

CRAWFORD CENTRAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT CENTER**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

I. REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 27, 2020, CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Feleppa at 5:30 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Members in attendance: Ms. Melissa Burnett, Mrs. Jan Feleppa, Ms. Paula Lynch, Mr. Bryan Miller, Mr. Kevin Merritt, Mr. Ross Prather, Mr. Jeffrey Rose, Mr. Frank Schreck and Mr. Delwood Smith

Members absent: None

Others in attendance: Ms. Pat Conchie, Ms. Tammi Costello, Mr. Mike Crowley (News Media), Ms. Sandra DuChese, Mrs. Jennifer Galdon, Mrs. Rebecca Gentile, Ms. Brenda McMaster, Dr. Ann Noonan, Mr. Guy O'Neil, Mrs. Lisa Pittner, Mr. Christopher Sennett, Mrs. Natalie Stearns, Mr. Matthew Tarr, Chris Thoma, Mr. Thomas Washington and Mrs. Alisa Willey

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- January 21, 2020 – Student Discipline/Potential Litigation – 6:34 P.M.–6:50 P.M.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA OF JANUARY 27, 2020

None

VI. PRESENTATION

The Meadville Area Senior High School Class of 1964 presented a donation to Natalie Stearns for The Caring Closet.

VII. 2019-2020 STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

1. Meadville Area Senior High School – Ryan Young – Discussed sports, Band, Chorus and Drama students trip to Disney World, Design Review, Custodian Dave Wheeler receiving the Golden Apple Award, LINK crew, Christmas decorating, school events and Student Council Spirit Week.
2. Cochranon Jr.-Sr. High School – Kaylin Rose – Discussed sports, STEM Academy, Regional Academic Sports League and school events.
3. Meadville Area Middle School – Payton Costello and Camryn Guffey – Discussed The Caring Closet donation, National Geographic Project, The Beloved Community event, Disney World trip, sports, What's So Cool About Manufacturing contest.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Mr. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the following Minutes:

1. Regular Board Meeting of November 25, 2019 (Attachment – pp. ____)
2. Reorganization Meeting of December 3, 2019 (Attachment – pp. ____)
3. Committee of the Whole Meeting of January 21, 2020 (Attachment – pp. ____)

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM – Melissa Burnett, Chairperson

Motion: Ms. Burnett
Second: Ms. Lynch

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the One Federal Credit Union Student Branch Agreement for Second District Elementary School (Attachment – pp. ____)

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

EXTRACURRICULAR - Paula J. Lynch, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE FORMATION OF THE PULSAR SEARCH COLLABORATORY CLUB AND THE CARING CLOSET CLUB

Motion: Ms. Lynch
Second: Mr. Merritt

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the Pulsar Search Collaboratory Club and the Caring Closet Club at Meadville Area Senior High School, at no cost to the District (Attachment – pp. ____)

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIPS/EVENTS

Motion: Ms. Lynch
Second: Mr. Merritt

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the following fieldtrips/events:

- Meadville Area Senior High School Jazz Band to attend District Jazz in Bradford, Pennsylvania, on February 6-8, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$1,998.40
- Meadville Area Senior High School Choir to attend Region Chorus in Corry, Pennsylvania, on February 27-29, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$2,013.40
- Meadville Area Senior High School Band to attend Region Band in Indiana, Pennsylvania, on March 25-27, 2020, at a cost to the District of \$1,972.60
- Meadville Area Senior High School Innovation Class to travel to New York City on April 23-26, 2020, at a cost to the District not to exceed \$1,000

(Attachment – pp. ____)

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

FINANCE – Jeffrey S. Rose, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the following Financial Activities:

1. Treasurer's Report for November and December 2019 (Attachment – pp. ____)
2. Financial Statements for November and December 2019 (Attachment – pp. ____)
3. Payment of Bills for December 2019 and January 2020 (Attachment – pp. ____)

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Merritt

- Payment of Bills for Girardat LP

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstention (Mr. Smith)
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 2-1989 OF THE BOROUGH OF COCHRANTON AND ORDINANCE NO. 8-1992 OF THE BOROUGH OF COCHRANTON; AUTHORIZING EXEMPTIONS FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION IN THE DESIGNATED DETERIORATED AREA OF THE BOROUGH OF COCHRANTON PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION TAX ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Merritt

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (the "LERTA"), at 72 P.S. §4723, authorizes local taxing authorities to exempt new construction in deteriorated areas of economically depressed communities; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Cochranton (the "Borough") adopted Ordinance No. 2-1989 and Ordinance No. 8-1992 which authorized the use of LERTA for deteriorated properties within the entirety of the Borough's corporate limits; and

WHEREAS, the Borough believes that the use of LERTA will spur economic development within the Borough and will benefit the Borough's citizens; and

WHEREAS, Crawford County has adopted and approved Ordinance No.2-1989 and Ordinance No. 8-1992 regarding the County's portion of real property taxes for deteriorated properties; and

WHEREAS, the Crawford Central School District (the "School District") wishes to join together with the Borough and Crawford County to cooperate and to exempt deteriorated properties within the deteriorated area in the Borough from School District real property taxes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors of the Crawford Central School District as follows:

1. The School District hereby approves and adopts Ordinance No.2-1989 and Ordinance No. 8-1992 of the Borough, as attached hereto as Exhibit A and Exhibit B.
2. The School District hereby approves the "deteriorated area" in which LERTA applies to be the entire corporate limits of the Borough.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

(Attachment – pp. _____)

By Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Feleppa – Nay; Ms. Burnett – Nay; Ms. Lynch – Nay; Mr. Merritt – Aye; Mr. Miller – Aye; Mr. Prather – Nay; Mr. Rose – Aye; Mr. Schreck – Aye; Mr. Smith – Aye

Vote: 5 Ayes 4 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF ADAMS PLACE LERTA REQUEST

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Merritt

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the forwarding of the Adams Place LERTA request to the Tax Assessment Office of Crawford County, as required under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act, 72 P.S. §4727

By Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Feleppa – Nay; Ms. Burnett – Nay; Ms. Lynch – Nay; Mr. Merritt – Aye; Mr. Miller – Aye; Mr. Prather – Aye; Mr. Rose – Aye; Mr. Schreck – Aye; Mr. Smith – Aye

Vote: 6 Ayes 3 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GUY O'NEIL AND PHYLLIS LORD TO THE CRAWFORD COUNTY TAX COLLECTION COMMITTEE

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Smith

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Act 32 of 2008, the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby reappoints Guy W. O'Neil, Business Manager as the Tax Collection Committee Primary Voting Delegate for the Crawford Central School District; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby reappoints Phyllis Lord, Assistant Business Manager, as the Tax Collection Committee Alternate Voting Delegate for the Crawford Central School District; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the Primary Voting Delegate cannot attend a Tax Collection Committee meeting, then the Alternate Voting Delegate shall attend the Tax Collection Committee meeting. The reappointment of Mr. O'Neil and Mrs. Lord as Delegates are effective immediately and shall continue until their successors are appointed. Delegates shall be appointed or reappointed by the Board each year. All Delegates shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE L – BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Miller

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the Schedule L – Budgetary Transfers (Attachment – pp. ____)

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL/POLICY - Jan A. Feleppa, Chairperson

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEE STATUS

Acknowledgement that under the terms of Section 1108 of the School Code, the Superintendent has notified the Secretary of the Board that Richard K. Grubbs has received a satisfactory rating for his sixth semester of employment and has thereby gained the status of “professional employee” and will be tendered a professional employee contract beginning with the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year.

APPROVAL OF STIPULATION INVOLVING STUDENT “A”

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Ms. Lynch

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the Stipulation involving student “A”

Vote: 8 Ayes 1 Nay (Mr. Schreck)
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL SCHEDULES

Motion: Ms. Burnett
Second: Mr. Merritt

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the following Personnel Schedules (Attachment – pp. _____)

1. Approval of Schedule A – Resignations – Pages 1 through 2 of the Schedule Section
2. Approval of Schedule C – Support Staff Appointments – Setting of Salaries – Page 3 of the Schedule Section
3. Approval of Schedule D – Extra Duty Appointments – Setting of Salaries – Page 4 of the Schedule Section
4. Approval of Schedule E – Attendance at Professional Meetings – Pages 5 through 7 of the Schedule Section
5. Approval of Schedule G – Substitute Support Staff List – Page 8 of the Schedule Section
6. Approval of Schedule H – Leaves of Absence – Page 9 of the Schedule Section
7. Approval of Schedule I – Field Trip Authorization – Page 10 of the Schedule Section
8. Approval of Schedule M – Transportation Sub-Contracted Services – Page 11 of the Schedule Section

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

X. ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Thomas K. Washington, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledged School Director Recognition Month and thanked Mr. Schreck for his support of The Caring Closet.

XI. OTHER PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Frank Scheck commented on the Caring Closet and the Crawford Central Community Foundation.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Ms. Burnett
Second: Mr. Merritt

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Pittner
Board Secretary