

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 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, Mr. Aaron Burket, Mr. Lyn Crist, Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Geri Mock, Mr. Rich Allison, Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Tessa Knisely, Mr. Steve Lach, Ms. Cathy Cox, Mr. Tony Barr, Mr. Stephen Puskar, Mr. Matt Hall, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), Ms. Royce Boyd, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Knott acknowledged that the Board met in Executive Session, for the purposes of discussing personnel items, on Monday, May 8, and prior to the Official Meeting this evening.

Mr. Barr addressed the Board; he spoke concerning field trips. Mr. Knott asked Mr. Barr to follow up with the Principal and/or Ms. Boyd.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Musselman, to approve the minutes for the April 12, and May 3, 2017, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Gergely abstaining on the vote for May 3rd as he was absent from the meeting.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the additional bills for April and regular bills for May. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Gergely, to approve the list of graduates for the Class of 2017, pending completion of all graduation requirements. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to approve the Summer Reading Program for the Elementary School. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Musselman, to approve the list of Athletic Game Help Compensation for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burkett and Dr. Eckley voting against the motion.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Musselman, to approve the list of Athletic admission prices for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve the list of Official Fees for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burkett voting against the motion and Mr. Gergely abstaining as he is a PIAA official.

Motion by Musselman, seconded by Eckley, to approve the Additions to the List of Approved Volunteers, with the additions of Shelda Repko and Rich Gergely. Motion passed by majority vote, with Ms. Repko abstaining from the vote for herself, Mr. Gergely abstaining from the vote for himself, and Mr. Knott abstaining from the vote for item #12.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Musselman, to approve the Fall Supplemental positions. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket abstaining from the vote for his brother, Aaron Burket.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Burkett, to approve the job description for the Social Worker position. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the Gifted Support Job Responsibilities. Discussion regarding the responsibilities. Ms. Boyd clarified that this will be a part of a teacher schedule, not a supplemental position. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket and Mrs. Repko voting against the motion.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burkett, to accept the resignation of Kathleen Cherry from her position as an instructional aide. Ms. Cherry will finish out the school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Musselman, to approve the list of summer staff. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the first reading of the revised Policy #246 – School Wellness. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. As the vote was unanimous and the full Board was in attendance, there will not be a requirement for a second reading of this Policy.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Knisely, to contract the accounting firm of Ritchey, Ritchey, and Koontz, to audit the financial statements of the District for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to grant permission to the accounting firm of Ritchey, Ritchey, and Koontz, to make all budgetary transfers necessary to close the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the appointment of the law firm of Beard Legal Group as solicitors for the district for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Ms. Benjamin noted there will be no change fees for the next year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve the appointment of Roger Knisely as the District Treasurer for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Musselman, to approve the appointment of Michelle Smithmyer to the position of School Board Secretary (4 year term, May 2021). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Musselman, to approve a transfer of funds, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Student Activity Fund for expenses for the FBLA National Convention. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Eckley, to approve the GACTC budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Gergely, to approve the following appointments for the 2017-2018 fiscal year: Blair County Tax Collection Bureau (Earned Income Tax collector for Greenfield and Kimmel), Jackie Black (LST – Kimmel), and Janice Crist (LST – Greenfield). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the Preliminary Budget for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Motion passed by majority vote, with Dr. Eckley and Ms. Repko voting against the motion.

Mr. Burket gave a Legislative Report.

No CTC report.

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

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

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

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

Mrs. Smithmyer discussed ERATE and the District's ISP.

Administration provided an update regarding the Educational Program and Curriculum Study.

Ms. Boyd reported that Schneider Electric will begin their project once school is out and anticipates completing during July.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to approve the agreement between the Superintendent and the District and to authorize the Board President to take any/all actions necessary to effectuate same, and to further accept the Superintendent's resignation, for purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2107. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Barnes voting against the motion. Mr. Musselman thanked Ms. Boyd. Mr. Knott read the following statement:

On May 10, 2017 the Board of School Directors accepted the resignation of Superintendent Royce Boyd, who, after a long career in education, will depart the District early for purposes of retirement, effective June 30, 2017. In connection with that effort, the Board has worked with Superintendent Boyd to develop an agreement on how her departure will take place because it is a change from what was contemplated in her current employment contract, and because the District and Superintendent Boyd wish to minimize disruption to school operations to the greatest extent possible.

The Board of School Directors also wishes to confirm that it will immediately begin pursuing efforts to ensure that the next phase of leadership for the District is established for the period following Superintendent Boyd's departure. These efforts will include the

commencement of a state-wide search for a new Superintendent of Schools as well as the potential appointment of an "Interim" Superintendent to serve while this search is ongoing. The Board intends to pursue these matters as swiftly as possible and hopes to be taking action on these items in the very near future.

The Board of School Directors wishes to acknowledge and thank Superintendent Boyd for her service to the District and wishes her well in all of her future endeavors.

Ms. Boyd read the following statement:

*In my message to this year's senior class I used some quotes from the book, **All I needed to know I learned in Kindergarten** by Robert Fulghum. This class is very special to me in that they are the Kindergarten Class of my last year as elementary principal. From the book, I asked them to "Live a balanced life" after they leave Claysburg to begin a new phase in their experiences.*

With that being said, my plan is also to "live a balanced life" after I leave Claysburg-Kimmel School District as of June 30, 2017.

Thanks you for sharing your children with the District and me for all of these years.

Motion by Repko, seconded by Eckley, to appoint Dr. Norman Hatten as Interim Superintendent at a rate of \$500 per day (plus mileage), with service occurring 1 to 3 days per week, effective July 1, 2017, and to included services to be provided during a transition period commencing June 5, 2017. This appointment will continue until the District hires a new Superintendent or through June 5, 2018, whichever occurs first, with either party having the right to terminate the appointment for convenience or otherwise, following ten days' advance written notice. This appointment is contingent upon the Interim Superintendent signing and executing an independent contractor agreement addressing any and all further terms, and confirmation of satisfactory certifications, and PSERS approval. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Repko, seconded by Burket, to accept the resignation of School Board President Jeremy Knott, effective May 11, 2017, due to a residency change. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Repko, to accept the resignation of School Board Director Joseph Musselman, effective at 5 pm on May 11, 2017, with regret. Mr. Musselman expressed his preference for the Board to appoint Mr. Knott in his place. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

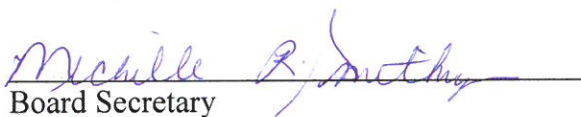
Motion by Repko, seconded by Gergely, to appoint Jeremy Knott to the now vacant Greenfield Township Region 2/3 School Board Director seat vacated by Mr. Joseph Musselman, for the remainder of Mr. Musselman's unexpired term, effective May 12, 2017, contingent upon verification of current residency in Greenfield Township Region 2/3 as of that date. Mr. Burkett voiced his desire for a waiting period prior to appointing a replacement. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Musselman and Mr. Knott abstaining on the vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to advertise for potential candidates for the vacant Board position created by the resignation of Mr. Knott (Greenfield 1). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Repko, to appoint Jeremy Knott as School Board President, effective May 12, 2017, contingent upon verification of residency in Greenfield Township Region 2/3 as of that date. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Musselman and Mr. Knott abstaining on the vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to advertise the June 7th work session as a voting meeting for the purpose of filling the vacancy created by the resignation of Jeremy Knott. This will be a Special Meeting to be held before the Work Session. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Knott abstaining on the vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to adjourn at 9:04 pm.


Board Secretary