

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, with Mr. Rich Gergely, President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 pm. The following members responded to roll call: Mr. Jeremy Knott, Mrs. Amy Claar-Gill, Mrs. Mandi Daugherty, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mrs. Geri Mock, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, Mr. Craig Burket, and Mr. Rich Gergely. Also present were Ms. Rachel Foor (Altoona Mirror), Ms. Erica Burkholder (Bedford Gazette), Mr. Dale Hartman, Mr. Sam McClure, Mr. Mark Loucks, Ms. Jennifer Dambeck (Beard Legal Group), Mr. Jerome Dodson, Mr. Chuck Kassick, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Darren McLaurin, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

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

Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Dodson presented the 2021-2022 Safety Report.

There was no public comment.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket, to approve the minutes for the February 9, 2022, meeting. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket, to authorize the Administration to award the contract for the Internet Cabling Upgrade and Outdoor Wireless Upgrade for the Elementary School and to present the contract(s) for official Board approval at the April meeting. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve Agenda Items I.1.b-d. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve the addition of Ellwood Musselman to the list of approved bus drivers
- Recommendation to approve the list of Equipment for Disposal
- Recommendation to revise the Act 93 – Administrators to include the School Psychologist

Motion by Knott, seconded by Daugherty, to authorize the Administration to advertise the Request for Proposals for the Athletic Project. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knott, to approve Agenda Items I.2.a-e. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to approve the request for Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) for Employee # HA26598
- Recommendation to ratify the appointment of Travis Leap as Acting Principal, retroactive to Monday, February 14, through Friday, February 25, 2022 (stipend \$500)

- Recommendation to approve the appointment of Mark Loucks to the position of Interim Building Based Administrator, retroactive to Monday, February 28, through Friday, April 29, 2022 (42 days @ \$125/day)
- Recommendation to accept the retirement of Karen Ritchey from her position as Classroom Aide, effective at the end of the 2021-2022 school year
- Recommendation to approve the appointment of Cody Claar to the position of full-time Custodian at a starting rate of \$10.00/hour

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Mock, to approve the addition of the “Bulldog Fishing” club as a recognized student activity and authorize the club to hold miscellaneous fundraisers. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket, to approve Agenda Items K.3.b-c. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jess Veverka from her position as Varsity Girls’ Basketball Coach and to see applicants for the position
- Recommendation to approve the addition of Heather Paris to the list of approved volunteers (Softball), pending receipt of all required clearances

Motion by Knott, seconded by Daugherty, to revise the 2021-2022 School Calendar to make April 1st a full day (previously an early dismissal) and May 13th an early dismissal day. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Burket gave a Legislative Report.

Mr. Gergely gave a GACTC Report.

Mr. McLaurin gave an update on the Athletic Project.

Mr. McLaurin gave an update on the Health/Safety Plan.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Mock, to amend the agenda to include the following agenda item:

- It is recommended the Board approve the following update to the Health/Safety Plan: Update the Health/Safety Plan to allow asymptomatic/close contact students to remain in school during the quarantine period while following all CDC recommendations

Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Mock, to approve the following update to the Health/Safety Plan: Update the Health/Safety Plan to allow asymptomatic/close contact students to remain in school during the quarantine period while following all CDC recommendations. asymptomatic/close contact students to remain in school during the quarantine period while following all CDC recommendations. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mr. Kassick presented a letter to the Board regarding yearbooks for Senior students.

The Board examined the sample of proposed new Band Uniforms.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Knott, to amend the agenda to include the following agenda item: It is recommended the Board cover the cost of a yearbook for all Senior students for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion unanimously passed by voice vote.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Gill, to cover the cost of a yearbook for all Senior students for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Mock, to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary