

The Claysburg-Kimmel School District Board of School Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, February 8, 2023, with Ms. Geri Mock, Vice-President, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm. The following members responded to roll call: Ms. Amy Gill, Ms. Mandi Daugherty, Dr. Mona Eckley, Mr. Roger Knisely, Mrs. Heidi Kennedy, Mr. Craig Burket, Mr. Jeremy Knott, and Ms. Geri Mock.. Also present were Ms. Kim Benton, Ms. Brittany Diehl, Ms. Emily Musselman, Mr. Eric Claar, Ms. Kelly Campagna, Ms. Krystal Edwards (Beard Legal Group), Ms. Rachel Foor (Altoona Mirror), Mr. Andrew Piper (WTAJ-TV10), Ms. Courtney McCracken, Ms. Janell Henderson, Mr. Chuck Kassick, Mr. Matt Hall, Mr. Brian Helsel, Mr. Mark Loucks, and Mrs. Michelle Smithmyer.

Ms. Mock acknowledged that the Board met, in Executive Session, prior to this meeting to discuss personnel items.

Administration gave their administrative reports.

Ms. Kelly Campagna addressed the Board. She thanked them for the efforts regarding the Athletic Improvement project and noted how important athletics are to our students.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket to approve the minutes for the January 11, and February 1, 2023 meetings. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

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

- Recommendation to approve the financial audit report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022, as submitted by the firm of Ritchey, Ritchey, and Koontz;
- Recommendation to approve a salary increase of \$300 for Margaret Link in recognition of her Master's Equivalency;
- Recommendation to approve the Agreement with Merakey for the 2022-2023 fiscal year;
- Recommendation to approve the transfer of \$371,051.55 to Fund Balance – Assigned for Future Bond Payments. These revenues will be used to fund the payment for the 2022 Bond for the next 3 years.

Motion by Eckley, seconded by Gill, to open all supplemental athletic positions for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

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

- Recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 School Calendar;
- Recommendation to approve the proposed Changes to the CKHS Scheduling Packet.

Motion by Burket, seconded by Eckley, to approve the second reading of the following policies, pending solicitor review: #200 – Pupils; #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students, #204 –

Attendance, #217 – Graduation; #233 – Suspension and Expulsion; #221 – Dress and Grooming; #251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability; #810 – Transportation. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket, to approve Agenda Items I.5.a-e. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. These agenda items are:

- Recommendation to accept the retirement of April Ferguson from her position as teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;
- Recommendation to accept the retirement of Jennifer Helsel from her position as teacher, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year;
- Recommendation to approve the following staffing: Transfer Brianna Ford to a 5.5 hour cafeteria worker position; transfer Ashley Weyandt to a 5.5 hour cafeteria worker position; appoint Brandie Bertram to the position of a 4 hour/day cafeteria worker at a starting salary of \$11.50/hour;
- Recommendation to approve the addition of Wesley Hunter to the list of Support Staff Substitutes;
- Recommendation to authorize Administration to accept any additional Notice(s) of Retirement received prior to the end of February for Board approval at the next Official Meeting.

Mr. Burket thanked the District for hosting Junior High County Chorus. He noted that Mr. Seymour chose a nice selection of songs. The students did a great job. Mr. Kassick thanked Mrs. Lightner for her great organization and for putting together a nice experience for the students.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Burket, to approve the addition of an agenda item to approve Change Orders #001, 002, and 003. These Change Orders were received earlier today, which did not allow sufficient time to modify any agenda items based on the information received. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Kennedy, to approve Change Order # 001 – Force Turf Solutions – Excavate approximately 110 cy of material and replace with aggregate and compact - \$8,901.00. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket and Dr. Eckley voting against the motion.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Gill, to approve Change Order # 002 – Force Turf Solutions – Haul, place and bring subbase to grade after removal of unsuitable surface material (Change order is not for removal; removal is covered in bid) - \$21,511. Motion passed by majority vote, with Mr. Burket and Dr. Eckley voting against the motion.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Gill, to approve Change Order #003 – Force Turf Solutions – change concrete curb from 6 to 12 inches to accommodate the fence posts in the curb - \$14,217. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote.

Mrs. Smithmyer provided an update on Athletic Project expenditures and Athletic Project fundraising.

Motion by Kennedy, seconded by Daugherty, to accept the resignation of Geri Mock from her position as School Board Member and seek applicants for her vacant position. Motion unanimously passed by roll call vote. Ms. Mock thanked the Board Members for their support. Board Members and Mr. Loucks expressed their gratitude to Ms. Mock for her service to the students and community.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Daugherty, to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Michelle R. Smithmyer

Board Secretary