

**Claymont City Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
February 10, 2025  
6:00 p.m.**

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The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Host presiding.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Grandison, Mrs. Host, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Wolf

**Visitors and Personnel** – The following personnel were present: Brian Rentsch, Superintendent; Kim Beckley, Treasurer; Jodie Miles, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director; Beth Lint, Director of Operations; Heather O'Connor, Director of Special Services; Kelsi Barnhart, High School Principal; Ida Gorman, Assistant High School Principal; Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Jessica Marsh, Intermediate School Principal; Heather Whipkey, Elementary School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Eric Henry, Transportation/Cafeteria Supervisor; Andrea Warther, The Nutrition Group; and Kraig Host, Holly Lloyd, Veronica Cottrell and Kim Watkins, members of the public.

**Vision**

Claymont City School District will provide each student an opportunity for a lifetime of success.

**Mission**

Claymont City School District creates an environment that nurtures, develops, and empowers each student.

**25-017 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting agenda.

On roll call vote: Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Peters, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**25-018 COMMENDATIONS**

Pam Abbuhl – CORAS Outstanding Classified Staff Award  
High School Mock Trial Team – State Bound March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>

**25-019 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Veronica Cottrell spoke on behalf of her granddaughter on readiness of entering kindergarten. She is asking the board to reconsider the policy of allowing a student more than two years of preschool at Claymont even though they are five years old prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

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**25-020 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Administrators respectfully submitted written updates and were included in the Board packets.

**Director of Operations** – *Mrs. Lint*

**Director of Curriculum** – *Mrs. Miles*: Also reported that the High School has exited federal designation of Targeted Support and Intervention. No school has a designation now.

**Director of Special Services** – *Mrs. O'Connor*: Also stated the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures that is on the agenda to adopt is a state recommended policy and the state's sample was used.

**High School Principal** – *Mrs. Barnhart*: Also reported that this is the second year the Mock Trial Team has qualified for State. The team beat Steubenville and TCC and Cora Dotts was named Outstanding Attorney.

**Middle School Principal** – *Mr. Watkins*

**Intermediate School Principal** – *Mrs. Marsh*

**Elementary School Principal** – *Mrs. Whipkey*

**Primary School Principal** – *Mrs. Cook*

**Transportation/Cafeteria** – *Eric Henry*

**Cafeteria (The Nutrition Group)** – *Mrs. Warther*

**25-021 BOARD DISCUSSION**

Grounds and Transportation Committee met on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Campbell reported the discussions centered around the bus driver shortage. Our number one transportation responsibility is to transport students for educational purposes. The district is having issues with bussing for athletic and extracurricular activities. Four options were discussed to help the situation:

- Walk zone – utilize the 1 mile walk zone that was board approved last year, instead of the ½ mile that is currently being used
- Substitute coverage – adding an additional “floating” driver to help cover current routes
- Administrators, teachers and staff get licensed and drive after work hours
  - A new driver training class is being offered in March in the evening
- Bus student arrival times – to alleviate concerns of students arriving early at the Primary and Elementary buildings, start/end times would be switched next year
  - Primary: Current 8:05a to 3:05p, change to 8:15a to 3:15p
  - Elementary: Current 8:15a to 3:15p, change to 8:05a to 3:05p

Mr. Peters thinks it is a great idea for teachers, staff and coaches to get qualified to drive. Mrs. Lloyd spoke up and wants transportation to look at changing hours for the Primary and Elementary and the brain research of students starting the school day early.

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**25-022 TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – E**

Mrs. Beckley reviewed the January financial presentation. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items:

- A. **APPROVE** the Financial Report for the Month of January 2025, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for January 2025, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Organizational Board Meeting and the Regular Board Meeting of January 13, 2024, as presented.
- D. **APPROVE** the software renewal of the HR Onboarding Module through SC Strategic Solutions for 3/1/25 – 2/28/26 for \$2,500.
- E. **ACCEPT** the Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Tuscarawas County and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor:

General Fund	4.2 mills	\$1,087,000
General Fund	20.5 mills	\$3,909,000
Permanent Improvement Fund	2.0 mills	\$ 460,000
General Fund	3.0 mills	\$ 690,000

On roll call vote: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Peters, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**25-023 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – J**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items:

- A. **ADOPT** the Department of Education and Workforce Special Education Model Policies and Procedures, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** Linda Adjei as Summer Technology Intern at the hourly rate of \$15 p/hr from May through August, pending proper pre-employment checks.
- C. **ACCEPT** the resignations of:

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Rae-Ann Randles, effective February 11, 2025.

Sara Goedel, effective February 14, 2025

Shannon Morris, effective February 14, 2025

- D. **EMPLOY** the following individuals under a one (1) limited contract with a 90 day probationary period pending employment proper credentialing:  
Samantha Virtue, HS ISS effective February 18, 2025
- E. **APPROVE** the overnight trip for the Mock Trial Team to participate at State, March 6 - 8, 2025.
- F. **APPROVE** the Memorandum of Agreements with OAPSE and CEA regarding preschool make up days, as presented.
- G. **APPROVE** the Mic-Key Gastrostomy (G) and Gastrojejunostomy (GJ) Tube Feeding Procedures, as presented.
- H. **APPROVE** Ohio High School Athletic Association membership at \$50 per HS sport, as presented.
- I. **APPROVE** the Memorandum of Understanding for 2025-2026 between Stark State College for CCP, as presented.
- J. **APPROVE** the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year pending all proper credentials.

Classified:

Name	Bus Driver	Cook	Custodian	Secretary	Aide
Rae-Ann Randles (Intermediate & Monday Only)					X

On roll call vote: Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Peters, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**25-024 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment, time 6:43pm.

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On roll call vote: Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Peters, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion that the Board come out of Executive Session, time 7:41pm.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: March 10, 2025 @ 6:00pm at Claymont Administrative Office

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer