

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, with Mr. Craig Burket, Vice-President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mrs. Amy Claar-Gill, Mrs. Mandi Daugherty, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Craig Burket. Also present were Ms. Rachel Foor (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Krystal Edwards (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Jerome Dodson, Mr. Chuck Kassick, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Mark Loucks, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Burket reported that the Board met, in Executive Session, to discuss personnel items and for an information session immediately prior to this meeting.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to approve the minutes for the June 8, and August 3, 2022, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Daugherty abstaining on the vote for the June 8th meeting, Mr. Knisely abstaining on the vote for the August 3rd meeting, and Mrs. Kennedy abstaining on the vote for both meetings (all absent from the respective meetings).

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

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to approve Agenda Items H.1.a-d. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve the contract with Hollidaysburg Area School District for the use of their athletic fields for Varsity/Junior High Football;
- Recommendation to accept the following resignations from Coaching positions: Tyler Claar (Jr. High Assistant Baseball Coach), Matt Campagna (Junior High Head Baseball Coach), Ben Chamberlain (Varsity Baseball Coach);
- Recommendation to approve the following:
 - o Fall/Wincer Coaches/Volunteers, pending receipt of all appropriate clearances
 - o Game Help
 - o Athletic Admission Prices
 - o 2022-2023 Coach's Handbook

Mr. Knott and Mrs. Mock asked that the motion be amended to include the approval of Brad Weise as a volunteer. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Gill, to approve Agenda Items H.2.a-j. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve the following appointments as AmeriCorps Staff Members for the 2022-2023 school year: Evan Ritchey (Secondary) and Emmie Garver (Elementary);
- Recommendation to accept the resignation of Cody Claar from his position as Custodian;
- Recommendation to approve 10 additional summer days for Tara Woolridge and Brittany Svitana;

- Recommendation to approve the following Support Staff Substitutes, pending receipt of all appropriate clearances: Cody Claar, Pamela Fuhrman, Brandie Bertram, Deniel Bertram, Chelsie Bennett, Stacie Claar;
- Recommendation to approve the appointment of the following: Autumn Weyandt – Cafeteria - \$11.50/hour; Briana Ford – Cafeteria - \$11.50/hour; Dottie Dively – Aide – 4 hours/day - \$11.50/hour; Nicole Thompson – Aide – 2 hours/day - \$11.50/hour;
- Recommendation to approve the appointment of the following:
 - o Natalie Nardelli to the position of Temporary Professional at a starting salary of \$43,500;
 - o Abigail Barroner to the position of Temporary Professional at a starting salary of \$43,500;
 - o Daniel Crain to the position of Professional Employee at a starting salary of \$52,250;
 - o Janell Henderson to the position of Professional Employee at a starting salary of \$61,835 (195 days);
- Recommendation to approve 10 additional days/year to Matt Bilchak’s contracted days as a School Counselor (195 days total);
- Recommendation to approve the transfer of Lori Ickes from 10-month Elementary Secretary/Classroom Aide to 12-month Superintendent’s Secretary/Elementary Secretary;
- Recommendation to approve the appointment of Brannan Raptosh to the position of Secondary Assistant Principal (Act 93) at a starting salary of \$69,500);
- Recommendation to authorize the Superintendent and Solicitor to enter into, and take any/all actions necessary to effectuate a Memorandum of Agreement with the Claysburg-Kimmel Education Association and Janell Henderson, addressing the terms and conditions of a temporary appointment as Interim Elementary Principal to be made effective as of the start of the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to approve Agenda Items H.3.a-c. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve the Memorandum(s) of Understanding between CKSD and 1. Pennsylvania State Police and 2. Greenfield Township Police;
- Recommendation to approve the List of Bus Drivers for 2022-2023;
- Recommendation to approve the following agreements for the 2022-2023 fiscal year: Pyramid Healthcare (Soaring Heights); Nulton Diagnostic and Treatment Center; Impact Counseling; Bedford School District (Laurel Life); Science in Motion.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Eckley, to approve Agenda Items H.4.a-b. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve the revisions to the 2022-2023 CKHS Student/Parent Handbook;
- Recommendation to approve the revised 2022-2023 School Calendar.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to approve Agenda Items H.5.a-b. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to accept the Water Testing Report;

- Recommendation to approve the list of Surplus Equipment for disposal.

The Board discussed the Athletic Project and the bids.

The Administrative Team discussed the following with the Board:

- Summarization of the events leading up to the current status of the Athletic Project;
- Eliminating Alternates for the Concession Stand and the Wellness Center at this time, in the interest of moving the project forward more quickly;
- Eliminating those alternates also eliminates the need for Mechanical/Plumbing and those bids can be rejected;
- The Electrical Contractor has indicated he is unable to hold his bid; therefore, that work could potentially need to be rebid;
- Determination of the lowest responsible bidder for the General Contractor.

Mrs. Kennedy and Mr. Knott both indicated that they would feel most comfortable with a General Contractor with experience with this type of work and that there is a need to move forward with this project quickly.

The Administrative Team explained that information was received by the Engineer earlier in the day, which did not allow sufficient time to modify any agenda items based on the information received.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to add agenda items relative to the Athletic Project based on the information received from the Engineer earlier in the day to the agenda. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

There was no public comment on the action to add these agenda items.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to eliminate the Alternates for the Wellness Center and the Concession Stand from bid consideration at this time, with the intention or rebidding at a later date. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

Motion by Knott, seconded by Gill, to reject the bids received for Mechanical and Plumbing services as the need for those services will be eliminated with the elimination of the Wellness Center and the Concession Stand alternates. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

Motion by Knott, seconded by Daugherty, to reject the Electrical Contractor bid as they have indicated they are unable to hold their bid. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

Motion by Knott, seconded by Daugherty, to authorize the Administration to rebid the Electrical portion of the project. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

The Board further discussed the bids received for the General Contractor portion of the project and reviewed the Comparison Chart for School Board's Determination of Lowest Responsible Bidder prepared by the Engineers earlier in the day.

Mr. Knott recalled that Leonard S. Fiore performed renovations for the district when he was a student and reflected positively on the work that was done at the time. Mr. Knott added that he would prefer the new work also be done by Fiore, especially after comparing the experiences of both contractors on the chart provided by the Engineers.

Mr. Dodson commented that "the Board is doing the right thing".

Motion by Mock, seconded by Knott, to declare KLA as a non-responsible bidder following a full and careful investigation, including collecting data and information over the last few weeks, and finding substantial reasons relative to financial responsibility, also integrity, efficiency, industry, experience, promptness, and ability to successfully carry out the particular undertaking, and ability to successfully carry out the general contractor services for the Athletic Complex renovations and to reject their base bid. KLA is not barred on other School District projects. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

Motion by Mock, seconded by Kennedy, to award the contract for general contractor services for the renovations of the Claysburg-Kimmel Athletic Complex to Leonard S. Fiore in the amount of \$1,188,000, who is the lowest responsible bidder and whose bid is determined to be in the best interest of the district. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

Motion by Knott, seconded by Daugherty, to authorize the Administration to issue Notice to Proceed whenever bonds and insurance are approved. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. *There was no public comment on the substance of this added agenda item.*

Mr. Burket gave his Legislative Report.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knott, to adjourn at 8:55 pm.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary

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