

CRAWFORD CENTRAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT CENTER**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

I. REGULAR MEETING OF NOVEMBER 25, 2019, 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. Ross Prather, Mrs. Katrina Proctor, Mr. Jeffrey Rose, Mr. Frank Schreck and Mr. Delwood Smith

Members absent: Mr. Glenn Tuttle

Others in attendance: Mr. Mike Crowley (News Media), Mrs. Jennifer Galdon, Dr. Ann Noonan, Mr. Guy O'Neil, Mrs. Marissa Pallerino, 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

- None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE AGENDA OF NOVEMBER 25, 2019

None

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

1. Meadville Area Senior High School – Patrick Stevens – Discussed fall sports, the ECO People Club and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
2. Cochranon Jr.-Sr. High School – Kaylin Rose – Discussed fall sports, Veteran's Day assembly, Student Council food drive, Christmas Formal and blood drive.
3. Meadville Area Middle School – Payton Costello and Camryn Guffey – Discussed Children's Grief Awareness Day, Thanksgiving lunch, sports, What's So Cool About Manufacturing Contest, Geo Bee Competition and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Smith
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 October 28, 2019 (Attachment – pp. _____)
2. Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 18, 2019 (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXTRACURRICULAR - Paula J. Lynch, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE FORMATION OF THE GENDERS AND SEXUALITIES ALLIANCE(GSA) CLUB

Motion: Ms. Lynch
Second: Mr. Rose

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the formation of the Genders and Sexualities Alliance (GSA) Club at Meadville Area Senior High School, at no cost to the District (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF PMEA EVENTS

Motion: Ms. Lynch
Second: Mrs. Proctor

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

- Meadville Area Senior High School – District Orchestra on January 29-31, 2020 in Indiana, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of \$2,732.60
- Cochranon Jr.-Sr. High School – Region 2 Chorus on February 27-29, 2020 in Corry, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of \$911.40
- Cochranon Jr.-Sr. High School – Region 2 Band on March 25-27, 2020 in Indiana, Pennsylvania, at a cost to the District of \$1,592.60

(Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL FOR THE MEADVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BISCO TOURNAMENT

Motion: Ms. Lynch
Second: Ms. Burnett

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the Meadville Area Senior High School Boys' Basketball Team to participate in the Bisco Tournament in Wellsburg, West Virginia on December 27-28, 2019, at a cost to the District of \$990.00 (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

TECHNOLOGY – Ross C. Prather, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE QUESTEQ E-RATE AGREEMENT FOR FUNDING YEAR 2020-2021

Motion: Mr. Prather
Second: Ms. Lynch

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the Questeq E-Rate Agreement for fund year 2020-2021 (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF THE CAMPUS SUITE PROPOSAL FOR THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

Motion: Mr. Prather
Second: Ms. Burnett

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby approves the Campus Suite Proposal for the District Website (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 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 October (Attachment – pp. _____)
2. Financial Statements (Attachment – pp. _____)
3. Payment of Bills (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mrs. Proctor

- Payment of Bills for Girardat LP

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

APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Smith

RESOLVED, that the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District hereby accepts the Independent Audit Report for Year ending June 30, 2019 (Attachment – pp. _____)

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL NOT TO INCREASE SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AT A RATE THAT EXCEEDS THE INDEX

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Prather

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the "Taxpayer Relief Act" (hereinafter "Act 1");

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Crawford Central School District index for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is 3.7%;

WHEREAS, the Board of School Directors of Crawford Central School District has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of public education for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Directors (hereinafter "Board") of Crawford Central School District (hereinafter "District") the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter "School Code"), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2020-2021 fiscal year.
4. The Administration of the District will submit the District's information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the

voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:

(a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.

(b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.

(c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE L'S – BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

Motion: Mr. Rose
Second: Mr. Smith

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

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays
Motion Carried

PERSONNEL/POLICY - Jan A. Feleppa, Chairperson

APPROVAL OF THE PERSONNEL SCHEDULES

Motion: Mr. Smith
Second: Mrs. Proctor

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 D – Extra Duty Appointments – Setting of Salaries – Page 3 of the Schedule Section
4. Approval of Schedule E – Attendance at Professional Meetings – Page 4 of the Schedule Section
5. Approval of Schedule G – Substitute Support Staff List – Page 5 of the Schedule Section
6. Approval of Schedule H – Leaves of Absence – Page 6 of the Schedule Section
7. Approval of Schedule I – Field Trip Authorization – Page 7 of the Schedule Section

8. Approval of Schedule M – Transportation Sub-Contracted Services – Page 8 of the Schedule Section

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion Carried

IX. ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Thomas K. Washington, Superintendent of Schools, thanked Mrs. Proctor and Mr. Tuttle for their years of service.

X. OTHER PUBLIC/BOARD COMMENTS

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Smith
Second: Ms. Burnett

RESOLVED, that there being no further business, this meeting is adjourned at 5:44 P.M.

Vote: 8 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa L. Pittner
Board Secretary