

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, with Mr. Rich Gergely, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:17 PM. The following members responded to roll call: Mrs. Cathy Barnes, Mr. Craig Burket, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Shelda Repko, Mrs. Mandi Daugherty, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Rich Gergely. Also present were Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Elizabeth Coyle (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition, Inc.), Ms. Jen Weaver (Nutrition, Inc.), Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Mrs. Maureen Lightner, Mrs. Cathy Cox, Ms. Holly Chrisawn, Ms. Skyler Chrisawn, Mr. Luis Teja, Mr. Barry Weyandt, Ms. Andrea Weyandt, Mr. Jeff Dibert, Mr. Parker Dibert, Ms. Laura Mowry, Ms. Taylor Mowry, Ms. Rachael Ward, Ms. Gianna Cleveland, Ms. Emily Weyant, Mr. Tyler Mowry, Mr. Travis Mowry, Ms. Melissa Cleveland, Mr. Owen Dibert, Ms. Ava Dibert, Ms. Dawn Dibert, Mr. Lane Black, Ms. Lani Black, Mr. Glenn Ward, Ms. Amy Ward, Ms. Kristen Colyer, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Steve Puskar, Mr. Carl D. Beard (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Gergely thanked the guests in attendance.

Mr. Gergely noted that the Board met in Executive Session immediately before the meeting, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

The Board recognized the Elementary Bulldog Patrol students. These students help to monitor the hallways at the Elementary and were nominated by their teachers for the position.

The Board also recognized the Junior High County Chorus participants. Mrs. Lightner explained that students auditioned for this honor choir made up of Junior High students from all schools in Blair County.

No public comment.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the minutes for the March 14, and April 4, meetings. Motion passed by majority vote, with Ms. Repko abstaining for the April 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as she was absent from the meeting.

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

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

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve agenda items 1. a through i as these were discussed at the Work Session. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. The items are:

- Recommendation to re-appoint Michelle Smithmyer as the District's representative to the Blair County Tax Collection Bureau and to appoint Darren McLaurin as the alternate representative
- Recommendation to approve Cafeteria Prices for the 2018-2019 school year (no increase)
- Recommendation to approve the renewal of the contract with Nutrition, Inc., for Food Service Management services

- Recommendation to approve the following Summer Staff: Patty Brumbaugh, Lorraina McMinn, Dale Hartman (Kindergarten Summer Camp), and Dave Marko (Secondary Summer School)
- Recommendation to approve the increase in the daily rate for Substitute Teacher pay to \$90/day
- Recommendation to approve the contract with Source 4 Teachers, with revision as recommended by the Solicitor
- Recommendation to approve the following stipends for the 2017-2018 fiscal year:
  - o Federal Programs Coordinator – Matt Hall (\$1,200)
  - o Transportation Coordinator – Janet Lackey (\$1,200)
- Recommendation to revise Brian Helsel’s title from Director of Special Services to Assistant to the Superintendent – Student Services
- Recommendation to approve the Act 93 Agreement(s) for July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Kennedy, to accept the following retirements:

- Kay Shuma, as of September 21, 2018
- Mark Woodring, as of the end of the 2017-2018 school year

Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Daugherty, seconded by Eckley, to approve agenda items 3 a through d, as these were discussed during the Work Session. Motion unanimously passed by majority vote, with Mr. Gergely abstaining on item 3a5 (himself). The items were:

- Recommendation to approve the List of Additions to the Approved Volunteers
- Recommendation to accept the following resignations:
  - o Rex Whetstone – Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach
  - o Rex Whetstone – Head Junior High Volleyball Coach
  - o Karen Dugan – Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach
- Recommendation to approve the revision of Cheerleading to a Fall Cheerleading and a Winter Cheerleading activity
- Recommendation to accept the resignation of Shelly Beers from her position as Yearbook Advisor

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to approve the first reading of revisions to Policy # 222 – Tobacco Use. Mr. McLaurin noted that, as per our Board Policy, since all Board Members are in attendance, this revision can be approved with a majority vote of the Board. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket gave his Legislative update.

Ms. Repko reported that Dusty Mauk, a graduate of CK, was recognized as a GACTC 2018 Educator of the Year. CK student, Garret Dively, came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Technical Drafting during the District 7 SkillsUSA Competition 2018.

Mr. McLaurin reported that the Administration will meet with the Education Foundation this week to discuss funding for the Project Lead the Way program.

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

Mr. Hall provided his Elementary Principal's report (attached). He reported that funds raised during the Book Bingo will be donated for the new playground equipment. He also presented a report on reading scores at the Elementary School.

Mr. Hall provided his Federal Programs report (attached).

Mr. Gergely recognized Dr. Eckley. She was recently inducted into the Claysburg Hall of Fame. She will also be recognized with an Education Award from the WISE Women of Blair County.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to adjourn at 7:55 pm. Mr. McLaurin noted that Preliminary Budget discussion would continue immediately following the meeting.

***Michelle R. Smithmyer***

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Board Secretary

Elementary Report  
Board Meeting  
April 11, 2018

- Book Fair: Paws for Books Book Fair: Come. Stay. Read a Great Tale (March 16 – 22)
- Book Bingo (March 22)
- End of Marking Period 3 (March 29)
- No School – Good Friday (March 30)
- Yojo Show: Ace the PSSA Assembly (April 3)
- Author Visit – Carolyn Crimi (April 4)
- Reading Competition @ Chestnut Ridge SD (April 5)
- STEM Field Trip to Mr. Aloysius (April 6)
- Report Cards Issued (April 10)
- Grade 3 Field Trip to Jaffa Shrine Circus (April 13)
- PSSA Testing
  - ELA (April 10 – 12): Grades 3 – 6
  - Math (April 17 – 19): Grades: 3 – 6
  - Science (April 25 & 25): Grade 4
- Playground Update
- Reading Report



**Title 1 Report**  
Board Meeting  
April 11, 2018

- Continued Placement with a smaller classroom of below-level reading and math students.
- Continued enrichment instruction to on-level and above-level students on a daily basis.
- Continued assistance with middle-level math groups.
- Continued assistance with regular education classroom containing struggling students.
- Participation in Elementary Student Assistance Program (ESAP)
- Morning/Afternoon tutoring of below-level reading and math students
- Title 1 Theater Night
  - Title 1/Gifted Teacher will be conducting a Theater Night in conjunction with Family Night
  - Gifted students will be in charge creating/directing the play
  - Regular education students will be acting out the play
- Professional Development on Pathblazer, Edgenuity's computer-based tutoring program
- Matt Hall attended Title 1 Training at Altoona IU08
- Book Bingo
- Mr. Darren McLaurin and Matt Hall will attend a Annual Title 1 Conference (April 29 – May 1)



# TITLE I SCHOOL



Claysburg-Kimmel High School  
 Monthly Board Report  
 April 11, 2018  
 DATE OF LAST REPORT: March 14, 2018

- March fire drill occurred on March 19<sup>th</sup>
- The 8<sup>th</sup> grade career fair was held on March 29
- The first day of the 4<sup>th</sup> Marking Period was April 2
- Follow up: On the March report, I indicated that Ms. Beers and several of her students would travel to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh to observe an open heart surgery. Her account of the day is as follows: "On April 3rd, 6 students from Mrs. Beers Honors Anatomy and Physiology class had the opportunity to observe an open heart surgery at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh. Students observed the replacement of the aortic valve with the possibility of the replacement of the mitral valve. Pat Wolf from AGH accompanied the group through the surgery. The observation not only focused on the anatomy of the heart and thoracic cage, but a large portion of the observation focused on the careers of the individuals in the operating room. Pat spent an extensive time describing the jobs of each of the individuals as well as the degree requirements and schooling requirements for each of the positions. Pat describe the roles of the surgical technician with a 2 year degree, the nurses who had jobs from monitoring and recording vitals to preparing post-operative care, the perfusionist that operates the heart-lung machine and has a specific degree in perfusion, the anesthesiologist and the nurse anesthetist that are responsible to monitor brain activity to assure the patient will not wake during the surgery, the physician's assistant and the cardiologist performing the actual surgery. Students had the opportunity to actually see what they would be doing for a living if they chose such a field. Students were surprised in the fact that the surgical technician had the least amount of schooling (2 year degree), but she was the PA's and cardiologist's right hand throughout the surgery. This was an exciting opportunity for our students and we are really looking forward to our trip next year (March 19, 2019)."
- On Friday, April 6th, seventh graders Hunter Knisely, Nathan Miller, and Britnee Robertson won 3rd place out of 16 teams in the Thermo Fisher Scientific STEM Design Challenge hosted by Appalachia IU 8 and held at Mount Aloysius College. The middle school competition included teams from Windber, Turkeyfoot Valley, Meyersdale, Johnstown, Ferndale, Claysburg-Kimmel, and Altoona school districts. Thermo Fisher Scientific prompted a design challenge in which teams were asked for help developing a new product for your home. This product can be anything that you can use in your home and it must be environmentally friendly. Thermo Fisher Scientific is working to make the world healthier, cleaner and safer. This product could be (but not limited to) a new way to power your home, a new type of appliance, or a new gadget for home entertainment. Students were only allowed to use K'Nex pieces for their end product. Groups were judged on creativity, teamwork, challenge success, design, and presentation. In addition to building a product out of K'Nex, students also had to complete a parts inventory and a budget as well as a blueprint of their design and a journal documenting the design process. Students worked alongside Mrs. Beers during Advisory periods from January through the competition day. The group's end product was a man-powered lawn mower that would generate its own electricity that could then be used to charge small electronic devices like phones, tablets, etc. Students researched how windmills convert kinetic energy into electrical energy and used that knowledge as the basis of their design.
- The FBLA, along with advisor Steve Walter and chaperone Kelly Hinkledire are in Hershey (April 8-April 11) for the state leadership conference. A narrative of the experience will be on the May report, and updates may also be found on the district webpage as well as the district Facebook page.
- PSSA testing is taking place from April 10 through May 4
- Report Cards were distributed on April 10
- Bus Evacuation drills were held upon student arrival to school on April 11
- The Junior High combined Chorus/Band concert will be held at 7 PM on May 4
- The Senior High combined Chorus/Band concert will be held at 7 PM on May 10
- DATE OF NEXT REPORT: May 9, 2018



Respectfully Submitted: Stephen P. Puskar



**STUDENT SERVICES REPORT**  
**OFFICE OF THE SOCIAL WORKER**

\*Items in **BOLD** are new ones this past month and a half. All other items are things that are done on every month, and updates are provided where appropriate.

**My role, things I have accomplished and continue to do:**

**Conducted several home visits recently to aide with grief and loss due to a death by suicide. Helped the family and others get resources needed, provided grief counseling, and facilitated the sharing school work with affected CKHS students at the elementary and secondary level.**

**Handling crisis situations: this responsibility was heightened this month. Responded to many and varied situations.**

**Developed paperwork to send home to parents for attendance related concerns. Great success is being realized with the attendance meetings**

**Exploring providing diversity training for all staff in August**

**Assisted in developing a response plan for a student in crisis**

**Attended a threat assessment training at the IU08 and exploring another training at our school**

**Closed out the elementary and high-school groups**

**Assisted with proctoring the PSSA small group testing at the elementary school**

- Actively working with 55-60 students across all grade levels in the district. Working with additional students on a case management basis and on crisis management.
- Provide counseling of students
- Observe student in classes/lunches
- Conduct teacher consultation
- Connect families to outside services
- Initiate and or attend meetings with parents
- Conduct individualized attendance meetings with students
- Conduct Truancy elimination meetings with parents and students at both elementary and high school.
- Meet with students to address low grades
- Developed elementary groups to address self –control
- Developed a study skills group with students 7-9 in the HS. Running it with Kelly.
- Continue the friendship lunches to help a kid feel connected at both ES and HS
- Attend outside schooling placement meetings as needed
- Participated in a no-cost training on the TF-CBT model of therapy
- Attend IEP meetings as needed
- Participate in all Student Assistance team meetings
- Continue to sit on the truancy task force that meets monthly, this is a county wide task force
- Coordinated the Handle with Care initiative at the school where police would contact the school if a student had a crisis the night before so we know how to support the student and family.
- Helped coordinate a student attending an outside placement and continue to communicate with the mom periodically to get updates
- Continue to help with Aviedum meetings. Going to have the first ever “I got your back” day at Claysburg to support kids supporting other kids going through tough situations.
- Assisted at the reading competition
- Help aide in the student help- line situations when they arise
- Going to start sitting on Children’s Round Table, an outside group with different agencies
- Have referred different students to Children and Youth to help address attendance concerns
- Continue to address the needs of students within the school and bring them to the attention of staff (where appropriate)
- \*looking into different trainings to help with addressing student’s needs at the school
- \*Have a training that I developed around trauma informed care for teachers, hope to initiate this presentation this year for the staff