

**Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 13, 2025
6:15 p.m.**

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:15pm 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; Kelsi Barnhart, High School Principal; Ida Gorman, Assistant High School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Heather Whipkey, Elementary School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Eric Henry, Transportation/Cafeteria Supervisor; Andrea Warther, The Nutrition Group; and Bradon Smith, Kraig Host, Holly Lloyd, Bill Bonanno, Courtney Bonanno, Tiffany Shaw and Clint Haney, 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.

25-007 BOARD AGENDA ADDENDUMS/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Peters made the motion, and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion to make the following corrections under Superintendent's Recommendations:

Item A: **PER ORC 3313.666** District Student Bullying, Harassment Report for August 2024 through December 2024: Middle School – Harassment/Intimidation should be 0 instead of 1.

Item O: **APPROVE** Horizon Transportation at the rate of \$2.00 (instead of \$1.70) per mile and up to \$33 (instead of \$23) p/day for aide cost to transport student.

Item U: **APPROVE** the following 2025-2026 athletic supplementals pending proper credentialing:

Volleyball

Neeley Cox – Head (spelling correction)

Nanette Cox – Assistant (spelling correction)

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

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25-008 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting agenda.

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

25-009 COMMENDATIONS

Allied Machine & Engineering Corp – Donation of \$3,714.29 for PLTW

Uhrichsville Eagles – Donations of \$15,000 for eye tester and \$6,000 for “Guys with Ties”

25-010 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Clint Haney and Tiffany Shaw spoke on Hope Squad, which is a peer-to-peer suicide prevention program designed to support the mental health and well-being of students. Grant Kindness has been able to raise funds to fully financially support the implementation of Hope Squad at Claymont City Schools, if approved, and help sustain the yearly costs associated with running the program in honor of Grant Benjamin Haney. Staff, as Hope Squad Advisors and peers, as the Hope Squad will be selected in early September. A retreat at the end of September will teach the peers and advisors their roles and Tusky Valley is willing to help us along. This is approved as tier 1 SEL Curriculum. Mr. Rentsch states that this will be implemented.

25-011 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Director of Operations – *Mrs. Lint*: Solar Project Update – original go live date was January 10th, but is now set for President’s Day, February 17th.

Director of Curriculum – *Mrs. Miles*

Director of Special Services – *Mrs. O’Connor*

High School Principal – *Mrs. Barnhart*

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*

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Superintendent – *Mr. Rentsch*: The Twin City Chamber of Commerce will be hosting a Career/Business Expo at the High School on February 19th. The cost is \$10 for a chamber member and \$25 for a non-member. Recognized board members with a certificate for Board Member Appreciation Month.

25-012 BOARD DISCUSSION

2025-2026 School Calendar – Mr. Rentsch stated the calendar committee met a couple times and drafted two calendars. The calendars were presented to both the certified and classified staff. Both groups selected Calendar A with staff beginning August 15, 2025.

25-013 TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – F

Mrs. Beckley reviewed the December financial presentation. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Ms. Campbell 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 December 2024, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for December 2024, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 9, 2024, as presented.
- D. **APPROVE** the Then & Now Certificate, as presented.
- E. **ACCEPT** the donation from Allied Machine & Engineering of \$3,714.29 for Project Lead the Way.
- F. **ACCEPT** the donations from Uhrichsville Eagles (Eagles Nest Charities) of \$15,000 for an eye tester and \$6,000 for the “Guys with Ties” program.

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

25-014 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – R

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

- A. **PER ORC 3313.666** District Student Bullying, Harassment Report for August 2024 through December 2024:

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Building	Bullying	Harassment/Intimidation
High School	0	1
Middle School	3	0
Intermediate	0	0
Elementary	0	0
Primary	0	0
Preschool	0	0
Total District	3	1

- B. **APPROVE** the resignation for retirement purposes of Beth Lint, Director of Operations effective July 31, 2025.
- C. **APPROVE** the three (3) year administrative contract for William Bonanno, Technology Director, effective August 1, 2025 at the salary of \$71,656.
- D. **APPROVE** the three (3) year administrative contract for Bradon Smith, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor, effective February 10, 2025 at the salary of \$60,656.
- E. **ACCEPT** the following resignations:
William Bonanno, Assistant Tech effective July 31, 2025
Bradon Smith, HVAC Coordinator effective February 9, 2025
- F. **APPROVE** the one (1) year limited contract with a 90-day probationary period for Jonathan Sluka as HVAC Coordinator at Step 6 effective January 27, 2025, pending proper pre employment credentialing.
- G. **APPROVE** the one (1) year limited contract with a 90-day probationary period for Markie Tarleton as 2.5 hour Class B Cook, Step 0 effective January 21, 2025, pending proper pre employment credentialing.
- H. **APPROVE** Maria Hall as a long term preferred permanent substitute teacher at BA 0 daily rate including benefits, effective December 10, 2024.

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- I. **APPROVE** the overnight mock trial competition that was held at the University of Cincinnati on January 3 - 4, 2025.
- J. **APPROVE** the overnight FFA field trip to the State Convention on April 30, - May 2, 2025 in Columbus.
- K. **APPROVE** Daniel Russell as a FFA chaperone for the State Convention April 30 - May 2, 2025, pending proper background checks.
- L. **APPROVE** the contract with Laketec for a district wide wireless system at a cost of \$133,442.00 with the contract contingent on Erate approval, as presented.
- M. **APPROVE** Computec as the lowest bidder for the High School cabling project at the cost of \$29,294.00 contingent on Erate approval, as presented.
- N. **APPROVE** Computec for the Claymont Intermediate wiring rack upgrade at the cost of \$3,522.00 with Claymont responsible for 15%.
- O. **APPROVE** Horizon Transportation at the rate of \$2.00 per mile and up to \$33 p/day for aide cost to transport students.
- P. **APPROVE** the contract with Gardiner for a fixed annual cost of \$12,608 for HVAC Maintenance from January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2027, as presented.
- Q. **APPROVE** the Memorandum of Understanding with Kent State University for College Credit Plus for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented.
- R. **APPROVE** the annual membership in the Ohio School Boards Association for 2025 at the cost of \$7,915.

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

25-015 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION, ITEMS S - U

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

- S. **APPROVE** the following 2024 - 2025 athletic supplementals, pending proper credentialing:
Blake Linard - HS Track Assistant

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T. **APPROVE** the following track volunteers for the 2024-2025 spring track season pending proper credentialing:

Blake Cameron

Spencer Milburn

U. **APPROVE** the following 2025-2026 athletic supplementals pending proper credentialing:

Volleyball

Neeley Cox - Head

Nanette Cox - Assistant

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

25-016 NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Peters made the motion, and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion to approve School Calendar A as the voted, preferred district calendar for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Mrs. Host expressed her appreciation for the work of the Calendar Committee.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: February 10, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer