

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, March 14, 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. Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette), Ms. Shen Wu Tan (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Courtney McCracken (Nutrition, Inc.), Mr. Brian Hess (Morrison's Cove Herald), Ms. Juliana Helsel, Ms. Zoie Weyant, Ms. Sarah Helsel, Ms. Kassidi Rininger, Ms. Bailey Garver, Ms. Kaylee Haney, Ms. Rebekah Claar, Ms. Emma Ritchey, Ms. Jessen Poulos, Ms. Abby Gonsman, Mr. Dylan Larson, Mrs. Barbara Garver, Ms. Kayla Musselman, Ms. Jess Veverka, Ms. Kara Garver, Ms. Denitia Weyant, Ms. Kadin Hileman, Mr. Donald Ritchey, Mrs. Stefanie Ritchey, Ms. Crystal Larson, Ms. Brianne Haney, Ms. Christina Claar, Ms. Shirley Musselman, Ms. Kristi Musselman, Ms. Lisa Iachini, Mr. Brian Helsel, 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 noted that the Board met in Executive Session immediately before the meeting, for the purpose of discussing personnel items.

The Board recognized the Junior High Girls' Basketball team, ICC Champions. Mr. Helsel explained that the team defeated Everett to win the Championship. Each team member was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The Board also recognized elementary students who demonstrated the Character Trait of Caring. Mr. Hall explained that each homeroom teacher selects a student monthly who demonstrates the character trait of the month. The goal of the Character Trait program is to instill kindness and caring in our students.

There were no public comments.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to approve the minutes for the February 14, 2018 meeting. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Kennedy abstaining as she was absent from the meeting.

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

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

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

- revision to the 2017-2018 Calendar; April 29<sup>th</sup> will be an early dismissal day for students, teachers will participate in professional development training
- Acknowledge and authorize the transfer (take back) of the autism support class from the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08 for the upcoming 2018-2019 school term and to notify Appalachia IU08 of said action, with said action being made effective retroactively to February 14, 2018. The teacher affected is Margaret Link. This

action is taken in order to clarify and confirm that the taking-back of the emotional support classroom authorized in February also includes autism support classes provided by Ms. Link.

Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Barnes, seconded by Kennedy, to approve the following recommendations:

- approve the addition of Don Benson to the list of approved Bus/Van drivers
- approve the addition of Sidney Thompson to the list of support staff substitutes
- Approve the appointment of Margaret Link to the position of Emotional/Autistic/Transition Support Teacher, to begin the 2018-2019 school year, at a starting rate of \$48,600.
- Authorize Mr. McLaurin to accept, on behalf of the School Board, any retirements that are submitted prior to April 1, 2018
- Accept the resignation of Alex Brehm from his position as custodian effective April 1, 2018
- Approve the addition of Anne Colton to the list of instructional substitutes

Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

- Approve the List of Additions to Approved Volunteers
- Approve the list of Spring Coaching Staff

Motion unanimously passed by majority vote, with Mrs. Kennedy abstaining on the vote for Joe Kennedy (her husband).

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Mock, to approve the first reading of the following policies:

- Policy # 103 – Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices
- Policy # 103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Policy Attachment #AR103.1 – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities
- Policy # 104 – Nondiscrimination in Employment Practices
- Policy # 210 – Use of Medications
- Policy Attachments # 707a – Fee Schedule for Use of School Facilities

Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Mock, to approve the 2018-2019 budget for Appalachia IU 08.  
Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Daugherty, seconded by Knisely, to approve the contract with CAMCO for Occupational/Physical Therapy for \$59/hour for the period August 1, 2018 to July 31, 2020.  
Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Repko, seconded by Barnes, to approve the contract amendment with CenturyLink to upgrade our Enhanced Ethernet to 1 Gig; other contract terms will remain unchanged. The additional cost, net of ERATE reimbursement, will be \$160/month. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket discussed Legislative updates.

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

Mr. Hall provided his Elementary Principal's report (attached). He also presented a report on reading scores at the Elementary School.

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

Mr. McLaurin reported that teachers from both buildings participated in a space balloon launch at the IU on Monday. Administration is working on plans to add coffee bar/alternative breakfast location in the Secondary building. He attended the Rotary meeting on Tuesday evening. Administration met with the Education Foundation last week to discuss alternative funding sources. CK is currently using a demonstration of "My Access", this uses artificial intelligence to help student improve writing skills. Mr. McLaurin thanked the student body/staff/administration for helping put together the recognition service this morning.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Barnes, to amend item 1a to note the correction in the date – the early dismissal date will be March 29<sup>th</sup>, not April 29<sup>th</sup>. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Repko, to adjourn at 8:34 pm.

***Michelle R. Smithmyer***

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Board Secretary