

**Claymont City Schools  
Board of Education  
Organizational Meeting  
January 8, 2024  
5:15 p.m.**

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The Claymont City Board of Education met on Monday, January 8, 2024 at 5:15pm in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Wolf 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/Preschool Director; Beth Lint, Director of Operations; Heather O’Connor, Director of Special Education; Amy Conn, High School Principal; Kelsi Barnhart, Assistant High School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Jessica Marsh, Intermediate School Principal; Nicholas Wright, Elementary School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Eric Henry, Transportation/Cafeteria Supervisor; Andrea Burlison, The Nutrition Group; and Austin Beckley, Kendra Host, Greg Grant, Kraig Host, Holly Lloyd, Veronica Cottrell, and Jen Luyster, members of the public.

**Oath of Office for Newly Elected Board Members** – Mrs. Beckley administered the Oath of Office for Board Members to Ms. Campbell and Mr. Peters.

**24-001 NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Wolf made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion to open nominations for President of the Claymont City Board of Education

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

Mrs. Host nominated Michelle Wolf for President of the Claymont City Board of Education, and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion to close nominations for President of the Claymont City Board of Education.

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

**24-002 ELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion to elect Michelle Wolf as President of the Board of Education for 2024.

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

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Wolf, abstain. Motion carried.

**Oath of Office for President** – Mrs. Beckley administered the Oath of Office for President of the Claymont City Board of Education to Mrs. Michelle Wolf.

**24-003 NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion to open nominations for Vice-President of the Claymont City Board of Education.

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

Mrs. Wolf nominated Cyndy Host for Vice-President of the Claymont City Board of Education, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion to close nominations for Vice-President of the Claymont City Board of Education.

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

**24-004 ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion to elect Cyndy Host as Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2024.

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

**Oath of Office for Vice-President** – Mrs. Beckley administered the Oath of Office for Vice-President of the Claymont City Board of Education to Mrs. Cyndy Host.

**24-005 BOARD DISCUSSION**

A request was made by Ms. Campbell to change the start time of meetings to 6pm, rather than 5:30pm. Members agreed change the time in Item A to 6pm.

Mrs. Wolf would like to employ the legal firm of Pepple & Waggoner as Legal Counsel for the District on a month-to-month basis, since a committee was not formed and interviews done to select a new legal firm. Mr. Rentsch suggested letting Pepple & Waggoner continue to

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represent the District in matters already in process and then move new items to another firm once a committee selects one. Mrs. Grandison asked if we wanted multiple attorneys representing us. She had reviewed her notes from last year that a committee would be formed, but never was. Mr. Rentsch stated that a committee of himself, Mrs. Beckley, the Board President and one other board member could interview firms and maybe by June, if want to change, can. Ms. Campbell asked what the problem was with Pepple & Waggoner. Mrs. Grandison replied that there are no issues, but Mrs. Wolf stated there are problems with them replying to some of them.

**24-006 BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS A – Q**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion to approve Items A - Q as follows:

- A. Establish the following Regular Meeting Schedule for 2024 to be held at the Claymont Administrative Office at 6:00pm unless otherwise noted.

January 8, 2024	February 12, 2024	March 11, 2024
April 8, 2024	May 13, 2024	June 10, 2024
June 24, 2024 (Special)	July 8, 2024	August 12, 2024
September 9, 2024	October 14, 2024	November 11, 2024
December 9, 2024		

- B. Approve the following Board and Administrative Committees:

**Board Committees**

OSBA Legislative (1)  
OSBA Student Liaison (1)  
Policy (2)  
Buckeye Career Center Rep.

**Appointee(s)**

Lois Grandison  
Lois Grandison  
Cyndy Host & Solomon Peters  
Cyndy Host

**Administrative Committees**

Curriculum & Instruction (2)  
Safety (Board Pres. +1)  
Finance (2)  
Athletic Council (2)  
Grounds & Transportation  
Claymont Foundation

**Appointee(s)**

Lois Grandison & Solomon Peters  
Michelle Wolf & Martha Campbell  
Cyndy Host & Martha Campbell  
Solomon Peters & Martha Campbell  
Michelle Wolf & Solomon Peters+  
Cyndy Host

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- C. Authorize the Treasurer to pay bills within Permanent Appropriations.
- D. Designate the Treasurer as signatory for all payroll and warrant checks.
- E. Establish a board service fund at \$5,000.00.
- F. Authorize the Treasurer to request advances from the County Auditor as necessary.
- G. Authorize the Treasurer invest interim funds.
- H. Interest among funds shall be distributed in accordance with R.C. 42.22
- I. Authorize the Superintendent to employ teaching and non-teaching personnel, as needed, and present the names for board ratification at the next meeting.
- J. Authorize the purchase of a \$20,000 bond for one-year for the Board President.
- K. Authorize the Superintendent and Treasurer to apply for State and Federal projects.
- L. Designate the Superintendent as the Purchasing Agent.
- M. Establish a Records Commission and appoint the Board President, Treasurer and Superintendent to the Commission.
- N. Employ the legal firm Pepple & Waggoner as Legal Counsel for the District.
- O. Authorize the Treasurer to sign Telecommunications Agreements as needed to comply with E-Rate Rules.
- P. Set mileage reimbursement to IRS rate of \$.67 (67 cents).
- Q. Set the minimum wage at \$10.45/hr.

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

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**Meeting Adjourned**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion that the organizational board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

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

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