

**Cardinal Local School District
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2017**

The **Regular Meeting** of the Cardinal Board of Education held at 6:00 p.m. on February 8, 2017, was attended by Ken Klima, Wendy Anderson, Greg McClain, Linda Smallwood and Katie Thomas.

Meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Presentations:

Student Recognition – Mrs. Thomas congratulated the following students:

CAVS Straight A All-Stars: Congratulations to the Q1 Cleveland Cavaliers Straight-A All Stars! They are Mercedes Baker, Bethany Chabot, and Emma Clinger - all 3rd graders. The ladies each received a special Cavs Straight A All-Star t-shirt along with two tickets to the Cavs game December 10. Straight A All-Stars rewards students for high scholastic achievement. The program is open to all elementary students in grades K-8 in Cuyahoga, Lorain, Summit, Medina, Portage, Geauga, Lake, and Ashtabula counties. Students who receive straight A's at the end of the first and second grading periods are entered into the contest. 300 students are chosen to receive the game tickets, t-shirt, and certificate. Congratulations ladies. We hope you enjoyed the game! Keep up the great work! Hopefully we'll have another group to recognize soon as the 2nd quarter comes to a close January 11th.

Entrepreneurial Fair: Business is good in 4th grade as all students continue to capitalize on opportunities in the Entrepreneurial Fair. The Entrepreneurial Fair offers each student an opportunity to develop a business and sell their products to classmates. They use the money earned in their token economy system. Students work in partnerships, develop viable business plans, set prices for products, and offer incentives for consumers to purchase their products. They offer their products for purchase at four separate Entrepreneur Fairs. After the Fair, students must count their money, deduct any overhead, calculate profit, and divide their earnings equally within their partnership. This a great opportunity for students to apply their math skills and test their social studies entrepreneurship content standards. In the second quarter students in Mrs. Santoro's and Mrs. Farrow's homerooms had an opportunity to be entrepreneurs and develop a business plan. Based off of those plans, six students were selected from the two classes as Young Entrepreneurs for the second quarter. They are: Kayleigh Duncan, Elizabeth Lucariello, Michael Kneier, Austin Jones, Kamryn Foutty and Morgan Csontos. Kam and Morgan actually posted the biggest profit from the fair, earning \$1,320.

FUTURE CITY COMPETITION: Cardinal Middle School sent 8th graders Emily Corrao, Grace Grover, and John Kneier to Columbus on Saturday, January 14th, to participate in the Future City Competition - Ohio Region. This was the culminating event of weeks and months of work from a group of 6th, 7th, and 8th graders in Mr. Spence's Future City class. During the 2nd grading period, students created a virtual city and 3D model, and crafted a research essay and a 7 minute presentation to highlight their work on the year's topic: re-imagining public space. Mr. Spence says, "The presentation team performed well and left a strong impression with some of the judges. They represented Cardinal proudly!" Congratulations to the team and all of the Future City students at CMS for their hard work and dedication. A special thank you as well to Cardinal graduate Michael Hickox (class of 2009) and Claire Zurbuch for volunteering their time to support the students.

SPELLING BEE WINNERS: After an epic 18 round, back-and-forth battle on Friday, January 13th, the Cardinal Local School District crowned 6th grader Hennessy Mohnkern as the 2016-17 Spelling Bee Champion! Hennessy beat out 23 other spellers from grades 3-8 and won on the word "closure." She went on to represent Cardinal in the Geauga County Spelling Bee last night, February 7th. Coming in 2nd was 6th grader Gavin Ball, 3rd place went to 3rd grader Elisabeth Morris and rounding out the top 4 was 7th grader Stevie Harper. Congratulations to our winners and to all of the students who participated in the bee!

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Discussion Item:

Pay-to-Participate Fees – Dr. Hunt wanted to give a brief update on the current pay to participate situation. The Board voted to set the fees for musical, HS and MS track, baseball and softball based on a projected cost and a set number of participants. We have had a pretty overwhelming number of donations through the alumni network. We are holding the line to pay up front to get the numbers and then we will recalculate for any refunds. Musical is pretty much covered. One of two things will be done when it comes to the refunds. First we would apply the refund to any outstanding fee balances and then we would make a refund of the balance. We hope to have donations for the levy season as well. At this time we should have enough to run all sport seasons this spring. We greatly appreciate all who have stepped up and helped our students with their donations.

Hearing of the Public:

Kristen Klepper – She has two kids at the high school and two kids at Jordak elementary. She wanted to let the Board know what baseball has been doing. She and her husband put together fundraisers in three days. We are very proud of the boys for raising \$7,000 in one week. Seven families approached them who did not feel their child would be able to play without a fundraiser. So they met with the boys and had 25 kids at that meeting. We are doing a raffle for a Smart TV and a spaghetti dinner this Saturday. We are up to 32 boys working for this team. The boys will be working the dinner as well. They are pretty confident they will raise \$10,000 to cover the cost of the team. We hope the families can pay a lower amount after giving the money from this weekend to the school as some families are unable to come up with the \$492 upfront. *Mrs. Thomas thanked them for what they were doing and asked what time and where was the dinner.* Mrs. Klepper stated it is from 4 pm to 6 pm at the middle school. *Mrs. Smallwood said take outs are available.* Mrs. Thomas added when this discussion came about we were hoping the kids would come together to make it happen.

Seth Klepper – When we went to the first meeting with Mr. George and Mr. Cardinal, everyone was shot down about not having a team. Thank goodness you moved the arrears back to May 1st. We appreciate that tremendously. One friend did not know how she was going to pay. Mr. Klepper played ball on the 1996 winning team and he knows the value of being on a team. When you see these kids you are just blown away by how they came together to make this team a go. He was always negative and he decided to become a part of the solution. Their goal is to have fundraisers for all sports and to get more kids involved. This is a life lesson. If you put your mind to it and you have someone behind you, you can do amazing things. *Mr. Klima said we need more folks like you two stepping up and supporting the kids and the District. You are the problem solvers and we appreciate it.* Mr. Klepper said he grew up with these kids' parents and coached some of these kids over the years. To see them hurting because there would not be a team and they couldn't play the game they love was too much. We will have \$10,000 for the fees. He spent time contacting alumni all over and the support is tremendous. *Mrs. Thomas is always glad to hear good news.* Mrs. Anderson said as he was talking it took her back to when we first went to PTP. We watched the community come together to hold fundraisers for the kids. People are seeing the need. Some of them had no knowledge of the need and the financial situation of the District so this is a helpful eye-opener. *Mr. Klepper feels sports is a very important aspect of a kid's life. There are connections to be made for jobs and lessons to learn for life. They have to communicate with others and they learn more through working together. When they are faced with adversity, they will learn how to overcome. We are really proud of these kids.* Mrs. Klepper added the boys are so proud of their sales and we are so blessed to be a part of this.

The Board thanked the Kleppers for their work and support.

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Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

Human Resources/Personnel

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded a motion to approve the following personnel matters:

Limited Contract

- LaRue Westover, van driver, effective December 26, 2016, Level 2, Step 0.

FMLA

- Kathryn Gladwell, HS Intervention Specialist, effective approximately April 18 - May 30, 2017.

Supplemental Contracts

- Luke Kruse, MS Track coach, Step 2, .06
- Sharon Stotts, MS Track coach, Step 1, .05

Substitutes

- Jeremy Bratnick, maintenance/custodial/transportation, necessary paperwork on file
- Chere Fenselon, Nurse, necessary paperwork on file
- Amber Sperling, cafeteria, necessary paperwork on file

Spring Musical Volunteers

Brad Allen	Deanna Avalon	Michelle Bosak
Jennifer Cooper	Jen Corrao	David Deck
Jennifer Freiberg	Gina Harper	Anne Marie Holt
Jennifer Kitzmiller	Brian Lanstrum	Chris Lanstrum
Jennifer Lanstrum	Jennifer Lehr	Kelliann Linberg
Kristan Mast	Robert Mast	Sarah Mast
Carolyn Miller	Emily Miller	Jessie Osburn
Candi Peters	Krysti Queen	Shannon Skaife
Michelle Soltis	Jason Traggiari	Meg Turon
Brenda Villalta	Mindy White	Laurie Wood

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye

Cardinal Crest

Mr. McClain moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the artwork for the Cardinal Crest. (Attachment A)

Dr. Hunt stated this Cardinal crest was presented to CHS Football Coach Paul Verno in November, 1971 after a 9 – 0 season, by Fred Seman. It was presented at the Community Room of the Huntsburg Baptist Church. This was the only perfect season from 1953 – 1997. The current graduation invitations have a picture of a school that is not ours, so the conversation came up to replace it with the school crest. Since this original crest is a bit dated, the art students have revamped it. We would like to have this art work approved as our official school crest.

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Roll call vote:

Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye

Donations

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mrs. Thomas seconded a motion to approve the following donations:

- Radioactive Electronics, video modulator and installation, \$425.
- Cardinal Athletic Boosters, pay to participate fees for fall sports, \$5,725.
- Kevin and Janet Pollari, pay to participate fees for spring musical and track, \$5,000.

Dr. Hunt wanted to clarify that the Boosters' donation is for Fall 2016 sports and not for next season. Kevin Pollari is part of the alumni network working to get donations for PTP fees. He was inducted into the Alumni Hall of Fame this past year. He wants to see Cardinal prosper and do well. He is getting the word out about the levy and networking for support among the alumni around the states. He feels the solution is here in the community and they want to be a part of the solution.

Roll call vote:

Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye

Agreements

Mr. McClain moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the following College Credit Plus agreements for 2017-18 school year:

- Lakeland Community College (Attachment B)
- Kent State University (Attachment C)

Mr. McClain asked if there were any language changes. Dr. Hunt stated no, it is the same language but there was some changes to the pricing part.

Roll call vote:

Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye

Supplemental Contract

Mr. McClain asked for this to be tabled. *Mr. Klima stated he had to make a motion to do so.* Mr. McClain moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to table the approval of Eric Cardinal, Head Football Coach for the 2017-18 school year, Step 2 - .17.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, nay Wendy Anderson, nay Katie Thomas, nay Linda Smallwood, nay Greg McClain, aye

Mrs. Anderson moved and Mr. Klima seconded a motion to approve Eric Cardinal, Head Football Coach for the 2017-18 school year, Step 2 - .17.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, nay Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, nay

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Treasurer's Report:

Minutes

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mr. McClain seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017, organizational meeting, the January 11, 2017, regular meeting and the January 25, 2017, special/work session meeting.

Roll call vote:

Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, abstain due to absence at meeting, Greg McClain, aye
Linda Smallwood, abstain due to absence at meeting, Katie Thomas, aye

Bills

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the bills in the amount of \$901,107.46 (includes payroll) paid during January, 2017, and those necessary for February, 2017.

Roll call vote:

Wendy Anderson, aye Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye

Financial Reports

Mr. McClain moved and Mrs. Smallwood seconded a motion to approve the SM1, the Monthly Financial Reports and Cash Reconciliation for the month ending January 31, 2017, as submitted. Also approve the amendments to the Certified Revenues and Appropriations for the month of January, and those amendments necessary for February. General Fund Certified Revenues are \$14,130,089 All Other Fund Certified Revenues are \$3,446,847.62. General Fund Appropriations are \$14,019,036. All Other Fund Appropriations are \$3,323,784.78.

Roll call vote:

Katie Thomas, aye Linda Smallwood, aye Greg McClain, aye Ken Klima, aye Wendy Anderson, aye

Interest Income

The School District earned \$125.79 in interest income for the month of January; fiscal year-to-date total is \$2,560.59. Interest rates are: Middlefield Bank – 0.30%.

Information:

- February 10: CMS Valentine's Day Dance (7th & 8th grades)
- February 15: Early Release Day
- February 16: Kindergarten Registration, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. - CIS Gym
- February 16: CHS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3:00-8:00 p.m.
- February 17: Kindergarten Registration, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - CIS Gym
- February 20: No School - President's Day
- February 22: JES/CIS Parent-Teacher Conferences, 4:00-9:30 p.m.
- February 22: BOE Work Session/Special Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- February 23-24: COSI Visits JES/CIS
- February 28: JES/CIS Spring Pictures
- March 1 & 8: Early Release Days
- March 8: BOE Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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Legislative Update:

Mrs. Anderson reported there are quite a few things going on right now. Betsy DeVoss was approved as the Education Secretary. Two good points is she is all for local control and for getting college costs under control. There is a bill introduced to disband the Federal Education Department which could be a good thing. There is more to come on ESSA and the 3rd grade reading guarantee. They are looking to revise testing again and considering going back to the A-F report card. They want to expand the technical courses at the middle school level along with project based learning. The governor's proposed budget is not looking good for schools. *Dr. Hunt stated currently we could see \$240,000 less this year in state funding. In the past they used the October enrollment counts and now they are using rolling enrollment figures so the amount changes each month.* Mrs. Anderson continued stating there will be major losses in the TPP money for next year and each year thereafter. The budget is to be signed by June 30th. The big media news of the day was the bill introduced again to not have school start until after Labor Day. This would be a concern with the testing days, so starting earlier is better. *Mrs. Thomas asked if our school calendar aligns with the college schedules.* Dr. Hunt stated we are fortunate to have 6 or 7 teachers who are credited to teach the CCP courses in our own buildings. Our primary partner is Lakeland Community College. We tell them what courses we want and their professors have right of first refusal. Most do not want to drive here to teach a class, so our teachers are able to teach the class within our schedule. If they take classes off campus, we work with the schedule. Sometimes they start early and sometimes they start those classes after our schedule starts.

Auburn Career Center:

Mr. Klima reported an update on the applications for next school year. They are slightly ahead of last year. Several students are interested in college credit plus and could drop off the list. The Lake Shore Compact has 67 students on the waiting list and as the others drop off they will be added on. The landscaping class has a display at the Home and Garden Show. The hint is to "follow the yellow brick road". They are working with Lake County to update the electric and plumbing in older homes. *Mr. McClain asked if the reconfiguration of the road has cut down the traffic in front of the school.* Mr. Klima stated no one has mentioned it. They are also looking for a new superintendent.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Thomas moved and Mrs. Anderson seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Roll call vote: unanimous yes.

Kenneth Klima, President

Merry Lou Knuckles, Treasurer