

CRAWFORD CENTRAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT CENTER**

**MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2020
5:30 P.M.**

I. REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 23, 2020, CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mrs. Feleppa at 5:34 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 (joined meeting at 5:42 P.M.), Mr. Frank Schreck and Mr. Delwood Smith

Members absent: None

Others in attendance: Mr. Mike Crowley (News Media), Mrs. Jennifer Galdon, Mrs. Rebecca Gentile, Mrs. Darlene Hollabaugh, Mr. Scott Lynch, Mr. Skyler McClymonds, Mr. Guy O'Neil, Mrs. Lisa Pittner, Mr. Christopher Sennett, Mr. Matthew Tarr, Mr. Thomas Washington and Mrs. Alisa Willey

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

- March 16, 2020 – Student Discipline/Personnel – 6:07 P.M.–6:31 P.M.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA OF MARCH 23, 2020

None

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Ms. Burnett

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

1. Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2020 (Attachment – pp.____)
2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 16, 2020 (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CURRICULUM – Melissa Burnett, Chairperson

FIRST READING OF SCHEDULE J – TEXTBOOK ADOPTION – STATISTICS AND PROBABILITY WITH APPLICATIONS – MEADVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COCHRANTON JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL (Attachment – pp. _____)

FIRST READING OF ACADEMIC STATISTICS CURRICULUM – GRADES 11-12 – CCSD (Attachment – pp. _____)

FINANCE – Jeffrey S. Rose, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Ms. Lynch

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

1. Treasurer’s Report for February (Attachment – pp. _____)
2. Financial Statements (Attachment – pp. _____)
3. Payment of Bills (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Ms. Burnett

- Payment of Bills for Girardat LP

Vote: 7 Ayes 0 Nays 1 Abstention (Mr. Smith)
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 NORTHWEST TRI-COUNTY INTERMEDIATE UNIT BUDGET

Motion: Ms. Lynch
Second: Mr. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the 2020-2021 Northwest Tri-County Intermediate Unit Budget in the total amount of \$61,886,803. The Board further approves the total member districts’ contributions to the General Operating (Fund 010) and School Improvement Services (Fund 020) budgets of the Intermediate Unit for the 2020-2021 fiscal year for \$1,942,838, with individual member district contributions as determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Education

Vote: 7 Ayes 1 Nay (Mr. Schreck)
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE REVISIONS TO THE 2019-2020 FINAL ALLOCATIONS FOR TITLE I AND TITLE IIA

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Ms. Burnett

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the revisions to the 2019-2020 final allocations for Title I and Title IIA (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL TO AUTHORIZE THE FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS FOR CONSIDERATION OF REFUNDING DISTRICT'S BOND ISSUES AT NO COST TO THE DISTRICT

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Ms. Lynch

WHEREAS, Crawford Central School District (the "School District"), a school district duly organized and validly existing under the Constitution and laws of the Commonwealth, particularly the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, intends to undertake the refunding its currently outstanding General Obligation Bonds Series A and B of 2015 (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the School District has determined that it is in its best financial interest to pursue the Project and expects to issue a single series of bonds (the "Project Bonds") to accomplish the Project; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2013, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted final rules (the "Final Rules") for municipal advisor registration with the stated purpose of balancing the goals of enhancing the quality of municipal securities advice and protecting investors and municipalities in the municipal securities market; and

WHEREAS, the Final Rules include an exclusion (the "Underwriter Exclusion") that allows a broker-dealer to serve as an underwriter on a particular issuance of municipal securities if there has been a contractual engagement of said broker-dealer through a writing or other acknowledgment of engagement from a duly authorized official of the issuer responsible for municipal finance; and

WHEREAS, the School District recognizes the need to authorize its Administration to cooperate with certain appointed professionals in connection with the structuring, marketing, approving and issuing of the Project Bonds and the need to authorize such appointed professionals to take certain actions required for the financing of the Project and the issuing of the Project Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Crawford Central School District that:

RESOLVED, the Board of School Directors of the Crawford Central School District does hereby authorize its Administration and its Solicitor to work with RBC Capital Markets LLC, as Investment Banker, and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, in conjunction with the structuring, marketing, approving and issuing of the Project Bonds, with the understanding that final approval of a financing requires formal Board action under the Local Government Unit Debt Act (53 Pa.C.S.A. §8001 et seq., as amended).

RESOLVED, the Board of School Directors of the Crawford Central School District does hereby (i) acknowledge the effective date of the Final Rules, (ii) authorize its Administration and Solicitor to work with RBC Capital Markets LLC, as underwriter, in conjunction with the structuring, marketing, approving and issuing of the Project Bonds pursuant to the "underwriter exclusion" under the Final Rules and (iii) authorize the execution of an engagement letter or written acknowledgment of the relationship between the School District and RBC Capital Markets LLC, in connection with the structuring, marketing, approving and issuing of the Project Bonds, provided that, the terms and conditions of the sale of the Project Bonds are subject to the final approval of the Board of School Directors pursuant to a duly adopted debt resolution.

RESOLVED, the Board of School Directors of the Crawford Central School District does hereby appoint Dinsmore & Shohl LLP, as Bond Counsel, with respect to the Project Bonds and authorizes Dinsmore & Shohl LLP to take such actions as may be required to prepare the proceeding for the approving of the Project Bonds as required by the Local Government Unit Debt Act (including, specifically, the publishing of required notices).

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL/POLICY - Jan A. Feleppa, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Ms. Lynch

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the 2020-2021 school calendar (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Mr. Rose joined the meeting at 5:42 P.M.

APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL SCHEDULES

Motion: Mr. Merritt
Second: Mr. Rose

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

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

VIII. ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Thomas K. Washington, Superintendent of Schools, thanked everyone for their hard work during the COVID-19 crisis. He stated that the directive from the Governor and the Pennsylvania Department of Education is for schools to be closed until April 6, 2020. The District will be moving towards continuing education to students and he discussed how instruction will be delivered.

IX. OTHER PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Sennett commented on the U.S. Department of Education and how to deliver FAPE with online programs.

Ms. Lynch commented on items left in student's lockers and Armstrong Cable.

Mr. Schreck commented on moving forward with providing students with instruction at home.

Mr. Merritt applauded everyone for all they have done.

Mr. Prather commented on the plan to provide students with instruction at home.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Merritt

Second: Mr. Smith

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Vote: 9 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Pittner
Board Secretary