

**Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 11, 2024
6:00 p.m.**

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Wolf presiding.

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

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; Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Jessica Marsh, Intermediate School Principal; Nicholas Wright, Elementary School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Andrea Warther, The Nutrition Group; and Jennifer Golec, Charlotte Sayre, Evan Stull, Lindsay Jackson, Kortnee Cameron, Greg Grant, Haley Ross, Krystal Phillips, Tessa Palmer, Shannon Tarbert, Nicole Sankey, Tammy Reynolds, and Holly Lloyd, 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.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting – April 8, 2024 @ 6pm at Claymont Administrative Office

24-031 BOARD AGENDA ADDENDUMS/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion to pull Superintendent Items E – H and vote on separately:

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

24-032 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA

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

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

24-033 COMMENDATIONS

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Claymont High and Elementary School – PBIS Bronze Awards: Mr. Scott Eldredge was present to present awards.

Claymont Cheer Team – Qualified for State Competition

Claymont Mock Trial Team

Ellie Baker – Class of 2024 Valedictorian

Mackenzie McWilliams – Class of 2024 Salutatorian

Daniel MGarr – 6th Place at OHSAA State Wrestling Tournament

Mrs. Grandison thanked the Elementary and Middle Schools for the donations to the Rainbow Connection, as well as the High School for the donated basket. Also commended Mr. Zimmerman’s Junior Achievement students for their business, AgeWell, and a very impressive product they are selling. Mr. Rentsch stated the students would be presenting at the Dennison Rotary Club on March 12th.

24-034 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes, time 6:15pm.

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

Mrs. Wolf declared the executive session ended at 6:37pm.

24-035 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

High School Student Tessa Palmer read a prepared statement on mental health services in the district.

24-036 ADMINISTRATIVE EPORTS

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

Director of Operations – *Mrs. Lint*

Curriculum Director – *Mrs. Miles*: Commended the Preschool for receiving a 5-Star rating with Step Up to Quality. There will be changes coming to this rating in July. Next year, a majority of our staff will need to complete the Science of Reading training as proposed in HB33. All ELA curriculum that has been purchased have qualified as High Quality Instructional Materials.

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

High School Principal – *Ms. Conn*

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Middle School Principal – *Mr. Watkins*

Intermediate School Principal – *Mrs. Marsh*

Elementary School Principal – *Mr. Wright*

Primary School Principal – *Mrs. Cook*

Nutrition Group/Cafeteria – *Mrs. Warther*

Claymont Education Association – *Mrs. Lloyd* read a prepared statement regarding the news about eliminating a High School counselor.

24-037 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS

Student Drug Testing Programs: Mr. Rentsch gave an update stating he has met with district administrators to discuss guidelines and checked with several companies about the testing of students.

Solar Panels: Mr. Rentsch, along with Mrs. Beckley and Mrs. Lint, presented the RFP results for the solar project being planned at the High School. TMI Energy Solutions gave the best solution. The next step would be for the board to approve the RFP.

Stadium Usage: Mr. Rentsch and Mrs. Lint are looking for suggestions on how to keep the stadium open for community use, but keep it from being damaged after some recent vandalism. Mrs. Lint requested information from a company regarding an electronic solution that could be set with a timer for the turnstile. This would solve the opening/closing of the gate, but not the vandalizing. Video footage has been sent to the police for some instances in the past. Consensus was to pursue the electronic solution, if reasonable, and continue to send video footage to the police for vandalism.

24-038 TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – D

Mrs. Beckley presented the monthly financial report for February.

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

- A. **APPROVE** the Financial Report for the Month of February 2024, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for February 2024, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 12, 2024, and the Special Board Meeting of February 16, 2024, as presented.
- D. **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

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them to the County Auditor:

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

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

24-039 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – D AND I - N

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items.

- A. **APPROVE** the one (1) limited contract for the 2024-2025 school year for Allison DeLaney as HS Science Teacher at MA Step 2 pending proper credentialing.
- B. **APPROVE** the 1 year limited contract with 90 day probationary period, step 0 for Lenny O’Guin as 2.5 cook at the Intermediate School, effective February 26, 2024.
- C. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Linda Davis for retirement purposes effective April 26, 2024.
- D. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Denise Pederson effective February 26, 2024.
- I. **APPROVE** the overnight field trip for the Mock Trial State Competition March 7 - 9. 2024.
- J. **APPROVE** the FFA overnight field trip to Columbus on May 2nd - 4th, 2024 for the State Convention.
- K. **APPROVE** the service agreement with EMS LINQ for the website app, as presented.
- L. **APPROVE** the internet security agreement with Securly, as presented.
- M. **APPROVE** the following handbooks for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented:

Claymont Primary	Claymont Elementary
Claymont Intermediate	Claymont Middle School
Claymont High School	
- N. **APPROVE** the following substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year pending all proper credentials.

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Classified:

Name	Bus Driver	Cook	Custodian	Secretary	Aide
Carole Bates		X		X	
Juanita Parker		X			
Robert Gribble					X

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

24-040 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS E – H

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

- E. **APPROVE** Nicholas “Nick” Pelegreen as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2024-2025 school year.
- F. **NONRENEW** the 2023-2024 winter athletic supplementals as listed:

Boys’ Basketball

Gary Watkins - Head
Rich Struchen - Assist.
Chad Lynch - JV
Sam Bonanno - Freshmen
Connor Lynch - JH
Brennan Shaver - JH

Bowling

Brian Duvall - Head
Bill Young - Assistant

Winter Weightlifting

Jon McCluskey
Cheerleading
Sharon Grove - Head
Shannon Beckley - JV
Kennedy Beckley/Heather Fair - JH

Girls’ Basketball

Allison DeLaney - Head
Jeff Merklin - Assistant
David White - JV
Ryan Tarbert - JH
Jim Beam - JH

Wrestling

Kyle Warner - Head
Dustin Warner - Assistant
Kollin Clark - Asst/JV
Darran Warner - Freshman
Justice Avery - JH
Alan Patterson - JH
Margaret Reynolds - Mat Maid Advisor

- G. **APPROVE** the following fall 2024 - 2025 athletic supplementals, pending proper credentialing:

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Football

DaQuain Butler - Assistant
Jon McCluskey - Assistant
Justice Avery - Assistant
Terin Harris - Assistant
Jeff Merklin - Freshman
Wayne Matsel - Freshman
Troy Beckley - Equipment Manager

H. **APPROVE** Terry "TC" Cottrell as a volunteer football coach for the 2024 - 2025 season, pending proper credentialing.

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

24-041 NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Peters made the motion, and Ms. Campbell seconded the motion that the Board approve the RFP for TMI Energy Solutions for the solar panel project.

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

24-042 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment and matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes, time 7:37pm.

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

Mrs. Wolf declared the executive session ended at 9:13pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion that the regular board

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meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 9:13pm.

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer