

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 13, 2016, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mr. Joe Musselman, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Ms. Kelly Hinkledire, Mrs. Danielle Simpson, Ms. Erin Thompson (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Mrs. Christina Krampen, Mr. Nick Krampen, Ms. Maria Leppert, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Stephen Puskar, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Andrews & Beard), Ms. Royce Boyd, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Knott acknowledged that the Board met in executive session to discuss personnel items at 6:15 pm.

Mr. Knott read an excerpt from the Public Comment Policy.

Ms. Leppert addressed the Board. She discussed the PAST Hall of Fame awardees and requested the board consider a request to provide a home for the Hall of Fame plaques. Mr. Knott responded that the board would discuss the request at the February work session.

The CK Guidance Counselors made a presentation regarding Bullying and Programs at CK. Discussion followed.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve the minutes for the December 2, 2015, and January 6, 2016, meetings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burket, to approve the additional bills for November, all bills for December, and regular bills for January. Mr. Musselman questioned an invoice payable to Thomas P. Leonard, Esq. Mrs. Smithmyer responded she would research the invoice and respond to Mr. Musselman's question. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the treasurer's report for July through December. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Eckley, to approve the financial audit report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2015, as submitted by the firm of Ritchey, Ritchey and Koontz. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Musselman, to approve the Act 1 Budget resolution, indicating the 2016-2017 Real Estate millage (tax rate) will remain within the Inflation Index. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burket, to authorize the administration to submit PlanCon K – Project Refinancing to PDE. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Musselman, to add Tom Ringler, Annie Sinisi (Instructional Substitutes), and Karen Weyandt (Non-Instructional Substitute) to the list of approved substitutes. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to accept the retirement of Joe Dibert from his position as custodian. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burkett, to approve the additions to the List of Approved Volunteers. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket and Mr. Burkett abstaining on the vote for Darla Burket as she is a relative.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Burket, to approve the first reading of revisions to the following policies, including the suggested changes: 004 – Membership; 006 – Meetings; 115 – Career and Technical Education; 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 806 – Child/Student Abuse; 916 – Volunteers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to approve the first reading of the following new policies: 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership; 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket discussed Legislative updates.

Mrs. Repko reported that the CTC held their reorganization meeting on December 10th. They approved their audit report for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. CK will receive a reimbursement from the GACTC due to an increase in adult programs.

Mr. Hall reported that mid-term reports were issued on December 7th. The mobile dentist was at the school on December 8th. Santa's Workshop, sponsored by the PTO, was held December 9-11. Mrs. Repko added that the PTO provides \$1 spending money to each student for the Santa Workshop. Students attended The Nutcracker at the Mishler Theatre as an AR reward. The PTO Prize Giveaway for the Yankee Candle and Cherrydale fundraiser was held on December 15th. STEM is being held on Wednesday afternoons during the month of January. Student projects include Gears with Vex, Vex Pop Up Toy Creation using Gears, Vex Pop up Toy Creation Completion, and Ping Pong Ball Shooter. A STEM Parent/Child Lunch and Learn will be held on January 23rd focusing on Sounds, Waves and Engineering. Reading Instructional Meetings, held January 11-14, provided teachers the opportunity to create Specific Measureable Attainable Realistic Timely (SMART) goals for students in small groups. The SFA Representative visited the school on January to review our SFA program. A representative visits approximately every 6 weeks. The in-service on January 18 will include a Bullying Presentation, Teacher Evaluations, and Act 48 Professional Development opportunities on Text Dependent Analysis – writing. The 2nd marking period ends on January 19th and report cards will be issued on January 26th. Mr. Hall participated in Violent Intruder Training today; this was a "train the trainer" program.

Mr. Puskar reported that the Junior/Senior High combined chorus/band holiday concert occurred on Tuesday, December 15th and was well attended. The students did a nice job under the direction of Ms. Manjerovic and Mr. Stombaugh. Keystone testing Wave 1 retests occurred on December 16 and 17 with students who did not previously score proficient or advanced on the Literature assessment retaking the test. A student vs. faculty volleyball game occurred on December 23rd as an assembly function before the holiday break. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event, with the teachers snatching victory from the students. CKHS hosted the Sheetz holiday basketball tournament on December 29 and 30 and our teams represented well. The girls were tournament champions on the girls' bracket and the boys were runner-up on the boys' bracket.

The FBLA, under the direction of Mr. Walter, organized a salute to Veterans to coincide with the girls' basketball game on January 8. The game was very well attended, and the organization of the FBLA group was on display in the manner in which all activities occurred. Junior High Wrestling participated in the Penn Cambria tournament on Saturday, January 9. Seven CK student-athletes participated, and all seven placed. Keystone testing Wave II retests occur (red) January 12-15 with students who did not previously score proficient or advanced on the Biology and/or Algebra assessments re-taking the test(s). Mr. Hartman accompanied 17 Ag Club students to the PA Farm Show in Harrisburg on January 13. The STEM program will kick off planned activities in the junior high school with a program on January 16 in the cafeteria. January 18 is a scheduled in-service day with no school for students. Several activities are planned, including Graduation Project presentations by the 12th grade students, 3-D printer training, individual budget meetings, and departmental curriculum meetings. The second marking period concludes on January 19, and report cards will be available on January 26. Mr. Stombaugh and a select group of students will participate in District Band on January 28 and 29.

Ms. Boyd gave an update on the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA is a complete U-turn from No Child Left Behind). ESSA begins in 2017-2018, with 2016-2017 as a transition year where "rules" from both apply. She reported that some things have not changed: ESSA still requires testing in grades 3 through 8 and once in high school; there will still be subgroups; there is no change in the Title I formula, and there must be challenging academic standards. What has changed are: states will have very wide discretion; accountability will include tests but must incorporate a host of other factors; there will be no federal role in teacher evaluations; and there are changes to the Title II formula. Accountability focus will be on the following: growth; achievement; English Language Proficiency; participation rate; and graduation rate. There is still much to be determined at the Federal and State levels.

Ms. Boyd reported that January is School Board Appreciation Month. She read a statement from PSBA regarding school board members, presented each board member with a Certificate of Appreciation, and thanked them for their time and efforts on behalf of our School District and our students. She also recognized Mrs. Barnes, on behalf of the District and PSBA, for 16 years of service as a School Board Member.

Ms. Boyd reported that she continued to act as both High School Principal and Superintendent until January 4th. She is continuing to assist with Mr. Puskar's transition. Ms. Boyd represented CK and the IU at the quarterly PA Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) meeting in State College. She represented CK on the Central PA Digital Learning Foundation (CPDLF) Board. She represented CK at the monthly Blair County Superintendent and CTC Advisory Meeting, where she serves as the Chair. She represented CK at the monthly Blair County Recreation and Parks Committee meeting. She worked with Mr. Knott, Dr. Crawford, and Ms. Mallery on the Board Retreat planning. She accepted an appointment on the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Initiative Steering Committee, sponsored by the Blair County Chamber of Commerce. She was also involved in many of the items the principals mentioned in their reports.

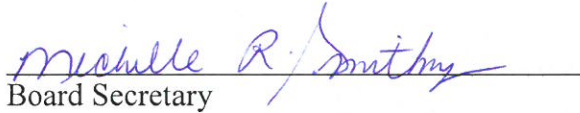
There was a discussion regarding the Bulldog Backpack program.

Mr. Knott invited board members to stop into the Middle School STEM program on Saturday.

Mr. Musselman requested that a SFA representative attend a Board Meeting to provide an overview of our SFA program.

Mr. Knott thanked Ms. Boyd and the administration for filling in in the absence of a Secondary Principal.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Musselman, to adjourn at 9:34 pm.


Board Secretary