

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, with Mr. Richard Gergely. President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mrs. Amy Claar-Gill, Mrs. Mandi Daugherty, Mrs. Geri Mock, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, Mr. Craig Burket, and Mr. Richard Gergely. Also present were Mr. Chuck Kassick, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Jerome Dodson, Mr. Carl D. Beard (Beard Legal), Ms. Hannah Pollock (Altoona Mirror), Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer and member of the Claysburg-Kimmel community.

Mr. Gergely recognized that the Board met in Executive Session, for the purpose of discussing personnel, legal, and safety items prior to the regular meeting.

The following members of the public addressed the School Board regarding the mask mandate: Justin Garner, Jason Reffner, Holly Lear, Nicole Fitzpatrick, Brittany Barbour, Travis Weyant, Beverly Mosser, Mandy Keith, Adam Mikolajczyk, Courtney Burkett, Nicole McCreary, Mike McCreary, Haylie Claycomb, Kassidy Claycomb, Ashley Claycomb, Jessica Bush, Jason Weyant, Jonathan Burkett, Brittany Hengst, and Kevin Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Gergely thanked the public for their comments.

Motion by Daugherty, seconded by Gill, to approve a parent exemption form, exempting students from the Mask mandate, without the requirement of a medical excuse. Mr. McLaurin stated that he does not recommend this exemption, but he will follow the direction of the School Board. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Knott and Mr. Knisely voting against the motion.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knott, to approve the minutes for the August 4, 11, and 24, 2021, meetings. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knott, to approve the additional bills for August and regular bills for September. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve Agenda Items G.1.a-c. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve all teachers as detention monitors and as homebound instructors, to be assigned at the discretion of the Principal(s), as needed;
- Recommendation to accept the retirement of Mel Mentzer from her position as Technology Assistant;
- Recommendation to approve the following appointments: Robin Weyandt – part time Cafeteria Staff; Kelsey Ickes – part time Aide \$10/hour; Kealy Long – part time Aide \$10/hour; Laura Beth Clark – transfer from part time Custodian to full time Custodian; Pam Fuhrman – part time Cafeteria Worker \$10/hour.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Eckley, to approve Agenda Items G.2.a-d. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items area:

- Recommendation to approve the following budgets: Cares Act – ESSER Grant 2020-2021; Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER) Continuity of Education Equity Grant 2020-2021; PCCD – School Health and Safety Grant 2020-2021; PCCD School Safety and Security Safe Schools Initiative Targeted Grant 2020-2021; PCCD School Safety and Security School Counselor and Electronic Lockset Grant 2020-2021; Ed Foundation Donations 2020-2021; Ed Foundation Donations 2021-2022; Donation from Zeiglers;
- Recommendation to approve the Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement with Child Advocates to provide meal service for the 2021-2022 school year;
- Recommendation to approve the Letter of Agreement with the Alternative Community Resource Program for 2021-2022;
- Recommendation to approve the Public Body Resolution for the Athletic Fund and Student Activity Fund checking accounts with First Commonwealth Bank to add Charles Kassick and Sherrie Doroba as authorized signers.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Mock, to table the Motion regarding the Volunteer Service Credit Resolution until the October Board meeting. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion by Mock, seconded by Kennedy, to approve Agenda Items G.3.a-d. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to accept the resignation of Tim Cleveland from his position as Jr. High Boys’ Basketball Coach;
- Recommendation to approve the following appointments: Evan Ritchey – Jr. High Boys’ Basketball Coach – Step 1 - \$1,400 and Alex Kulick – Asst. Jr. High Boys’ Basketball Coach – Step 1 - \$1,000;
- Recommendation to approve the appointment of Jen Kruise to the position of Senior Class/Graduation Advisor – Step 3+ - \$ 1,281;
- Recommendation to approve the List of Approved Volunteers, pending receipt of all required clearances.

Mr. Gergely gave his GACTC Report.

The Board agreed to continue in person Board meetings.

Mr. McLaurin reported that Zeiglers made a donation for the cost of a new John Deer Gator to replace the golf cart.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knott, to authorize the Administration to make a donation for a sponsorship for the Chamber of Commerce Lifetime Achievement Award for Business Excellence as Mark Barnhart (NPC) will be recognized. Final Board approval to be retroactive.

Mr. Kassick discussed the Homecoming Dance. The plan is hold the dance under a tent in the parking lot.

Mr. Gergely thanked the guests for their attendance at the meeting and for their comments.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket, to adjourn at 8:59 pm.

*Michelle R. Smithmyer*

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Board Secretary