

**Claysburg-Kimmel School Board
Minutes of April 29, 2020
Work Session**

The Board met (virtually) in work session at 7:10 pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2020, with the following present: Roger Knisely, Heidi Kennedy, Mona Eckley, Amy Claar-Gill, Mandi Daugherty, Jeremy Knott, Craig Burket, Geri Mock, Rich Gergely, Stacy Cowher, Elizabeth Benjamin, Steve Puskar, Matt Hall, Brian Helsel, Jerome Dodson, Darren McLaurin, and Michelle Smithmyer.

Administration will ask for approval to suspend all policies that govern promotion and retention and/or graduation requirements for the 2019-2020 school year, with the suspension lasting through June 30, 2020, the last day of the current fiscal year. Due to the pandemic, it will be necessary to modify some requirements for the current school year. Ms. Benjamin will provide specific language for the motion for next week's meeting.

Mr. Puskar will present the list of graduates for the Class of 2020 at next week's meeting. This list is pending completion of all graduation requirements. There was discussion of exactly what the requirements for graduation will be. Graduation is scheduled (virtually) for Sunday, May 29th.

Samantha Davis will meet the requirements for tenure at the end of the current school year. A recommendation to recognize this tenure will be presented for approval.

Mr. Helsel discussed the need for Extended School Year (ESY) programs for some of our special needs students. Administration is currently seeking applicants to offer a remote ESY program and will have staffing recommendations at next week's meeting.

The first reading of Policy # 006.1 – Attendance at Meetings via Electronic Communications was approved at the meeting in April. Ms. Smithmyer discussed suggested revisions to that policy. The second reading will be presented for approval next week.

Our auditors (Ritchey, Ritchey, and Koontz), District Treasurer (Roger Knisely), and District Solicitor (Beard Legal Group) are reappointed annually during our May meeting. Recommendations for these services will be presented at the May 6th meeting.

The budget for the CTC was discussed. The CTC is currently revising their preliminary budget that will be presented for approval at a later date.

The Blair County Tax Collection Bureau collects the Earned Income Tax for Greenfield and Kimmel Townships and the Local Services Tax for Greenfield Township. Jackie Black collects the Local Services Tax for Kimmel Township. A recommendation to reappoint both will be included on the May 6th agenda.

Crossroads provides our athletic trainer services; we'd like to continue with them for the next school year. More information will be provided next week.

A recommendation to appoint Michelle Smithmyer as the Agent for CKSD to complete application(s) for financial assistance through PEMA for COVID-19 related expenditures will be presented next week. The District is recording all COVID-19 related expenditures.

Ms. Smithmyer discussed the Resolution to admit the Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center to the Blair County Schools Health Consortium.

Ms. Smithmyer discussed the requirement to pay all contractors for the 2019-2020 school year; a recommendation to authorize full payment to A & M Transit for the balance of the 2019-2020 school year will be included on the agenda.

The Board discussed the preliminary 2020-2021 General Fund budget. Budget details will be included with the May 6th agenda. The final budget must be approved no later than June 30; the preliminary approved budget must be available for public inspection for at least 30 calendar days prior to final approval. We will ask the Board to approve the preliminary budget at the May 6th meeting.

Grab and go meals will continue to be available to our students through at least June 30th, and further into the summer months if permitted. Administration continues to work on the Community Eligibility Program (free meals for our students) for next year.

Mr. McLaurin and the Principals discussed school operations during the shutdown and plans for graduation.

The Board adjourned from the Work Session at 9:00 p.m.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary