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November 22, 2022

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Attn: School Services Unit
333 Market Street
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RE: Resolution Alteration/Curtailment of Position

We are reaching out to inform you of a suspension action that was taken under Section 1124.2 of the School Code. A copy of the Resolution from June 29, 2022 as well as a copy of the Board Minutes from that date are attached.

Should you require anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Donna M. Smith, Board Secretary
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CLARION-LIMESTONE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
RESOLUTION #1
ALTERATION/CURTAILMENT OF POSITION

WHEREAS, the Clarion-Limestone Area Board of School Directors through its Superintendent and Administration has an ongoing responsibility to look at staffing levels, curriculum and delivery of its educational programs; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent and Administration have reviewed the delivery of its educational programs at the elementary level; and

WHEREAS, as a result of same, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board of School Directors will entertain a Motion as follows:

Motion by Bryan Huxar seconded by Rebecca Allison, on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Section 1124.2 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to promote a more effective and efficient educational program and to conform with standards of reorganization, to approve alteration/curtailment of the educational program to approve the elimination/discontinuation of the following:

- Elimination of the Elementary Guidance position at the end of the 2021-2022 school term. The affected individuals in these position is: Erin Hockenberry

Be it further resolved that the affected individual be notified by the Board Secretary and/or the Superintendent of the District's actions in this case:

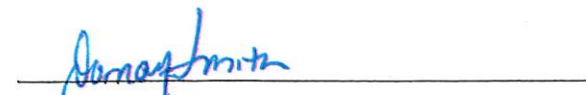
Be it further resolved the Superintendent, his designee or other appropriate individuals, shall take such other action as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out this Motion, including but not limited to, notifying the affected individual in writing of this action, adoption of this Motion and notification to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.



Nathaniel Parker, Board President

June 29, 2022

Date



Donna M. Smith, Board Secretary

6/29/2022

Date

Mission Statement: "The Clarion-Limestone School community is committed to providing students with a quality education in preparation for success in a diverse world."
"An Equal Rights and Opportunities School District"



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AGENDA FOR THE SPECIAL VOTING MEETING OF THE BOARD
Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 5:30 PM in the high school auditorium

- I. Call to order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Public Comment Period
- V. New Business
 - A. Consideration for approval of recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Section 1124.2 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to promote a more effective and efficient educational program and to conform to standards of reorganization, to approve alteration/curtailment of the educational program, to approve the elimination/discontinuation of the following:
 - 1. Elimination of the Elementary Guidance position at the end of the 2021-2022 school term. The affected individual in this position is: Erin Hockenberry.
 - B. Consideration for approval to amend the 2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution to change the Clarion County maximum Homestead/Farmstead real estate assessed value reduction from \$3,910 to \$3910.50. (The \$3,910 was approved by resolution at the June 23, 2022 school board meeting)
 - C. Consideration for approval of Lee Park, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, to submit bids at an auction to be held on July 9, 2022 for the purchase of a fork-lift and any other items pertinent to school district operations.
- VI. Adjournment

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SPECIAL VOTING MEETING
JUNE 29, 2022

Board President Nathaniel Parker called the special voting meeting of the Clarion-Limestone Area School District Board of School Directors to order at 5:30 PM in the Clarion-Limestone Area high school auditorium. The meeting was also livestreamed.

Members Present: Rebecca Allison, Chris Boozer, Dave Eggleton, Bryan Huwar, Dave Louder, Nathaniel Parker, Marty Selker, Gary Sproul

Members Absent: Joe Billotte

Administration Present: John David Johnson, Substitute Superintendent

Colette Vickers, Business Manager

Rob Sintobin, High School Principal

Jon Quinn, Elementary School Principal

Jason Edmonds, Special Education Supervisor

Lee Park, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

Jeff Bilquist, Management Information Systems Director

Donna Smith, Board Secretary

Student Board Representative(s) Present: None

Staff Present: Erin Hockenberry, Emily Coulson, Christine Pierce, Lori Rawson, Mickey Truman, Lynne Kepler, Randy George, Jamie Grace, Karen Williams, Michael Bertoni, Tracey Johnston, Kelli Hummell, Teresa Cyphert, Jennifer Simpson, Marissa Cumo-Widmer, Stephanie Kalinowski, Jill Orcutt

News Representative(s) Present: Ryan Pugh, *The Clarion News*

Others present: Tina Simpson, Lee Holmes-Huwar, Beth Caldwell, Linda Coulson, Peggy Strohm-Rossey, Teresa Haines, Kevin Haines, Monique Monrean, Lisa Milliron, Elizabeth Clinger

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Erin Hockenberry, Corsica Borough – spoke on her own behalf asking the school board to maintain her position as the elementary school guidance counselor

Jennifer Hurrelbrink, Clarion Township – Shared a success story about her own daughter.

Carlie Hurrelbrink, Clarion Township, student – Don't take away the ROX program.

Elizabeth Clinger, Union Township – Who will advocate for the children and their needs?

Mike Bertoni, Clarion Township – Erin Hockenberry is a vital member of our school.

Jamie Grace, 4th grade teacher – Shocked about this decision when there are so many mental health issues with students.

Lee Holmes Huwar, Millcreek Township – Our students need coping and conflict resolution strategies to keep them as functioning members of society.

Carrie Onuffer, Limestone Township – Shared the difference between a guidance counselor and a behavior specialist.

Mickey Truman, 5th grade teacher – Has anyone met with Erin Hockenberry to discuss the proposal?

Randy George, Clarion Township – High School Social Studies teacher – Erin Hockenberry serves as the SAP Coordinator in the elementary, PSSA Coordinator, and Child Study Team Coordinator to name a few responsibilities. He asked the board to table the motion.

Christine Best, 5th grade teacher – Our enrollment may not be going up, but the mental health issues are.

Tina Simpson, Corsica Borough – She is afraid we have not seen the full effect of the pandemic on our students.

Hannah Allison, Clarion Township – We need an elementary school guidance counselor the same as a school nurse as the guidance counselor provides mental healthcare.

Monique Monrean, Limestone Township – She benefited from school counselors when she was in school and questions why we would consider removing the position.

Beth Caldwell, Clarion Township – The district employees manufacture the ultimate product our children. Their psychological safety it of the utmost importance.

Doug Kepler, Union Township – We are placing an armed guard at the elementary building to protect our children and yet eliminating the guidance counselor position?

Lisa Milliron, Limestone Township – She is neutral on the decision but feels the board will do what is best in making their decision.

Christine Smith, Union Township – Look at the roles of the positions and what it covers, think about restructuring and reach out to other professionals.

NEW BUSINESS

ERIN HOCKENBERRY, ELEMENTARY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR POSITION CURTAILED

Bryan Huwar made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Allison, to approve the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Section 1124.2 of the Pennsylvania Public School Code of 1949, as amended, in order to promote a more effective and efficient educational program and to conform to standards of reorganization, to approve alteration/curtailment of the educational program, to approve the elimination/discontinuation of the following:

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Roll call vote: Rebecca Allison, Yes; Chris Boozer, Yes; Dave Eggleton, Yes; Bryan Huwar, Yes; Dave Louder, Yes; Nathaniel Parker, Yes; Marty Selker, Yes and Gary Sproul, No. The motion carried.

2022 HOMESTEAD AND FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION RESOLUTION AMENDMENT APPROVED

Dave Eggleton made a motion, seconded by Chris Boozer, to amend the 2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution to change the Clarion County maximum Homestead/Farmstead real estate assessed value reduction from \$3,910 to \$3910.50. (The \$3,910 was approved by resolution at the June 23, 2022 school board meeting)

Roll call vote: Rebecca Allison, Yes; Chris Boozer, Yes; Dave Eggleton, Yes; Bryan Huwar, Yes; Dave Louder, Yes; Nathaniel Parker, Yes; Marty Selker, Yes and Gary Sproul, Yes. The motion carried.

APPROVAL FOR LEE PARK TO SUBMIT BIDS AT A PUBLIC AUCTION BEING HELD ON JULY 9, 2022

Rebecca Allison made a motion, seconded by David Louder, to permit Lee Park, Superintendent of Buildings & Grounds, to submit bids at an auction to be held on July 9, 2022 for the purchase of a fork-lift and any other items pertinent to school district operations.

Roll call vote: Rebecca Allison, Yes; Chris Boozer, Yes; Dave Eggleton, Yes; Bryan Huwar, Yes; Dave Louder, Yes; Nathaniel Parker, Yes; Marty Selker, Yes and Gary Sproul, Yes. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM on a motion made by Dave Louder, seconded by Dave Eggleton and affirmed by all.



Donna M Smith, Board Secretary

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