

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 10, 2018, with Mr. Rich Gergely, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:59 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. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Rich Gergely. Also present were Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Mr. Richard Allison, Ms. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Shen Wu Tan (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Rose Mauro, Ms. Melinda McDonald, Ms. Amy Gill, Ms. Tessa Knisely, Mr. Tom Ringler, Ms. Michele Crist, Ms. Tara Woolridge, Mr. Jonathan Burkett, Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition, Inc.), Ms. Hunter Evans, Ms. Justinna Brown, Ms. Emily Walter, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Steve Puskar, Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Gergely thanked the guests in attendance.

Mr. Gergely thanked the Claysburg Education Foundation and Parents Group for hosting the "Meet & Greet" for Mr. McLaurin, and also for providing refreshments.

The Board recognized the elementary students who participated in the St. Francis Watershed Program in December. Mr. Hall introduced Ms. Woolridge, one of the STEM After School Program advisors. Ms. Woolridge explained that 43 students typically participate in the STEM After School Program each week. CK students competed against other schools at the St. Francis program and won 4 ribbons at the competition.

Mr. Allison, on behalf of the Claysburg Education Foundation, presented the STEM ASP Advisors with gift cards in thanks for their support of the After School Program.

The Board recognized the secondary students who were winners in our Challenge Program. Mr. Puskar explained that the Challenge Program partners school district with a local business partner who supports our students in various ways; CK's corporate sponsor in Sheetz. Sheetz provide financial support in the form of awards for our students and also provide support for our students in the form of programs in support of job related skills. Mr. Puskar explained that Maria Knisely interned at Corle Business through this program last year. Challenge Program Award Winners in attendance were Hunter Evans, Justinna Brown, and Emily Walter.

Ms. Shen Wu Tan introduced herself as the new reporter for the Altoona Mirror.

Mr. Gergely reported that the Board received 3 letters of interest from Kimmel Township residents interested in filing the board seat that was vacated when Mr. Burkett resigned his seat effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. He thanked all of the candidates for their interest. The board voted as follows: Mandi Daugherty (Barnes, Knisely, Kennedy, Gergely; Amy Gill (Eckley, Mock, Repko); Jeff Dugan (Burket). Mandi Daugherty was selected for the position with 4 votes.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Knisely, to approve the minutes for the December 6, 2017, and January 3, 2018 meetings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Barnes, to approve the additional bills for November, all bills for December, and regular bills for January. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Burket, to approve the financial audit report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017, as submitted by the firm of Ritchey, Ritchey, and Koontz. Mrs. Smithmyer highlighted parts of the report. The Board thanked the Administration for a successful audit. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the Act 1 Budget resolution, indicating the 2018-2019 Real Estate Tax millage (tax rate) will remain within the Inflation Index (3.6%). Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Barnes, to approve the revised Contract for Consulting Services. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to approve the Resolution regarding PSBA v. Simon Campbell. Ms. Kennedy verified that PSBA has no objection to this resolution. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Burket, to accept the proposal from Crossroads Physical Therapy to provide Athletic Training services for the 2018-2019 school year, at a rate of \$25,500/year, contingent on Solicitor review of the contract. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Mock, to accept the proposal from Brumbaugh Insurance/PSBA Insurance Trust for Commercial Insurance Services, at a total rate of \$55,283. Ms. Smithmyer reviewed the two proposals received. The services provided by Brumbaugh and the PSBA Insurance Trust are endorsed by PSBA and provide specific coverages recommended by PSBA. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to approve Dr. Michael Hoover as the District Dentist and Claysburg Physician Group as the District Physician. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to approve the following recommendations:

- Dawn Hershberger to be added the list of approved Support Staff Substitutes
- Kayla Musselman to be approved as the Day to Day Substitute at a rate of \$20,500 (prorated), with Single Only Benefits
- David Blough to be added to the list of Approved Bus Drivers
- Elizabeth Harclerode to be appointed to the position of AmeriCorps Staffer, pending receipt of all appropriate clearances
- Approval of the following Before/After School Tutors (\$23/hour): Rebecca Marko, Kelly Hinkledire, Sara Gates, Ashley Black, Tara Woolridge, Kris Walters, and Jim Clancy

Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to approve the following recommendations:

- Additions to the List of Volunteers

- Appointment of Harry McMullen to the position of Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball Coach (Step 1 \$1,800).

Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Mock, to table Agenda item J.3.C. until the February meeting, and to authorize the placement of a refrigerator in the concession stand. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket provided his Legislative Update report.

Mrs. Repko reported that she attended the GACTC Board meeting on December 7<sup>th</sup>. 69 DK students visited the GACTC. CK will receive a refund of \$80,000 from the GACTC. Makaylah Nolan and Stephanie Lockard were inducted in to the National Technical Honor Society.

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

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

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

Mr. McLaurin reported that a CK staff members participated in the Career Readiness Indicator Implementation and Accountability training at the IU on Tuesday. He reviewed some of the items that will be included in the in-service agenda for Monday. Mr. McLaurin thanked the Claysburg Education Foundation for providing gift cards to be given as prizes to some of our teachers. Mr. McLaurin will complete the New Superintendent's Academy in Harrisburg this week.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to approve the request from Michelle Weiler for sabbatical for restoration of health for ½ of one school term, retroactive to January 8, 2018. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Mock, to accept the proposal from Tri-State Area School Study Council for membership and consulting services. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket asked the administration to look into modifications to auditorium seating. The administration will do some research.

Mr. McLaurin noted that January is School Board Director Recognition month. He thanked the Board Members for their service and commitment to our students and district.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Mock, to adjourn at 8:31 pm.

*Michelle R. Smithmyer*

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Board Secretary

**Elementary Report**  
Board Meeting  
January 10, 2018

- Fire Drill (November 14)
- Fall Book Fair “Saddle up and Read” (November 14 – 21)
- Parent/Teacher Conferences (November 21 & 22)
- Teacher In-service (November 22)
  - “Stop the Bleed” Training
- Thanksgiving Break (November 23 – 28)
- Family Book Night/Title 1 Night (November 30)
- Fire Drill (December 11)
- Santa’s Secret Workshop (December 13 – 15)
- Nutcracker Field Trip (December 14)
- STEM Field Trip to Saint Francis University (December 18)
- “Magic of Science” Assembly (December 20)
- Slinky Action Zone Field Trip (December 21)
- Holiday Break (December 22 – January 1)
- End of Marking Period 2 (January 19)
  - Report Cards Issued (January 29)
- Playground Equipment Update

**Title 1 Report**  
**Board Meeting**  
**January 10, 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 (Nov. 30)
  - Gifted students will be in charge creating/directing the play
  - Regular education students will be acting out the play

Claysburg-Kimmel High School  
Monthly Board Report  
January 10, 2018



- **CKHS students Makaylah Nolan (Automotive Technology) and Stephanie Lockard (Dental Assistant) were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society at the GACTC. Congratulations!**
- **December Fire Drill occurred on December 1.**
- **The first Principal Advisory Committee was held on Monday, January 8. The committee is comprised of 8 faculty/staff and the building principal.**
- **Keystone Biology re-tests are January 8-January 11**
- **CKHS's application to participate in the Carnegie STEM Excellence Pathway Program, which is a joint effort between the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh and the Appalachia Intermediate Unit. Involvement will allow a team of high school teachers to create an action plan revolving around a comprehensive STEM infused academic program. A team of teachers and administrators will attend three workshops between now and next Fall to begin the action planning process.**
- **The in-service day scheduled for Monday January 15 will include senior project presentations as well as work on teacher SLO's.**
- **Data meetings continue, with the recent meetings focusing on grade distribution to examine trends in grading and student performance.**
- **The end of the first semester is Friday January 19, and it is anticipated that report cards will be issued on January 29.**

**Respectfully Submitted:  
Stephen P. Puskar**

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

Approximately 540 Contacts with students, parents, families, and agencies to date

\*Actively working with 45-50 students across all grade levels in the district

- **Consists of: (ongoing and new)**
  - Home visits
  - Counseling of students
  - Observing students in classes/lunches
  - Teacher consultation
  - Connecting families to outside services
  - Handling crisis situations
  - Meeting with parents
  - Meeting with students with attendance concerns
- Truancy Elimination Meetings with parents and students at both elementary and high school have started (requirement of new attendance law)
- Meeting 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. Meetings conducted by Social Worker and Guidance Counselor.
- Started a friendship lunch to help a students feel connected at both ES and HS
- Connected a homeless youth and parent to housing options
- Attended an outside schooling placement meeting
- Attended safe crisis management training
- Signed up to be trained in the therapy model of trauma based cognitive behavior therapy
- Participated in IEP meetings
- Connected agencies to students in the school. Had numerous agency meetings in the school.
- Examined attendance concerns with students

**Other things that continue:**

- Coordinated a shopping trip with students to get materials to provide back pack kids with more food for the Christmas break.
- Helped coordinate a student attending an outside placement and continue to communicate with the mom
- Continued to help with Aviedum meetings

- Participated in a video that examined about how students feel disconnected from their community. Invited to serve on a task force to help re-connect youth. Continuing involvement in a county wide truancy task force meetings.
- Coordinated bringing the regional homeless coordinator into the school to train the staff on identification of families
- Continue to address needs in the school and bring them to the attention of staff