

CLINTONDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Regular Board Meeting November 13, 2017
6:30 PM

President, Jason Davidson called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. in the High School Conference Center then led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

ROLL CALL

Present

Jason Davidson

Thomas Evilsizer

Michael Scott

Michael Manning

Beverly Lewis-Moss -Tardy

Shenique Moss - Tardy

Lois Murray

ABSENT

None

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Greg Green, Superintendent

Joseph Ciaramitaro, II, Attorney

Kris Trobaugh, Executive Assistant

Jenna Matheson

Jalen Fredericks

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Manning, support by Ms. Murray that the Board approve the agenda as amended. Add 1AD-UTC Contract discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion by Mr. Scott, support by Ms. Murray that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2017 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

James Barrows

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Green wished everyone a happy holiday season. He announced that all of our schools are off the priority list and we officially have no schools on any lists. We are very happy about that.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES' REPORT

Jenna reported that the 7-8 football team had a successful season with a 5-1 record and 8th grade volleyball team had a 8-2 record, 7th grade volleyball had a 7-2 record. Thank you to all of the coaches. Spirit week ended with an all school assembly with 7th-8th grade competing against each other. 7th and 8th grade boy's basketball is under way with tryouts next week. They are looking forward to a great season.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT - Middle School-Coding Continues

Mr. Hamden introduced Jason Machalak to show the Board the Coding program in the Middle School. Jason thanked Mr. Green and the Board for continuing this program. We have all students taking coding class from K-12. Students are learning critical thinking and problem solving skills, creativity, sequential thinking and increased confidence. Three students demonstrated programs they created using their coding skills. The students started with a blank slate and created a story using coding.

PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT ITEMS - #1- #7

Motion by Shenique Moss, support by Mr. Manning that the Board approve the consent items. Motion carried unanimously.

#1 APPROVE the following proposed Committee Minutes:

Finance Committee - November 8, 2017

Technology Committee - October 27, 2017

- #2 APPROVE an unpaid leave for James Barrows, crossing guard, beginning December 5, 2017 for approximately 8 weeks, per medical documentation submitted November 7, 2017.
- #3 APPROVE the termination of Denise Clayton, bus aide, effective November 14, 2017.
- #4 APPROVE David Myers as the High School Girls' Junior Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of pay of \$4,531.28 (8% of Step 10 of the BA Salary Schedule).
- #5 APPROVE Courtney Dickinson as the High School Boys' Junior Varsity Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of pay of \$4,356.96 (8% of Step 9 of the BA Salary Schedule).
- #6 APPROVE Eric Thompson as the High School Boys' Freshman Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of pay of \$2,591.40 (5% of Step 1 of the BA Salary Schedule).
- #7 APPROVE Joseph Arment as the High School Bowling Coach for the 2017-2018 school year at a rate of pay of \$1,851.40 (5% of Step 1 of the BA Salary Schedule).
- #8 RESOLUTION TO IMPOSE A SUMMER PROPERTY TAX LEVY - Motion by Mr. Scott, support by Ms. Murray that the Board adopt and file the Resolution to Impose a Summer Property Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously.
- #9 KSS ENTERPRISES PURCHASE ORDER - Motion by Mr. Evilsizer, support by Mr. Manning that the Board approve the blanket purchase order for KSS Enterprises in the amount of \$5,000.00 for custodial supplies. Motion carried unanimously.
- #10 ELECTROSTATIC SPRAYER - Motion by Ms. Murray, support by Mr. Evilsizer that the Board approve the purchase of an Electrostatic Sprayer from KSS Enterprises in the amount of \$4,995.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- #11 GRAPESEED FOR RAINBOW AND MCGLINNEN - Motion by Ms. Murray, support by Mr. Scott that the Board approve the contracts for Grapeseed for Rainbow and McGlinnen for a total of \$3,000.00. This will be paid with Title I funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- #12 WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP - Motion by Mr. Evilsizer, support by Ms. Murray that the Board approve an overnight trip to Washington D.C. May 18, 2018 thru May 19, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.
- #13 COMCAST PURCHASE ORDER - Motion by Mr. Scott, support by Mr. Evilsizer that the Board approve the purchase order for Comcast Spotlight in the amount of \$6,000.00 for digital advertising. This is part of the Marketing budget that was approved by the Board. Motion carried unanimously.
- #14 TECHNOLOGY CHROMEBOOK RFP - Motion by Ms. Murray, support by Mr. Scott that the Board approve CDWG for the purchase of new Chromebooks and carts not to exceed \$166,685.00. Motion carried unanimously.

- #1AD UNIVERSAL TRAINING CONTRACT DISCUSSION - Motion by Ms. Moss, support by Mr. Manning that the Board have a discussion on the two UTC contracts, which were terminated in a previous meeting upon discussion and recommendation of legal team.

Mr. Davidson: Mr. Reynolds we will allot you 10 minutes then the Board at their discretion, can ask any questions they may have for you or our staff.

Mr. Reynolds: Thank you Mr. Davidson, Mr. Green, Honored Board Members. UTC is proposing to just finish the school year because we have between 350 and 400 ESL students and 41 high school students. The issue with not finishing the school year is going to put a major hardship on these students. A lot of these students, because they get to come to class, get benefits, they get bridge cards, they get unemployment benefits. The ESL program that Clintondale teaches is unique because we put the students first. What we do is we allow every day to be open enrollment day up until like March 31st. What this does is causes more work on us, but it makes the student who really needs their ESL classes not have to wait months. The nearest school from our location is approximately a 45 minute walk. And it is a 41 minute bus ride because of the route. And they can't start until February which means a lot of these students will lose their benefits. The high school will have some students who will age out and we also have an issue we have a couple of students who, I can't talk about it, it is a personal issue, can only attend, I can't get into unless we are in closed session, It is an issue that their involvement will only allow them to take, let's just say the judge ordered it at our site or no site. We have a lot of good kids who have never had a problem at our site, you never hear about any fights. It just came to our attention about the ESL program, that Clintondale does not have any revenue from that program so one of the things we wanted to do was we wanted to put students before profits and we offered basically to move the 41 students into the district at our cost and then split the revenue 50/50 with Clintondale which brings you just approximately \$160,000 is what you would be creating in revenue for doing that. So I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Mr. Davidson: Mr. Ciaramitaro, some background - Clintondale had a program in Madison Heights, I can't remember the address, but, a specific address in Madison Heights which was the purpose, correct Mr. Green to maintain a presence in Madison Heights, which was why we maintained that facility there, correct?

Mr. Green: Correct

Mr. Davidson: And we could not relocate, Mr. Ciaramitaro, what is the current statute for an alternative ed site location outside your district.

Mr. Ciaramitaro: The current statute, which I believe was again amended in April of this year requires the operation of an alternative education program in another school district requires the permission of that other school district for an outside school district to operate that program. However, there was a time when other programs were grandfathered in at specific sites, which our program was grandfathered in. The way the statute reads if a site, specify site is changed, you have to go back and get permission of the school district, you cannot operate in another site without the local school district's permission.

Mr. Davidson: So when a vendor either thru eviction, or, which was the documentation we received, at lease an eviction hearing was held, correct?

Mr. Ciaramitaro: There was an eviction suit that was filed my understanding is that suit was settled resulting in the premises being vacated by Universal or R&R, whatever the other entity was that the lease was under its name.

Mr. Davidson: And you currently do not have that location any longer, correct Mr. Reynolds?

Mr. Reynolds: No, we don't have that location. And we were not evicted there was a consent judgement made and we were released from - at one time there was a claim of approximately \$200,000 of back rent that we owed and we were released from that claim.

Mr. Davidson: So, through the release you voluntarily vacated that facility.

Mr. Reynolds: The landlord was tired of the issues that came up and basically was vacated.

Mr. Davidson: So you vacated the facility.

Mr. Reynolds: Correct and we have a new location approximately 9/10ths of a mile down the street.

Mr. Davidson: But the law does not permit that.

Mr. Reynolds: For the alternative ed, you are correct, Mr. Davidson, the ESL we could be moved there, that's why we proposed to move the 41 kids into your district and let them finish the year out so some of them could even graduate and then change the revenue.

Ms. Murray: How would you propose that those 41 students would get to a location you are talking about within our district?

Mr. Reynolds: Well we give out bus passes. A lot of them take bus passes home. Some of them have cars when it comes to our kids. Believe it or not it is the adults about 70% of our adults walk, about 70% of our kids drive and the other ones take the bus to that location. And this is an alternative ed program so a lot of time they work at home.

Ms. Murray: And you have secured a location in the Clintondale District?

Mr. Reynolds: Yes

Ms. Murray: And then of those 41 students, how many of them have been a part of the count.

Mr. Reynolds: My understanding all 41 have. We turned in our mentor logs like we were supposed to on the date and I just texted the teacher, who told me she and, there are multiple teachers, but this is the ELL teacher and she said

Ms. Murray: Kris, can you confirm that they were part of the count that was submitted in October?

Ms. Trobaugh: The count period runs for four weeks from September 27 thru November 4th, so they vacated that location on October 23rd, so that did not fulfill that four week count period at that location.

Mr. Reynolds: But the kids that work online and our instructors did do the mentor logs and we also had tutoring available for the ELL at a separate location for those students that needed it pretty much. So for all practical purposes, it is an alternative ed program they did complete, in fact they are still completing, this weekend.

Ms. Murray: But if I am understanding Kris correctly per procedural for pupil accounting there had to be a four week physical period in order for Clintondale to get credit for those students and if I am understanding you correct Kris, that did not happen by one week.

Ms. Trobaugh: That did not happen.

Ms. Murray: That's what I wanted to know.

Mr. Reynolds: Just so I can get clarification, because this is the first I have heard that it had to be physical, I was told if it wasn't physical we had to keep mentor logs where the teacher would call the student and keep a very detailed log about what they did online.

Ms. Murray: I am asking about the time frame. I am not asking whether those students were physically at a site. Because like you said some of them were virtual and some deal with the mentors one on one. I wanted clarification as it related to pupil accounting, what is the standards from the state and Kris answered it.

Mr. Reynolds: I understand, I was just asking because I don't understand if the student is doing the work and mentor logs was properly done, if the student doesn't have to physically be there, why won't they be counted.

Ms. Trobaugh: Because we are grandfathered into that address. Once the district no longer had control of that address, we no longer can count those students.

Mr. Scott: So we might not get funding for the whole year.

Ms. Trobaugh: That is correct, we wouldn't get funding the next count day is in February.

Ms. Murray: So even if we, the 41 students if we counted them in February, were not going to get the total funding?

Ms. Trobaugh: We would get 10% of the funding in February and that wouldn't come in until the 2019 school year.

Mr. Davidson: So, for clarification. If this was reinstated if those students started tomorrow. We will not receive the 90% of funding which is the big funding

Ms. Trobaugh: That is correct.

Mr. Davidson: We would only receive the 10% which will not hit until next year.

Ms. Trobaugh: Right. Correct.

Mr. Davidson: So even if we had the 41 students, my guess is based upon the numbers presented by Mr. Reynolds, we would receive \$38,000. It is going to cost more than \$38,000 to educate these students and transport them.

Ms. Trobaugh: Correct.

Ms. Moss: Good evening Mr. Reynolds, have you been contacted by the state on this matter.

Mr. Reynolds: You know I have and I was just trying to look his name up. We have been in contact with the Department of Education, the alternative education department, Eric Lipinski, and he did not tell us that was going to be an issue. He, at the time was trying to research and find out if we could move because our move was so slight, same school district, same city, same zip code. He said he didn't see an issue with the move. He hasn't gotten back with us yet to finalize that, but my solution was just to transfer the students to the Clintondale district and we know that wouldn't be an issue. When we talked to this gentleman and he was aware of the situation with us moving, he did not tell us that these students would not be counted because we still have students working on their alternative ed program as of today.

Mr. Manning: Mr. Reynolds over the last couple of years have there been any problems with Universal Training over, with anything, payroll, teachers, have you ran into any significant problems with anything?

Mr. Reynolds: The last couple of years, no, sir.

Mr. Davidson: At this point, I think the concern is and we discussed it when we met is that a spouse of a former employee of yours was paid but services were not rendered. Whether you had knowledge of that or not, it was presented and I think it was admitted by Mr. Ciaramitaro, the individual was Angelo Selva?

Mr. Ciaramitaro: From my understanding the information that was presented to the school by other people that worked there was that his wife had been paid for services she never rendered.

Mr. Davidson: So there is some fiduciary issues and concerns as well. Mr. Manning

Mr. Manning: And I just want to say one thing, and this is touchy, Mr. Reynolds, and I sympathize with what you are going through. I recently, while watching the news, there was an allegation of a \$50,000 bribe, which was given to a high ranking official at Universal? I was wondering if maybe you could comment on that?

Mr. Reynolds: The comment is that I was charged with a crime I didn't commit. The justice department has cancelled my hearing twice because I can prove that I didn't do it. Unfortunately, because of my attorney he said we don't get fried in the papers, we get fried in court. And I am not allowed to state what my proof is because he says that needs to be done in court. So, I am innocent and I didn't do what they accused me of and I can prove it.

Mr. Manning: I mean I understand that these are alleged charges and you haven't been convicted of anything.

Mr. Reynolds: Correct.

Mr. Manning: I am not insinuating anything, I just happened to be watching the news couple of days ago and part of the agreement for someone who had taken a plea was that he had given direct testimony against you and mentioned you by name.

Mr. Reynolds: They mention me by name because I am the only one who has not taken a plea deal. And if you listen to more of what he did, he stole 4 or 5 million dollars from other companies, shell companies, trying to think of what else he did, he opened up phony bank accounts, so he doesn't seem all that credible to me. And I think he is going to say whatever he can to try to save himself. With that being said, I want to remind everybody with the amount of students that were effected here. These people, you know just the ESL program by itself, which would be allowed to operate, if they don't get the education not only to learn how to speak English, but, they are gong to lose benefits. OK, I mean they are going to lose them, the families are going to lose their bridge cards, their unemployment insurance, OK. That's why I came up with this proposal so we could finish out the year, then we can part ways. You know, if you want to take your motion of approval based on, if you want to split it up into two separate issues, because they are two separate issues. You could do that, you could do the ESL program, you could do the alternative ed program. Perhaps, you know, let us go forward with the ESL program and then the alternative ed program when we get a confirmation from the state. That could be a decision. You know, I can't do anything more, like I said volunteering to move these kids and I will pay for them being moved in to the district so that these kids don't age out, so they have a chance to get a diploma.

Ms. Lewis-Moss: Can't those kids go to other districts if they are under age?

Mr. Reynolds: Some of them can and some of them can't.

Ms. Lewis-Moss: Which ones can't

Mr. Reynolds: Well, there's two or three of them court ordered to only our school. Only Clintondale.

Ms. Lewis-Moss: But the court can change something as far as the school, the court can make an adjustment.

Mr. Reynolds: I was told it was here or nowhere and that was what I was told by the probation officer.

Ms. Lewis-Moss: But, with the school closing, so I am sure the court would take under consideration to that. I can't see the court not considering that, I mean they can't determine whether the school is open or closed.

Mr. Reynolds: I can't speak to that. I mean I can tell you the Lamphere school district doesn't accept anybody over 18, and we do, so they have already aged out of that system.

Mr. Davidson: So let's see if I can recap, So currently, at the last regular board meeting the board voted to terminate the contract based upon breach. And since the contracts are intermingled, and the facility was vacated. Subsequently after that we did notify the State of Michigan and the Wayne RESA because Wayne RESA administers our adult ed funding. And Mr. Green have you had any communication with Wayne RESA confirming the termination of that? And as far as I understand it, these students can be picked up by another adult ed program or be transferred to another district if they so choose to pick up adult ed.

Mr. Green: That is correct. Jason Evers apparently he had contacted us and Mr. Reynolds had contacted Mr. Evers at some point in the last 10 days and said that everything was fine with Clintondale, which it wasn't. He wanted to get clarification where we stood with the program. We sent him an email because he didn't have a physical business location that we were going to terminate the contract, or not terminate but cancel the contract. And we sent that notification to the state, or to Wayne RESA, you know saying that this was our position, our position hasn't changed thus far. That was late last week, Thursday, Friday. I was in Lansing so it was on Thursday. We did that, sent it to them, they held the money because they weren't sure of our status of our program they will kick the money back to the other districts that are operating the program.

Mr. Davidson: And for the alternative ed Ms. Trobaugh, your understanding based upon doing pupil enrollment, pupil count, regardless if these students start tomorrow, next Monday or three weeks from now we will not receive funding for them.

Ms. Trobaugh: That is correct, that is my opinion, yes that's what I feel.

Ms. Moss: Have you been in contact with anyone at the State regarding this?

Ms. Trobaugh: I have not been in contact with the state at this point, but I have been doing pupil accounting for 6 years and this is how it works, we know the law, the laws that we have to follow.

Mr. Davidson: And I assume I can speak for the Board that we do have concerns with these students because it was discussed at the prior meeting that I would never assume that any member of the board does not have care or concern for our students whether they are K-12 proper or alternative ed or some of the other programs that we are running. It's unfortunate, We have to make the decision based upon what we have and the probability of this being legal and being successful and the potential cost to the district. Because if we are not receiving funding, unless you have another funding source, we are not funding this, we cannot fund this, we will not fund this, we will not front or loan money to start this program, as we have discussed before, we cannot loan any funds as a public entity, so those are my concerns and why I would support maintaining the decision of the Board previously.

Mr. Scott: I would agree that since the district is just coming out of debt, we can't loan money to some other entity to try to save them. And these 41 students, that is a long distance for them to come, right, are they going to come this far are we going to be able to keep the 41?

Mr. Reynolds: We spoke with them and they were interested in coming. And just in speaking to the Board, a suggestion I have, you can take it or leave it for what it's worth. My request would be to do two separate motions, one motion would be to reinstate the ESL contract at the new building, which is allowed, it can be moved. The second motion could be based on confirmation from the State whether those students could be counted or not, it could be contingent.

Mr. Scott: The ESL program is a break even program at the present time, and sometimes it costs us money doesn't it, so we could go into a contract that could cost us even more money with the ESL program.

Mr. Reynolds: The ESL program, last year, there was a claim that it cost you money. I asked for financial records for months and never received them, however, Mrs. West worked with your finance manager and brought that to zero so that there was no loss.

Mr. Scott: The previous vendor that did the ESL program got out of the program because it was not a money making program, it is a break even program.

Mr. Reynolds: Well, Its how you do it, when we took over, you were dead last in region 10. It was approximately \$330,000 grant and it had almost 300 students, after we have done it for the third year it's now \$607,000 for the grant and we have well over 400 students.

Ms. Murray: You can't move those students to another district? Where you say you are going to lease a building down the road up the street?

Mr. Reynolds: I'm sorry

Ms. Murray: You can't move those ESL students to the district that's the building where you said you were..

Mr. Reynolds: We could do move them there
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Ms. Murray: Then why not partner with those school districts for those students?

Mr. Reynolds: Because when your grant got submitted it was June of 2017. And the nearest facility that does ESL is approximately a 45 minute walk, 70% of our students walk, so it really wouldn't work out for them. And they don't start classes, like I said we were unique we did open enrollment every day, they don't. They do open enrollment 3 or 4 days at the end of January and the classes start after that. It's very limited. Whereas we made it easy for the student because we understand they already have a challenge not being able to speak English.

Mr. Scott: So these students could go into other districts around them, there would be openings.

Mr. Reynolds: For the ESL? Not until next year. In February and by then they would lose their benefits.

Mr. Davidson: We may or may not have brought it to zero, but there have been issues in maintaining positive balance in those two operations that's been demonstrated. Again, Wayne RESA can ship those people, as far as I understand, to a different district. Whether they get there or not, that is my understanding, could be wrong, is that correct, Mrs. Pavlik, they can be shipped over from Wayne RESA?

Mrs. Pavlik: Yes

Mr. Davidson: Anything, any other questions or comments, Mr. Ciaramitaro, Mr. Green

Mr. Scott: So with the proper support to these students, we could get them in to other places.

Mr. Reynolds: I respectfully disagree, we have been doing this program for several years, these students are not going to go there. And they walk.

Mr. Scott: The opportunity is there for them to go to other places.

Mr. Davidson: What is the wish of the Board?

Motion by Ms. Moss, support by Ms. Murray that the Board reaffirm the previous position not to proceed with the contracts. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

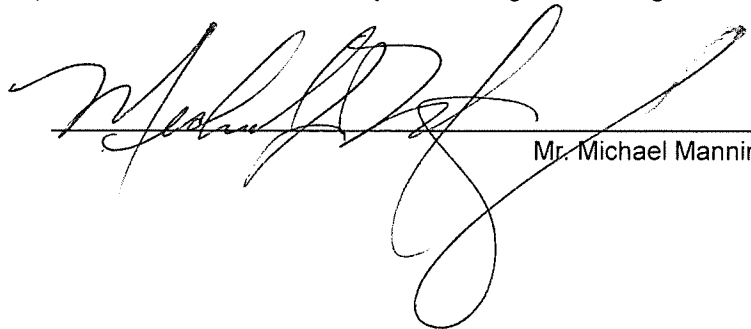
Motion by Mr. Scott, support by Ms. Murray that the Board approve the bills for payment for the period ending November 3, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Evilsizer support by Ms. Moss that the Board adjourn the regular meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.



Mr. Michael Manning, Secretary