

Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
March 9, 2023
5:30 p.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 5:30pm in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Grandison presiding. A recording of the meeting is available for viewing on the Board's page of Claymont's website.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Cottrell, Mrs. Grandison, Mrs. Host, Mr. Miles, 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 Services; 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; Andrea Burlison, The Nutrition Group; and Holly Lloyd, Bill Grandison, Brian Duvall, Laura Peters, Nathan Cozart, Lindsay Jackson, Wendy Matthus, Cindy Young, Chris Miles, Beth Newton, Lexy Wallace, Jill Wagner, Austin Beckley, Mandi Edwards, Ashley Burcher, Kortnee Cameron, Shannon Tarbert, Susan Monticelli, and Lindsay Pellegrino, members of the public.

23-022 COMMENDATIONS

Mr. Rentsch:

- Buckeye Career Center Students that competed and qualified for the state BPA, highlighting Robert Fellows and Xavier Pittman. Also, commends students that attend BCC and the 8th graders that visited. He has received feedback from several people of how well behaved and respectful Claymont students are.
- Esports coaches and team presented at a conference in Columbus
- Koch Caramel Company donated treat bags to every presenter at our Professional Development Day on February 21st
- Competition Cheer Team placed 3rd in the OASSA State Cheer Championship
- Mrs. Marsh and the Intermediate staff for a successful reunification drill on Friday, March 3rd

Mr. Cottrell:

- Competition Cheer Team
- High School Wrestling State Qualifiers: Elijah Parrish, Thayne Mahaffey, and Wyatt Shaw
- Youth Wrestling State Qualifiers: Bryer Green, Troy Miles, and Jayce Miles
- Saxon Giumenti won the Middle School spelling bee, was runner-up at regionals and will be the alternate at the national spelling bee

Mrs. Host:

- Eleven middle school students competed at Math Counts
- Claymont/BCC student Lauren Ferguson received her National Healthcare Association EKG Technician Certification

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- Appreciated Mr. Rentsch, Ms. Conn and Mr. Watkins for presenting at the BCC Career Carnival and have also received accolades on Claymont students

Mrs. Grandison:

- Middle School Student Council for helping at the food pantry

Mrs. Wolf:

- Congratulated Mr. Page on his retirement, 41 years in education with 31 years at Claymont

23-023 EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Miles seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment, with action to follow, time 5:33pm.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grandison declared the executive session ended at 6:18pm.

23-024 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Nathan Cozart spoke as an educator in this district, as well as a community member. He was compelled to speak about several successes that happened recently at Claymont. We need to continue to speak out and highlight the great progress being seen in the district, not just athletics and extracurricular, but also academics.

Mr. Rentsch agreed and with the District Leadership Team meeting three times a year, the academic progress being seen over the last couple of years is phenomenal. Mrs. Host also commented that our teachers are second to none and Claymont provides an excellent education.

23-025 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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

Director of Operations – *Mrs. Lint*

Director of Curriculum – *Mrs. Miles*

Director of Special Education – *Mrs. O'Connor*

Transportation/Cafeteria – *Mr. Henry*

High School Principal – *Ms. Conn*. Mr. Cottrell acknowledged Valedictorian Emily Luyster and Salutatorian Arianna Terakedis as noted in Ms. Conn's report.

Middle School Principal – *Mr. Watkins*. Also commended the students and teachers who attended

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the BCC career day. Agrees that our students are the best behaved. Our teachers actually seek out past students to let them know they are proud of them.

Intermediate School Principal – *Mrs. Marsh*. Also commented to Mr. Cottrell’s question that the reunification drill went well and everyone worked together. A summary report was given to each board member.

Elementary School Principal – *Mr. Page*

Primary School Principal – *Mrs. Cook*

The Nutrition Group/Cafeteria – *Ms. Burlison*

Buckeye Career Center – *Mrs. Host* reported that the Buckeye House will be up for auction on May 9th; held a HR summit with 35 organizations and 50 participants. Great things are happening at BCC.

Telehealth - *Mr. Rentsch* reviewed the summary of appointments held during this school year so far. This service will continue next year, may be without the third nurse depending on funding. Aultcare is also looking to expand to an outpatient clinic. Concepts are being looked at the High School. Any renovations will be completed by Aultcare.

Presentation – *Mr. Rentsch/Kim Beckley* presented a power point on the Governor’s Proposed Budget and House Bill 1.

Financial Presentation – *Kim Beckley* presented the February financial report.

Mr. Cottrell asked Mrs. Lint if she had talked to either mayor regarding parking at the Middle School and the Intermediate School. She responded that she had left a message for Mayor Haney regarding the handicap parking at the Middle School. She had also spoke with Mr. DiDonato about the parking at the Intermediate School, but nothing will be done at this time.

Mr. Rentsch has a meeting tomorrow with Belle Everett to discuss a walking path to the High School.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the sign that had to be removed from Uhrichsville had been put back up. Mr. Rentsch stated that it was moved to the maintenance department for refurbishment and has not been put back up yet.

23-026 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS

Attorney: Mrs. Host stated the general understanding that any board member that has questions can reach out to the district attorney. Mrs. Grandison explained that past practice showed that usually, it has only been the superintendent or board president, but a policy could be developed stating any member could. Mrs. Host understood that normal procedures would be for the president, but wants the opportunity for anyone that has a question can call. The district attorney will be made aware of this.

Sunshine Law: Mrs. Grandison reminded board members to be very cautious on emails involving all members. Responding to such emails could be a violation of the Sunshine Law of open meetings. The law also covers records requests in what can be requested and the timeframe to respond.

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Interest-Based Bargaining: Mrs. Grandison stated that IBB training was held with the Claymont Education Association with a federal mediator in January. Negotiations are scheduled to start later this month. She wanted the public to know Mrs. Host and Mr. Cottrell will not participate in executive sessions when discussing CEA negotiations because their spouses are a CEA member and are enrolled in the district's insurance.

Negotiation Team: An in-depth discussion was had regarding the make-up of the district's negotiating team. Reference the video for more detail.

Mr. Cottrell asked several questions:

- Final team roster for Strategic Planning? Mrs. Grandison will be sending out first batch of letters for participation with a total of 30 members, 15 of those will be community members.
- Funds for Resource Officers? Mrs. Beckley stated that, at this time, the forecast does not support adding resource officers. It is being discussed as an item in the biennial budget of receiving funds from the state to help with the expense. We will explore options as the legislature approves the budget.
- Volleyball Coach? Mr. Rentsch confirmed that there was only one applicant for the position. The gentleman did not return phone calls, but sent a text to Mr. Jones that he will not commit to us because he has other offers. Mr. Rentsch did post the coaching position on the Ohio Department of Education with no interest as of yet. Mr. Jones has also communicated the opening to fellow Athletic Directors.
- Legality of recommending Mr. Rentsch's sons as co-golf coaches? Mr. Rentsch explained that it is legal because Mr. Jones handled the interview process and they are the only applicants.

23-027 TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – E

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

- A. **APPROVE** the Financial Report for the month of February 2023, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for February 2023, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2023, as presented.
- D. **APPROVE** the Then & Now Certificate, as presented.
- 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:

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General Fund	4.2 mills	\$1,061,000
General Fund	20.5 mills	\$3,778,000
Permanent Improvement Fund	2.0 mills	\$ 447,000
General Fund	3.0 mills	\$ 671,000

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes.
Motion carried.

23-028 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS – ITEMS A - P

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Miles made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items:

- A. **ACCEPT** the resignation for retirement purposes for Richard Page, effective June 30, 2023 at the end of the business day.

- B. **APPROVE** a three (3) year administrative contract beginning August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2026 for the following individuals:
 - Amy Conn, High School Principal
 - Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal

- C. **ACCEPT** the resignation of the following individuals:
 - Stephanie McQuaid, High School Cook

- D. **TERMINATE** the contract as HS custodian for Eric Mangus under the 90-day probationary period, effective February 24, 2023.

- E. **APPROVE** the Memorandum of Understanding with Mount Union for student teacher placement, as presented.

- F. **APPROVE** the following student teachers for 2023-2024 school year:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Mentor</u>
Courtney Beckley	Ashley Blair & Doug Besozzi
Callie West	Bethany Doane

- G. **APPROVE** the following overnight trips:
 - Competitive Cheer team: AmeriCheer National Competition: March 31st, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at no cost to the district

FFA:

 - Officer Retreat April 15-16, 2023 Nature Center at Camp Muskingum

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State FFA Convention: May 3-5. 2023 Columbus
New Officer Retreat: May 31 - June 1, 2023 at Camp Muskingum

- H. **APPROVE** the Care Coordination Services with East Central Ohio ESC for care coordination services as presented.
- I. **APPROVE** the amendment to Middle School student handbook to add on page 10 to include vitamin vapes.
- J. **APPROVE** the following student handbooks for the 2023-2024 school year:
Claymont Elementary
Claymont Intermediate
Claymont High School
- K. **APPROVE** the following 2023-2024 Fall Athletic Supplementals pending proper credentialing:
- | | |
|---------------------------|---|
| <u>Football</u> | <u>Cross Country</u> |
| Eric Henry - Head | Adam Rogers - Head |
| Jon McCluskey - Var Asst | Mark Albaugh - Assistant |
| Justice Avery - Var Asst | |
| Ed Henry - Var Asst | |
| Troy Beckley - Var Asst | <u>Girls' Tennis</u> |
| Jeff Merklin - Equip. Mgr | Rich Struchen |
| Earl Green - Fresh | |
| Wayne Matsel - Fresh | <u>Golf</u> |
| Scott Shaw - JH | Carly Henry - Head Girls' |
| Brody Rauch - JH | Brennan Rentsch/Brett Rentsch - Co Head Boys' |
| | Brian Duvall - Head MS |
- Fall Weighlighting**
Stacey Patterson
- L. **APPROVE** Terry "TC" Cottrell as volunteer football coach for the 2023-2024 season pending proper credentialing.
- M. **APPROVE** the non-athletic supplemental for the 2022-2023 school year as National Honor Society advisor for Kelsi Barnhart.
- N. **NONRENEW** the following 2022-2023 Winter Athletic Supplementals:
- | | |
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| <u>Boys' Basketball</u> | <u>Girls' Basketball</u> |
| Gary Watkins - Head | Chad Bonifant - Head |
| Rich Struchen - Assistant | Bruce Johnson/Katelin Edwards Co-Asst |

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Chad Lynch - JV
Bailey McBeth - Freshman
Jeff Merklin - JH
Brennan Shaver/Connor Lynch Co-JH

Wrestling

Kyle Warner - Head
Dustin Warner - Assistant
Kollin Clark - Asst/JV
Seth Ferguson - Freshman
Justice Avery - JH

Alan Patterson - JH
Jade Jones - Mat Maid

Winter Weightlifting

Jon McCluskey

Samantha Shaver - JV
Derrick Rausch - JH
Ryan Tarbert/Raechelle Miles - Co - JH

Cheerlead Advisors

Sharon Grove - Head
Shannon Beckley - Freshman
Kennedy Beckley - JH

Bowling

Brian Duvall - Head
Bill Young - Assistant

Faculty Manager

Carl Sowers

- O. **APPROVE** the revisions of the following Board policies:

Policy	Description
6.15	Student Records
7.08	Achievement Testing Policies
7.27	College Credit Plus
7.35	Career Advising
8/01	Investment
9.04	Gifts, Grants, and Donations

- P. **APPROVE** the following substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year pending all proper credentials.

Classified:

Name	Bus Driver	Cook	Custodian	Secretary	Aide
Cassie Redman				X	

On roll call vote: Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes.
Motion carried.

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Meeting Adjourned

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Cottrell seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting: April 10, 2023 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer