

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM. 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. Kelly Hinkledire, Mrs. Danielle Simpson, Ms. Erin Thompson (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Kay Shuma, Mr. Rich Allison, Ms. Deanna Oakes, Mr. Steve Oakes, Ms. Maggie Oakes, Mr. Jeremiah Oakes, Ms. Michele Crist, Mr. Tony Barr, Ms. Liz Barr, Mr. Nicholas Krampen, 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.

Mr. Tony Barr addressed the Board. He spoke positively about the Junior High Basketball program and also discussed the negative publicity in the news.

Ms. Michele Crist addressed the Board. She spoke regarding a recent article in the Morrisons Cove Herald.

Mr. Nicholas Krampen addressed the Board. He spoke regarding a recent article in the Morrisons Cove Herald.

Mr. Liz Barr addressed the Board. She spoke positively regarding the STEM programs.

Ms. Danielle Simpson (Elementary Guidance Counselor) discussed a National Red Ribbon contest. Two of our elementary students were honored on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, as their theme was selected as the National 2016 Red Ribbon Week theme. Their theme was selected from more than 1,000 national submissions. The elementary will receive \$500 in Red Ribbon theme merchandise as a result. The elementary students are Jeremiah Oakes and Logan Brehm. The Board congratulated the students and Mrs. Simpson. Mr. Knott awarded Jeremiah with a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Board. Logan was unable to attend; Mr. Hall will award his Certificate to him at a later date.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to approve the minutes for the January 13, and February 3, 2016, meetings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to approve the Treasurer's Report for January. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Gergely, to approve the following additions to the non-instructional substitute list: Karla Foster, Patricia Wendt, Rocky Fetter, Jr., Tiffany Dively, Darel Weyandt, Allen Claar, and Michele Black. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burkett, to accept the retirement of Barb Dear from her teaching position, effective at the end of the 2015-216 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burkett, to accept the retirement of Paul Bozella from his teaching position, effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Board members mentioned that both teachers will be missed and asked Ms. Boyd to send a letter, on behalf of the Board, thanking them for their service to the District and the great memories.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the Agreement among Claysburg-Kimmel School District, Bellwood-Antis School District, Hollidaysburg Area School District, and the Greater Altoona Career & Technology Center to continue the Computer Consortium Services. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Musselman, to approve the letter from the Claysburg Education Foundation regarding the donation for STEM, per Board Policy #702 – Gifts, Grants, Donations, as well as the budget for the STEM after-school program(s). Motion passed by majority vote, with Dr. Eckley abstaining on the vote as she is a member of the Claysburg Education Foundation Board.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to accept the resignation of First Commonwealth Bank from the position of School Board Treasurer. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Repko, to appoint Mr. Musselman (Finance Chair) to the position of School Board Treasurer to complete the term vacated by First Commonwealth Bank. The District will secure the appropriate bonds necessary for Mr. Musselman to serve as Treasurer. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Musselman abstaining on the vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Musselman, to approve the use of facilities by the Bulldog Backpack Program for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, with the understanding that distribution of backpacks by staff shall occur on a strictly voluntary basis, and shall not disrupt school operations. It is further understood that the Backpack Program will be asked to establish an independent account for purposes of receipt and accounting of donations no later than July 1, 2016. This arrangement shall continue solely for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, while the program develops, and is granted solely in light of the charitable purpose and need of the District's student population that are uniquely served by the program. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to accept the resignation of Jim Clancy from his position as Jr. High Baseball Coach. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the appointments of the following Spring Coaching positions: Justin Harris – Varsity Baseball Coach – Step 6+ (\$3,075); Tim Oakes – Asst. Varsity Baseball Coach – Step 5+ (\$2,208); Dan Foor – Jr. High Baseball Coach – Step 1 (\$1,200); Andy Biesinger – Asst. Jr. High Baseball Coach – Step 2 (\$1,050); Michael Barbarini

– Varsity Softball Coach – Step 6+ (\$3,311); Jessica Veverka – Asst. Varsity Softball Coach – Step 2 (\$1,500); Brenda Marriner – Asst. Jr. High Softball Coach – Step 3+ (1,655); Alison McMullen – Jr. High Softball Coach (\$1,986). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the following additions to the list of Approved Volunteers: Heather Clemens (PTO); Elizabeth Harclerode (PTO); Steve Oakes (PTO); Eric Claar (Baseball); Ben Chamberlain (Baseball); Grace Helsel (Softball). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to approve the second readings of the following policies: 004 – Membership; 006 – Meetings; 115 – Career/Technical Education; 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures; 806 – Child Abuse; 916 – Volunteers; 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Musselman, to postpone the second reading of Policy #824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries, to allow for public display of the Draft policy for public comment and review. The Draft of the Policy will be available on the District website as well as in the Secondary and Elementary buildings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket discussed the State Budget. He also reported that Governor Wolf signed a bill to suspend Keystone Exams for 2 years.

Mrs. Repko reported that two of students: Ryan Hann and Destiny Harr were recognized at the CTC for their success in the Skills and DECA competitions.

Mr. Hall reported that teachers participated in the following at the in-service on January 18<sup>th</sup>: Bullying Presentation, teacher evaluations, and Act 48 Professional Development – Text Dependent Analysis – Writing. The end of the second marking period was January 19<sup>th</sup> and report cards went home on January 26<sup>th</sup>. The kick-off assembly for “Jump for Heart” was held on February 10<sup>th</sup>. The American Heart Association Fundraiser will take place February 10-19 and will culminate with Jump for Heart Activities on February 26<sup>th</sup>. An Awards Ceremony was held for our 2016 National Red Ribbon Week Theme Contestant Winners: Jeremiah Oakes and Logan Brehm. Their theme YOLO: Be Drug Free won among contestants across the nation. Schools across the U.S. will use this theme during their Red Ribbon Week Campaign(s). The National Family Partnership, sponsor of Red Ribbon Week, awarded CKSD with \$500 in Red Ribbon Week merchandise. The theme can be found at [redribbon.org](http://redribbon.org). Valentine’s Day parties will be held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. No School on President’s Day Weekend, February 12-15! Pre-K Transition meetings will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup>; make-up meetings to be held on February 26. Mid-term reports will be issued on February 22. A Family Fun Night will be held on February 23<sup>rd</sup>; teachers will read stories to students. The PTO magazine sale will be held March 1-15. Teachers will participate in in-service activities on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Puskar reported that with the second semester commencing on January 20, preparations/activities relative to graduation began in earnest. Senior meetings were held with those students in danger of not meeting graduation requirements and who need to focus on what they need to do to be eligible to graduate. Students and their parents met with Mr. Puskar and Ms. Hinkledire. Monthly fire drills occurred at the high school on January 28 and February 3,

taking advantage of the unseasonably warm weather of the moment. The building evacuated in a safe and orderly manner in less than one minute each time. Mr. Burket (Driver Ed and Social Studies) arranged for an assembly for all 9<sup>th</sup> grade students entitled Survivor 101. This assembly was held on Friday, January 29, and was presented by representatives of the Pennsylvania State Police. The purpose of the program was to help educate our youth about the dangers associated with drinking and driving, distracted driving, and reckless driving. The prom committee held a “snowflake” dance on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Over 50 students participated and enjoyed the evening. Several teachers assisted sponsor Ms. Benton in chaperoning this event. Ms. Manjerovic accompanied two students to District Chorus on February 3, 4, and 5 at Hollidaysburg High School. Both students will advance to Regional Chorus at Altoona High School on March 17, 18, and 19. Four students participated in the PMEA District 6 Band Festival on February 3, 4, and 5 at Bellwood High School. Mr. Stombaugh accompanied the students. He also chaired the festival this year. All four students advanced to the PMEA Region 3 band festival that will take place on March 10-12 at Juniata Valley High School. The guidance department held a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) completion session on Monday evening, February 8. 11 parents attending this one hour session with a PHEAA (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency) representative assisting them in the completion of the FAFSA. Seven band students participated in the Blair County Senior High County Band festival on February 8-9 at Tyrone High School. The Jazz Ensemble will travel to Southern Blair Senior Center in East Freedom for a concert on February 12. The Junior High Boys’ Basketball team will compete for the overall ICC Championship on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. The boys are currently undefeated at 19-0. The Varsity basketball teams both advanced to District VI playoffs, and will play on Monday evening, February 15. The boys play at 5:00 pm against Bishop Guilfoyle and the girls play Penns Manor at 6:30 pm. Both contests will be held at Central Cambria. Junior High Scholastic Scrimmage has two competitions, February 16<sup>th</sup> and February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The District VI Class AA Wrestling Tournament is February 19-20 at the Altoona Fieldhouse. Junior High County Band will be held February 22-23 at Central Middle School; 10 CK students will participate. March 4<sup>th</sup> is currently scheduled as an in-service day, and the administration is planning the activities for the day. Students in FBLA continue to perform at a superior level and several were recently notified that they have qualified for various competitions at the FBLA State Leadership Conference, April 11-13 at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Several students received notification of qualification in late January, with three students being announced as Community Service Project Finalists, three students announced as Introduction to Business Presentation finalists, and one student announced as Sales Presentation finalist. National Honor Society Induction will take place March 10 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium.

Ms. Boyd provided an update on Every Student Succeeds (ESSA). She received a “Dear Colleague” letter from the US Department of Education stating that the same allocation formulas used for the 1516 school year will be used for the 16-17 school year, and further discussed their plans for an orderly transition. She also received a copy of the “Dear Chief State School Officers” (Pedro Rivera) letter that outlined and introduced the Administration’s Testing Action Plan concept to help states both identify and eliminate low-quality, redundant, or unhelpful testing. The State is establishing ESSA study groups to work on the new State requirements.

Ms. Boyd also reported that she continues to work with Mr. Puskar during his transition to CKSD. She represented CK and the IU at the quarterly PA Rural and Small Schools (PARSS) meeting in State College. PARSS has a seat at the table with Secretary Rivera each month – he

hears and listens. PARSS shared the Executive Director's meeting with US Senator Glenn Thompson and their ESSA conversation. Ms. Boyd was appointed Chair of the PARSS nominations committee. Ms. Boyd represented CKSD at the monthly County Superintendent and CTC Advisory Meeting where Superintendents worked on 2016-2017 calendars. She participated in a conference call with Secretary Rivera and 250 other Superintendents. At all of those events, a common theme was present: Budget or lack of – don't expect any more this year; continue to give Keystone Exams – they are still part of SPP and federal accountability; and SPP is going to change and it will look very different. Ms. Boyd represented CKSD at the monthly BASICS meeting sponsored by the Chamber. The upcoming 8<sup>th</sup> grade career fair will be held here. The Rotary Career fair will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber is accepting Next Generation applications. Ms. Boyd represented CKSD at the monthly Blair County Recreation and Parks Committee meeting; they approved the requests for Rec/Parks grants to be advertised. Ms. Boyd attended the first Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Initiative Steering Committee meeting. The Altoona Mirror had an article in the Business Mirror this week regarding YEA! Several CK students have approached Ms. Boyd about the Academy. Ms. Boyd was also involved in many of the items the principals mentioned in their reports.

Under Old Business, Mr. Knott thanked the counselors for the Bullying presentation; the presentation is now available for viewing on the District website. Graduation will be held at 4:00 pm on Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Under New Business, the Board began a discussion of videotaping Board meetings; the discussion will continue at the Work Session meeting. Dr. Eckley agreed to represent CKSD and the Spring Cove School District at the IU Board. School Board pictures for the yearbook will be taken at the next official meeting.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Burket, to adjourn at 8:41 pm.

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Board Secretary