

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, August 9, 2017, with Mr. Jeremy Knott, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Jeremy Knott. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Mr. Ryan Brown (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Rose Mauro, Mr. Rich Allison, Mr. Stan Finnegan, Ms. Julie Helsel, Ms. Stacey Claycomb, Ms. Katie Sander, Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Geri Mock, Ms. Melissa Cleveland, Mr. Tim Cleveland, Mr. Zach Cleveland, Ms. Tessa Knisely, Mr. Carl Beard, Jr. (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Stephen Puskar, Dr. Norman Hatten, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Knott noted that the Board met in Executive Session, earlier in the evening, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Mr. Finnegan addressed the Board. He spoke about Ms. Boyd's departure and the new Superintendent search.

Ms. Crist addressed the Board. She spoke about a lack of curriculum and planning and, also, lack of response from the Board.

Ms. Helsel addressed the Board. She spoke, as a representative of the Parents Group, regarding the Summer STEM and Arts program.

Ms. Knisely addressed the Board. She spoke favorably about the Elementary Summer Reading program, as well as the Summer STEM program.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Burkett, to approve the minutes for the June 14, July 19, and August 2, 2017, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Gergely abstaining on the vote for the July 19th minutes and Mr. Knisely abstaining on the vote for the August 2nd minutes.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Knisely, 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 Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the Treasurer's Report for June. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Repko, to accept the resignation of Kyle Nale from his position as an Assistant Football Coach. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burkett, to approve the transfer of Jim Clancy to the position of Varsity Assistant Football Coach (Step 4+ \$2,600). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the appointment of Matt Bilchak to the position of 2nd Assistant Varsity Football Coach (Step 1 \$1,800). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Eckley, to approve the appointment of Joe Kennedy to the position of 3rd Assistant Football Coach (Step 1 \$1,575). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to approve the appointment of Dave Burkett, Jr. to the position of Jr. High Wrestling Coach (Step 1 \$1,600). Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket and Mr. Burkett abstaining as Mr. D. Burkett is a relative.

Dr. Hatten noted that John Weyandt withdrew his application for the Jr. High Wrestling Coach position.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve the appointment of Curt Rodgers to the position of Jr. High Football Coach (Step 2+ \$2,600). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the appointment of Samantha Davis to the position of temporary professional at a beginning salary of \$41,000. Dr. Eckley asked about Ms. Davis' specific grade level assignment. Dr. Hatten responded that Ms. Davis is currently scheduled as a 5th grade teacher. Motion passed by majority vote, with Dr. Eckley and Mr. Knisely voting against the motion.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Barnes, to approve the appointment of Nicole Clancy and Dan Foor as Day to Day substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of \$20,500/year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Gergely, to approve the appointment of Jessica Ritchey to the position of Full-time classroom aide at a starting rate of \$9.00/hour. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the appointment of Mary Potter to the position of Full-time classroom aide at a starting rate of \$9.00/hour. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burkett, seconded by Burket, to approve the appointment of Ashlee Hillegas to the position of AmeriCorps staff member. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Barnes, to authorize the Administration to select an AmeriCorps staff member and bring a recommendation for approval at the September meeting. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Discussion regarding Athletic Trainer services.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the contract with ProCare for Athletic Training services for 3 years at a rate of \$24,000/year, to begin as soon as a new Trainer can be secured (prorated for the 2017-2018 fiscal year). Furthermore, to authorize the Administration to seek Athletic Trainer services on an interim basis until the new Trainer is available. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to approve revisions to Policy # 203 – Immunizations and Communicable Diseases. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Burket, to approve revisions to Policy # 204 – Attendance. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Per existing Board Policy, as revisions to both policies were approved unanimously with the entire Board present, a second reading is not required and both policies are now adopted.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Gergely, to approve the following Annual August Approvals: Federal Program Budgets; Updated Salary Schedule; Professional Staff Substitutes; Bus/Van Drivers; Support Staff

Substitutes; Additions to Approved Volunteers (including Matt Diehl); Supplemental Salary Schedule; Athletic Game Help Schedule; Secondary School Teacher Handbook; Secondary School Student Handbook; Elementary School Teacher Handbook; and Coach's Handbook. Motion approved by majority vote, with Mr. Burkett voting against the motion for the Athletic Game Help Schedule, and Mr. Burket abstaining on the vote for Professional Staff Substitutes as he is related to Kendra Burket.

Mr. Burket provided a legislative update.

Mrs. Repko noted that the CTC did not meet in July.

Dr. Hatten noted that Mr. Hall was unable to attend the meeting but did provide his Elementary Principal's report.

Mr. Puskar provided his Secondary Principal's report.

Dr. Hatten reported that the Federal Program budgets for 2017-2018 were approved under Annual August Approvals and the Consolidated Application was submitted and approved.

Dr. Hatten reported that the school buildings were very busy during July and August with summer programs. Administration is anxious for students and staff to return and to begin the new school year.

Mr. Puskar discussed the Secondary School's Low Achieving School Status, reporting on both ongoing and new strategies to address that status.

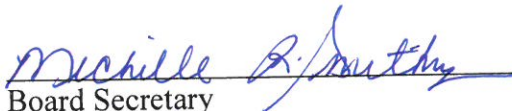
Mrs. Barnes and Dr. Hatten discussed the Monsanto America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant. The District was awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000; these funds will be used to provide STEM related equipment for the MakerSpace.

Mr. Knott reported that the Buildings and Grounds committee, along with Mr. Helsel and Dr. Hatten, will meet to discuss the makeup of an Ad Hoc Facilities Committee.

Discussion regarding the Superintendent search process.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Repko, to appoint PSBA to conduct a Level 2 Superintendent Search at an additional cost of \$3,500. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burkett voting against the motion.

Motion by Gergely, seconded by Eckley, to adjourn at 8:48 pm.


Board Secretary