

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, with Mr. Craig Burket, Vice-President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:09 pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mrs. Amy Claar-Gill, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, and Mr. Craig Burket. Also present were Ms. Rachel Foor (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Elizabeth Benjamin (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Chuck Kassick, Mr. Jerome Dodson, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Mr. Burket reported that the Board met, in Executive Session, to discuss personnel items immediately prior to this meeting.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Mock, seconded by Gill, to nominate Mrs. Kennedy as Temporary Chairperson. Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Burket, to nominate Mr. Gergely as Board President.

Motion by Mock, seconded by Burket, to close nominations for Board President.

A voice vote was called for Board President. 7 yays, 0 nays, 2 absent. Mr. Gergely was reelected to the position of Board President.

Motion by Mock, seconded by Eckley, to nominate Mr. Burket as Board Vice-President.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Gill, to close nominations for Board Vice-President.

A voice vote was called for Board Vice-President. 7 yays, 0 nays, 2 absent. Mr. Burket was reelected to the position of Board Vice-President.

Mrs. Kennedy administered the oath of office to the re-elected Board Members (Eckley, Mock, Burket, and Knott).

Motion by Knott, seconded by Knisely, to approve the minutes for the November 3, and 16, 2021 board meetings. Motion passed by roll call vote, with Mrs. Kennedy abstaining on the vote for the November 16th meeting, as she was absent.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve all bills for November and to authorize administration to pay regular bills for December. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Gill, to approve Schedule of Board Meeting Dates for 2022, with the addition of possible work sessions for each month. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Eckley, to approve the Budget for the ESSER II grant. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Helsel joined the meeting at 7:23 pm.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to approve the appointment of Connor Nicewonger to the position of Technology Support Assistant at a starting salary of \$30,000. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Gill, to accept the retirement, with regret, of Darren McLaurin from his position as Superintendent, under the terms and conditions of the Public-School Employees Retirement System, effective July 15, 2022 and to amend the agenda accordingly. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. McLaurin reported that the FBLA Hunger Heroes group received the “Kindness Counts” award from WJAC and Blaise Alexander. The group will use the \$2,500 award to purchase \$50 gift cards to local stores and donate them to community members.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 pm.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary