

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met for the annual reorganization meeting at 7:01 pm on Wednesday, December 2, 2015, with Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Vice-President, presiding. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mr. Joe Musselman, and Mr. Jonathan Burkett. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Mr. Nicholas Krampen, Mr. Ray Repko, Ms. Kay Shuma, Ms. Pam Bowser Knisely, Mr. Vince Krampen, Mrs. Christina Krampen, Mr. Rich Allison, Ms. Brenda Marriner, Ms. Erin Thompson (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Rhonda Eckley, Mr. Boots Eckley, Mr. Brent Miller, Ms. Courtney Burkett, Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Mr. Jonathan Furry, Ms. Kera Knisely Furry, Mr. Callum Furry, Ms. Brielle Gergely, Ms. Shelda Repko, Mr. Richard Gergely, Mr. Roger Knisely, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Andrews & Beard), Mr. Matt Hall, Ms. Royce Ann Boyd, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Burkett, to appoint Elizabeth Benjamin to the position of Temporary Chairperson for the purpose of electing officers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Ms. Benjamin administered the oath of office to the following Board Members: Richard Gergely, Shelda Repko, Roger Knisely, Jonathan Burkett, and Jeremy Knott.

Mr. Musselman nominated Jeremy Knott for the position of Board President, seconded by Knisely. Motion by Eckley, seconded by Repko, to close the nominations for Board President.

Voice vote was called. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burkett voting against the motion.

Mr. Musselman nominated Mona Eckley for the position of Vice-President, seconded by Knott. Mrs. Barnes nominated Jonathan Burkett for the position of Vice-President, seconded by Eckley. Motion by Gergely, seconded by Musselman, to close the nomination for Vice-President.

Voice vote was called. Burkett, Gergely, Knisely, Knott, Musselman and Repko (6 votes) for Eckley; Barnes, Burket, Eckley (3 votes) for Burkett. Dr. Eckley won the vote.

Mr. Knott took over the role of President.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve the minutes for the November 11, 2015 meeting. Motion passed by roll call vote, with Mrs. Repko abstaining from the vote.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Burket, to approve all December bills, with lists to be presented in January. Motion passed by roll call vote, with Mrs. Repko abstaining from the vote.

Brenda Marriner addressed the Board. She spoke regarding the Bulldog BackPack Program and also regarding athletic event clock operators.

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

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Gergely, to add the following to the list of non-instructional substitutes: Brooke Stevens and Tehia Brown. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burket, to approve the addition of Jeff Dugan to the list of substitute van/bus drivers for A & M Transit. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the Additions to the List of Approved Volunteers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the following Winter Sports Clock Operators: Lisa Iachini, Matt Imler, Roger Lingenfelter, Brenda Marriner, Michael Barbarini. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Ms. Boyd explained that the GACTC will hold their Board Reorganization meeting on Thursday, December 10th. The GACTC will hold an open house on Tuesday evening.

Mr. Hall reported that the Elementary Book Fair was held November 19-24; \$8,700 in book sales was realized! Parent-Teacher conferences were held November 24 and 25. Teachers participated in PSSA Administrator Training, Suicide Prevention Training, and an Excel Workshop as part of professional development on November 25th. The Elementary Band and Chorus Concert and Art Show will be held on December 3rd. Mid-term reports will be sent home on December 7th. Santa's Workshop will be held December 9-11. Some elementary students will see The Nutcracker at the Mishler Theater on December 11. The elementary staff is providing Homework Help Sessions. Lexia helps students improve reading skills. Read and Response helps students comprehend reading and improve writing skills. The Math program will begin after the holidays. The elementary guidance counselor is developing a Bulldog Bucks Program that will begin after the 1st of the year and will be a reward program for students.

Ms. Boyd discussed the ESEA reauthorization act. The new Act will be ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act. The new act will provide more flexibility to states and reduce the federal government role in standards/teacher evaluations. She reported that the revised Act will be a good thing for schools.

Ms. Boyd reported that the Seniors won the PowderPuff game on November 12th. 11th grade students participated in a CK History Assembly on November 16th. Winter sports practices have begun. 9th grade students visited the GACTC on November 19th. The Jazz Band performed at the Senior Center on November 20th. 20 students represented CK at the Senior High County Chorus Festival on November 24-25. 40 FBLA students will participate in the FBLA Regional Competition at St. Francis this week. The Community Theater will present Cotton Patch Gospel this weekend. Ms. Hinkledire will hold a Financial Aid Night for parents and students next week. Sheetz will hold their Sheetz Christmas for Kidz at the High School in December and will donate \$500 to the Bulldog Backpack Program as a thank you. Our FBLA chapter is in a competition to see who can collect the most pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House charity. The Jr/Sr High School Band and Chorus Concert will be held on December 15th at 7:00 pm.

Ms. Boyd reported that Mr. Puskar will begin as the Secondary Principal on January 4th. She shared a thank you from the Pre-K 4 students.

Under Old Business, Mrs. Smithmyer gave an update on the state budget and the process of securing a line of credit.

The Board asked Ms. Boyd to get some feedback from Mr. Puskar regarding our Bullying Policy.

Ms. Boyd explained that the Public Comment portion of our board meetings will move to before the Approval of Minutes and Approval of Bills on the Board Agenda.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to move Public Comment on the agenda. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mrs. Smithmyer explained that PSBA has developed a web-based policy system and CK's policies are available for review through that website. A link will be placed on the District's website.

Mr. Gergely complimented the Golf Program for their successful season.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Eckley, to adjourn from regular session at 8:57 pm.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Gergely, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiation items at 8:58 pm.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burket, to adjourn from executive session at 10:28 pm.

Board Secretary