

**Claymont City Schools**  
**Board of Education**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**May 8, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 10, 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; Jessica Marsh, Intermediate School Principal; Richard Page, Elementary School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Andrea Burlison, The Nutrition Group; and Nathan Cozart, members of the public.

**23-040 COMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Rentsch:

- Claymont High School – Serving Students in Military Families
- Tuscarawas County Arts Educator of the Year: April Linard, Carrie Kunkle, and Nicole Miles
- Vince Terakedis – Twin City Chamber Teacher of the Year
- Kristen Metzger – Claymont Foundation Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Grandison:

- Dominic Gee – Overcoming Obstacles Award
- FFA – great showing at the State Convention
- Recognize the passing of John Demuth, long time educator

Mrs. Host:

- Shoutout to the High School Choir and Band for a good concert

Mr. Cottrell:

- Recognize the passing of Rick Cox
- Congratulate the Class of 2023 and wish them the best of luck

**23-041 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Todd Marsh presented on Girls' Wrestling. He has started having open mats on Fridays for girls interested in wrestling. He would like to some day offer it as a school sport.

**23-042 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

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**Curriculum Director** – *Mrs. Miles*. Also announced that Grace Canfield and Ali Robson, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, competed and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Project Lead the Way Showcase.

**Director of Operations** – *Mrs. Lint* reported: secured erate funds for internet costs with a 80% discount; the stadium storage roof will be replaced on May 15<sup>th</sup> and the front gate and white fence around the locker room will also be replaced These were damaged during a storm; flooring projects will be completed in every building this summer; the greenhouse is together and the utilities will be coming soon; the scissor lift purchased with a BWC grant will be here in the next two weeks; had to do a large repair to the chiller at the High School; and the Intermediate building masonry project started today.

**Director of Special Education** – *Mrs. O'Connor* presented the annual public hearing on the use of the district's IDEA Part B funds.

**Transportation/Cafeteria** – *Mr. Henry*. Also stated we are still in need of bus drivers. A new promotional video was created and placed on Facebook trying to attract drivers. Mr. Rentsch also updated the board regarding the new buses and the surcharges that were charged on the invoice. The original amount was paid, not the surcharges.

**High School Principal** – *Ms. Conn*

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

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

**Elementary School Principal** – *Mr. Page*

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

**The Nutrition Group/Cafeteria** – *Ms. Burlison*

**Buckeye Career Center** – *Mrs. Host* reported that the BCC board meeting was moved to tomorrow and the award ceremonies are scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> for high school students and May 18<sup>th</sup> for adult education.

**Presentation** – *Mr. Rentsch* presented on the Fair School Funding Update, Legislative Update and on the Business Advisory Council.

**Financial Presentation** – *Kim Beckley* presented the May Five Year Forecast and the March financial report.

### **23-042 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Cottrell asked about allowing OAPSE staff members to coach. Mr. Rentsch and Mrs. Beckley stated there are labor law issues with this. He also asked the principals if they still call substitutes to fill positions even with the new system. Mr. Page and Mrs. Cook said they do still call if no one took it in the system; Ms. Conn stated that Mrs. Barnhart handles the substitutes, but doesn't call a lot; Mrs. Marsh said that absences that are in the system in advance are awesome, it is the call offs the morning of that is difficult to fill. Mrs. Rentsch stated that there is just not a big pool of substitutes available.

Mrs. Host asked for an explanation of the RIFs on Item D of the Superintendent's Recommendations. Mr. Rentsch explained these staff members are affected by the change in hours of their position or

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the change in job description. He also explained the library duties for next year at the Intermediate School will be split with library time and social emotional. There will also be a special period for Leader in Me led by the guidance counselor. Mrs. Marsh stated by redirecting and utilizing Mrs. Davis will help better serve the students. Mr. Rentsch had sat down with Mrs. Davis and union leadership to discuss the move.

Mrs. Host also asked about the Dyslexia position. Mr. Rentsch responded that two meetings have been held with another next Monday. There was one interested person that turned it down, and another is now interested.

**23-043 BOARD AGENDA ADDENDUMS/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion to add Amy Craigo to Item I for a two-year contract.

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

**23-044 ITEMS TO BE PULLED SEPARATELY**

Mr. Cottrell made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion to pull Items L and M from the Superintendent's Recommendations and vote on separately.

- L. **APPROVE** the contract with Ohio Substitute Teacher Service for the 2023-2024 school year for certified substitute services, as presented.
- M. **APPROVE** the agreements with KidsLink for services, as presented.

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

**23-045 TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – F**

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

- A. **APPROVE** the Financial Report for the Month of April 2023, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for April, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of April 10, 2023, and the Special

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Board Meetings of April 13, 2023 and May 2, 2023, as presented.

- D. **APPROVE** the Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance of Duty Policy in Lieu of Bond Resolution, as presented.
- E. **APPROVE** the Five Year Forecast and the Related Assumptions.
- F. **APPROVE** the switch from Sedgwick to MinuteMen OhioComp for both workers' compensation (MCO and TPA) and unemployment compensation claims management services.

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

**23-046 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS – ITEMS A – K AND N - P**

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

- A. **APPROVE** the employment and One (1) year limited contract with a 90 day probationary period for Denise Pedersen as Custodian reactive to May 1, 2023.
- B. **ACCEPT** the resignation for retirement purposes for the following individuals:  
Cynthia Huyghe, Elementary/Intermediate Computer Aide, effective July 31, 2023  
Bonnie McDaniel, Primary Head Cook, effective August 1, 2023
- C. **ACCEPT** the resignations for the following individuals:  
Elizabeth "Billie" Browning, Elementary School 2 hour custodian, effective April 28, 2023  
Brody Rauch, JH football coach for the 2023- 2024 school year.
- D. **APPROVE** the following Reduction in Force in order to make changes in job times and positions:

Susan Harris	Jaelynn Hillyer	Cory Sproul
Denise Pederson	Linda Davis	
- E. **APPROVE** the Multi-disciplinary committee members at the rate of \$20 per hour as part of after school hour committee work for the following individuals:

Sarah Battershell	Heather Penso	Dalyn O'Connor
Kendra Host	Haley Slates	Kelli Page
Jessica Marsh	Richard Page	Kelly Cook

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Heather O'Connor    Jodie Miles

- F. **EMPLOY** the following athletic supplementals for the 2023-2024 school year pending all proper credentialing and licensures:

**Boys' Basketball**

Gary Watkins - Head  
Rich Struchen - Assistant  
Chad Lynch - JV  
Connor Lynch - JH  
Brennan Shaver -JH

**Volleyball**

Lauren Lowe - Head  
Hillary Wilson -Yeckel - Asst./JV  
Neely Davis - JH  
Nannette Cox - JH

**Winter Weightlifting**

Jon McCluskey

**Cheerleading Advisors**

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

**Faculty Manager**

Carl Sowers

**Bowling**

Brian Duvall - Head  
Bill Young - Assistant

- G. **APPROVE** the following volunteers and for the 2023-2024 school year pending all proper credentialing and licensures.

Madelynn Henry - girls' golf coach  
David Watkins - boys' basketball  
Brianna Affolter - cheerleading  
Mia Applegarth - cheerleading  
Amber Fichter - cheerleading

- H. **APPROVE** the graduating Class of 2023 contingent of achieving all Claymont and State graduation requirements:

Abigael Abarca	Xavier Fox	Cadence McPeek
Harmony Adkins	Victoria Fraser	Chasey Milburn
Briana Affolter	Chloe Frazier	Quincee O'Donahue
Haley Albright	MaKayla Frink	Brandon Page
Jaiden Lee Albright-Jones	Blaze Gambs	Graydon Mooneyham
Riley Anslow	Dayven Garrett	Maxwell Morris
Kirtas Anthony	Kadi Garrett	Bryce Murray
Natalia Barber	Dominic Gee	Xavier Neukam

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Nathan Barnabi	Emily Grant	Mia Page
Conner Beckley	Clarity Graves	Haley Pahoundis
Savanna Benson	Montez Green	Kyler Parker
Micky Betts	Raden Greenwalt	Elijah Parrish
Isaac Birney	Katch Greenwalt	Laci Peck
Matthew Boles	Andrew Greer	Daxx Peters
Haylee Bower	Harley Guthrie	Xavier Pittman
Maria Bowersock	Nathaniel Gutierrez	Koi Preston
Andrew Bowsher	Greenliegh Hall	Seth Riley
Alexa Brick	Naomi Hallman	Samuel Royer
Makena Brown	Gavin Hamlin	Jesse Seibert
Marissa Burdette	Maliah Harris	Wyatt Shaw
Landon Burkholder	Kameron Henry	Isabella Smith
Nathan Burton	Brooke Heter	Sidnee Snedeker
Donald Butler	Anna Hicks	Garrett Spellman
Luke Caley	Caehdrylic Hinkley	Nancy Steagall
Dillon Cerana	Serenity Holmes	Regan Stringer
Sabrinnah Cognion	Madison Houston	Nicholas Szymialis
Alaynnah Contini	Braden Hubley	Arianna Terakedis
Carson Cornwell	Blake Janvrin	Hayden Vance
Amber Correll	Isaiah Johnson	Kennedy Villwock
Mercedez Cottrell	Erin Jones	Hannah Wallace
Dontay Cox	Grace Jones	Kailey Watkins
Dawson Cox	Natalie Kinsey	Kaylee Weber
Brooke Davis	Jack Langdon	Trevius Wegener
Zoey Deibel	Kirsten Lorenz	Sydney Whitman
Alexander Douglas	Matthew Loy	Savania Whitten
Meadow Duvall	Emily Luyster	Atiyana Williams
Bailey Eddleman	Savanna Mahaffey	Caden Witham
Alivia Edwards	Savannah Mancha	Marlie Wolf
Tate Fawcett	Caitlyn McCabe	Emma Woodward
Hailey Fellows	Cole McCabe	Skyler Young
Lauren Ferguson	McHendree McCluskey	
Daniel Fitak	Hayden McDonald	
Taylor Flaherty	Heather McGlothlin	
Cadence Fox	Cruz McMorrow	



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**23-047 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION – ITEM L**

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

- L. **APPROVE** the contract with Ohio Substitute Teacher Service for the 2023 - 2024 school year for certified substitute services, as presented.

On roll call vote: Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Cottrell, no; Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Wolf, no. Motion carried.

**23-048 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION – ITEM M**

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

- M. **APPROVE** the agreements with KidsLink for services, as presented.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mr. Cottrell, no; Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**23-049 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Cottrell made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment and investigation of charges/complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual (unless public hearing requested), time 6:54pm.

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

Mrs. Grandison declared the executive session ended at 8:09pm.

**23-050 NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Grandison commented that the Strategic Planning is going well. The committee is looking at the Mission, Vision and Core Beliefs. Goals will be set at the next meeting.



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**Meeting Adjourned**

Mrs. Host 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 8:09pm.

Next Meetings: Special Meeting: June 1, 2023 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office  
Regular Meeting: June 12, 2023 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office  
Special Meeting: June 29, 2023 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office  
Regular Meeting: July 10, 2023 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office

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

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