Walter as a volunteer coach.

Mr. Gabe Walter addressed the Board; he thanked the Board and his supporters and expressed his desire and willingness to be a volunteer with the football program.

Motion by Knott, seconded by C. Burket, to approve the following program budgets: Title I and Title IIA. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by C. Burket, to approve the Supplemental Salary Schedule for 2015-2016. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the contract with Mervac Plumbing and Heating, Inc., for the Elementary School Chiller Replacement Project at a cost of \$169,000. Ms. Boyd provided an update on the progress of the project. Mr. C. Burket requested additional specifics regarding the project; administration will provide those specifics. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the list of professional staff substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Knott, to approve the list of support staff substitutes, with the following additions: Kay Hoffer, Sharon McCarty, Dorothy Miller. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the list of bus/van drivers for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by Burkett, to accept the retirement of Carolyn Deavor from her position as custodian effective August 20, 2015. Mr. Burkett asked that the administration send a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Deavor. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by C. Burket, to accept the resignation of Angelica Feathers from her position as custodian. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Musselman, to approve the appointment of Danielle Simpson to the position of Temporary Professional Employee at a starting salary of \$43,800. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the appointment of Dustin Detwiler to the position of part-time custodian (5 ½ hours per day) at a starting rate of \$7.25/hour. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the appointment of Marissa Black to the position of classroom aide (2 hours per day) at a starting rate of \$7.25/hour. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Musselman, to approve the appointment of Dan Foor to the position of Long Term Substitute at a salary of \$20,000 per year with single only benefits. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Burkett, to approve the appointment of Samantha Davis to the position of Long Term Substitute at a salary of \$20,000 per year with single only benefits. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by C. Burket, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the appointment of Jen Fitzgerald to the position of Dean of Students (Elementary) per the approved Job Description. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Dugan voting against the motion.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Eckley, to approve the appointment of Emily Carper to the position of ELA Coach per the approved Job Description. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Knott, to accept the resignation of Jeff Appleman from his position as Head Girls' Basketball Coach. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. J. Burket voting against the motion.

Mr. Dugan read a statement: "Your child's success or lack of success in sports does not indicate what kind of parent you are. But having an athlete that is coachable, respectful, a great teammate, mentally tough, resilient, and tries their best, is a direct reflection of your parenting".

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by J. Burket, to approve the appointment of Stacey Cowher to the position of Aevium advisor at Step 1 on the Supplemental Salary Schedule (\$600). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by C. Burket, to approve the appointment of Ross Carpenter to the position of Assistant Junior High Football Coach at Step 1 on the Supplemental Salary Schedule (\$1,575). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Burkett, to approve the appointment of Jess Veverka to the position of Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach at Step 1 on the Supplemental Salary Schedule (\$3,400). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burkett, to approve the addition of Ben Chamberlain to the list of football volunteers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Eckley, to approve the addition of Gabe Walter to the list of football volunteers, at the assignment/discretion of the head coach. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. C. Burket and Mr. Dugan voting against the motion.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Eckley, to approve the addition of Clair Deavor to the list of athletic volunteers (golf). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Musselman, to approve the following: Jr-Sr. High School Teacher Handbook; Elementary Teacher Handbook; Secondary Student Handbook; and Athletic Handbook. Mr. O'Dellick and Mr. Hall reviewed the changes

made to the handbooks for the 2015-2016 school year. Board members will receive copies of these handbooks. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Burkett, to approve the MOU with Child Advocates to provide space for their programs for the 2015- 2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 school years. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Musselman abstaining on the motion as a relative works with the program.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the second reading of Policy #609 – Investment of District Funds. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by J. Burket, seconded by Lingenfelter, to approve the second reading of Policy #307 – Student Teachers/Interns. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Lingenfelter, seconded by Burkett, to approve the second reading of Policy #819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the second reading of Policy #916 – Volunteers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. C. Burket reported that the Legislators are still working to approve a State Budget.

Mr. Hall reported that the elementary school was a busy place this summer. The Summer Kindergarten program was held June 8-12. Student participated in a voluntary Summer Reading Program every Tuesday from June 9th to July 28th. The STEM Summer Program was held July 13-15. Elementary and High School teachers participated; approximately 30 students attended. Teachers had opportunities to earn Act 48 hours through the STEM Camps and also through the PDE SAS website. A Back to School letter was sent to our elementary students. Meet the Teacher Night will be on August 18th at 7:00 pm. Kindergarten Meet the Teacher Night will be on August 20th at 7:00 pm. Teachers will participate in a Collins Writing training on August 24th. Continued professional learning opportunities will be available throughout the school year.

Mr. O'Dellick reported that the STEM 3 Day Summer Camp was offered to students in grades 5-8, in collaboration with the Education Foundation, in July. Teachers had opportunities for professional development and to earn Act 48 hours during August (Curriculum Work – 6 hours – August 13; IC Training – August 18; Student Island Training – 3 hours – August 20). Additional professional learning opportunities were offered through the IU and through the PDE SAS website. A Back to School letter was sent to our secondary students. Continued professional learning opportunities will be available to our staff during the school year. Students will be scheduled for remediation, test preparation, and enrichment during Advisory Period this year. The District will partner with Blair County Drug and Alcohol this year to focus on Life Skills Curriculum for our 7th and 8th grade students; with a primary focus on the prevention of Bullying; Conflict and Anger Management; Conflict Resolution; Life Skills, Social Skills,

Transition Skills, and Relationships. 7th grade orientation will be held on Thursday, August 13th at 7:00 pm. The Blue and Gold game will be on Thursday, August 20th. Teachers will participate in a Collins Writing training on August 24th. Fall sports and activities are in full swing.

Mr. Hall and Mr. O'Dellick both commended our custodial/maintenance staff on their work over the summer; the buildings look great!

Ms. Boyd reported that the Consolidated Grant application for Federal Programs was submitted; we are currently waiting for approval from the Division of Federal Programs.

Ms. Boyd also thanked the custodial/maintenance staff for their work on the buildings over the summer.

The administration will meet to begin planning for STEM programming next week. Ms. Boyd thanked the Education Foundation for their support.

Ms. Boyd provided an update on the progress of the technology upgrades/updates over the summer. Air Conditioner units will be installed in the technology closets at the elementary school; the \$13,000 cost for this work will be paid from our Capital Projects Fund.

Ms. Boyd read some articles/statements regarding PSSA scores and goals that warned not to compare the 2014-2015 scores to those from previous years due to changes in the tests.

Ms. Boyd discussed recent changes to laws regarding requirements for clearances for volunteers and for employees. All volunteers now are required to provide their clearances to the District prior to being presented for Board approval.

Mr. C. Burket asked if one day of in-service adequately prepares our teachers for the start of school. Administration responded that in-service days are contractual and would have to be addressed during negotiations.

Mr. C. Burket also discussed student safety and expressed a desire to pursue additional security measures in our buildings.

Mr. Dugan stated a desire to institute a Hunter Safety Course as part of our curriculum.

Ms. Denitia Weyandt thanked the Board and the Administration (Mr. O'Dellick, Mr. Helsel, and Ms. Boyd) for providing learning opportunities for her daughter, Tia. Tia will graduate from CKSD with a full year's work of college credit earned through dual enrollment classes and the early college opportunity.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by C. Burket, to adjourn at 9:57 pm.

Board Secretary