Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
January 8, 2018
6:30 p.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Sproul presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present – Mr. Beckley, Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Shamel, Mr. Abbuhl, Mrs. Sproul

Visitors and Personnel – The following personnel and visitors were present: John Rocchi, Superintendent; Lori Statler, Treasurer; Jodie Miles, Curriculum Director; Holly Hall, Special Education Director/Preschool Principal; Andrew Meister, High School Principal; Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal; Richard Page, Intermediate School Principal; Beth DiDonato, Elementary School Principal; Eric Seibert, Primary School Principal; Beth Lint, IT Director/Buildings & Grounds; Garth Evans, Athletic Director; Dalyn O'Connor, CEA President, Nutrition Group; and, Elaine Zurcher, Kohlton Calvey, Scott Beckley, Tyler Beckley, Greg DiDonato, Pat Beckley, Dee Beckley, Veronica Cottrell, Rich Struchen, Kraig Host, Barbara Gardner, and Shannon Tarbert, members of the public.

Public Comments:

(In order for the Board to fulfill its obligation to complete the planned agenda in an effective and efficient manner, a maximum of thirty minutes of public participation is scheduled. A district resident who wishes to address the Board must inform the Superintendent at least one week prior to a regularly scheduled or adjourned meeting of the Board and provide both name and the specific item(s) to be presented to the Board. The Superintendent will have the resident's name placed on the agenda. No presentation shall exceed five minutes on a topic of discussion. If multiple speakers indicate a desire to speak on the same issue, the presiding officer shall relate the board's desire that the speakers designate two people to speak for the group. The board asks the audience to refrain from responding to the speaker's comments, including cheering and applauding, so that all board members can focus their attention entirely on the speaker. Although the Board may ask clarifying questions, please be reminded that the Board cannot respond directly to any comments made this evening.)

Kohlton Calvey – Speaking in regards to a fundraiser for the Claymont Intermediate School: Kohlton, a 4th grade student at the Intermediate School, thanked the Board and Superintendent for the opportunity to present at the meeting. He wants to keep classrooms and students safe in his building. His mom found Silverback, which is a company that manufactures The Barracuda device. This device is used to lock rooms. He would like to raise $2,000 to purchase 14 Barracudas for all of the classrooms at the Intermediate. He has already raised $400 with part of those funds being donated by Bethany Peters. Mr. Fawcett asked if 14 would be enough for the entire school. Mr. Page responded that 14 would cover all classrooms. Mrs. Sproul asked if the device would require a hole to be drilled. Kohlton responded that drilling would not be required.

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Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda – None.

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – Mr. Beckley requested that the contract for Garth Evans be pulled and voted on separately. Mr. Beckley requested the contract with Gardiner be pulled and voted on separately.

New Board Business Discussion – Mr. Fawcett brought up the fact that Cyndy Host was the BCC representative for Claymont but was no longer a sitting member of the Board and he felt that the representative should be a sitting member. Mr. Beckley stated that OSBA told him that if someone on the local Board wanted to be the representative that Mrs. Host could be removed. Mr. Beckley read ORC Section 3319.19, which pertains to Joint Vocational School Districts. Mr. Abbuhl stated he thinks it should be someone on the Board. Mr. Shamel stated he thinks Mrs. Host should remain on the Board because she was appointed in January 2017 with the knowledge that she was not going to seek reelection for her position as a Claymont Board member. Mr. Beckley stated he thinks it should be an existing Board member. Mr. Fawcett stated that he would get clarification.

Technology & Buildings & Grounds Update – Mrs. Lint discussed the following: She sent a report to everyone via email. The proposed contract with Gardiner is based on the boiler inspection that was performed and the assessment made by Gardiner. The boilers are 20 years old and there are issues daily with them. Mr. Abbuhl asked if Mr. Grant was certified in HVAC. Mrs. Lint responded that he was not and Mr. Wanosik also was not certified and did not make all of the repairs. Mrs. Lint stated that with the extreme temperatures they have been struggling to keep up. Mrs. Sproul asked if the heat was running at all of the buildings. Mrs. Lint responded that the system was changed to allow the boilers to run at all times rather than on a holiday schedule. Mrs. Lint explained the contract would include tear down and cleaning of all boilers and also hot water pump services. We have always purchased parts from Gardiner and replaced those internally. Mrs. Lint explained that if you do not have a contract you do not receive priority service and we would just be placed on a list and that is the risk we would be taking. Right now we are waiting a couple days for service. Mr. Rocchi stated that we do not want to nickel and dime this type of service and we need to be a priority. Mr. Fawcett asked if one employee could do this work. Mrs. Lint responded that Mr. Wanosik could diagnose issues but he did not do all of the repairs. Mrs. Sproul asked if the contract could be less than a year. Mrs. Lint stated she would ask but the cost would probably increase. Mr. Fawcett stated that being a priority is worth a contract. Mr. Abbuhl asked if the agreement would save with normal charges. Mrs. Lint responded that the fees would remain the same over the 3 year period. In other matters, Mrs. Lint stated there was a water pipe break at the Middle School in the gym foyer. An end cap broke but luckily it did not flood the gym. There have been a lot of frozen pipe issues with the extreme weather.

Special Education & Preschool Report – Ms. Hall discussed the following: She noted that there are 9 reevaluations and 16 IEP reviews due in January; she is revising the special education enrollment report; a new ETR/IEP form will be implemented in the FY2019 school year; building meetings will continue this month; provided enrollment information for FY2018; and, gave dates for upcoming events in the building.

Curriculum Report – Mrs. Miles discussed the following: Explained the Orton Gillingham tutoring contract that is on the agenda for approval; the district is required to provide tutoring services for students that do not meet the 3rd grade promotion score; there will be 2 mid-year promotions to 4th grade; 104 3rd grade students out of 152 have already met the promotion requirement to move to 4th grade at the end of the year; the District has submitted its intent to apply for the Striving Readers Literacy Grant; the next curriculum meeting is February 27th; the next professional development day is January 16th; and, gave a list of upcoming events.

Mr. Fawcett asked if the 104 passing scores was from both tests. Mr. Miles responded that it was. Mrs. Miles stated students would have an opportunity in the spring and 2 in the summer. Mr. Shamel asked if a student passed one test would that score be used for promotion. Mrs. Miles responded that was correct.

Principal's Reports – Mr. Seibert discussed the following: Christmas was a huge success and he attributes that to his staff; canned goods, presents, shoes, socks and other items were collected and distributed; Polar Express day was successful with Mr. Rocchi reading to the students; and, listed dates for upcoming events.

Mr. Page discussed the following: The estimate for the playground is over $100,000; he has contacted numerous local foundations and the response has been positive; and, he will be meeting with Village Council.

Mrs. DiDonato discussed the following: She thanked the High School for use of the gymnasium for the Christmas program; Santa's secret shop and Polar Express days were a success; and, test scores have been received but she has not had an opportunity to review with the teachers.

Mr. Watkins discussed the following: Teachers provided 40-50 hoodies to students in need; implemented Fun Friday as a day to reward good behavior and aid those who need assistance; and, his newsletters are available on the website.

Mr. Meister discussed the following: The 1st semester is almost complete; academic watch lists have been distributed; collaborative meetings with administration and counselors for next year's scheduling; they are collaborating with department heads on electives for next year; he was at Conotton Valley the previous 2 years and the content mastery by Claymont's staff is impressive as is the connection with the students; the

one-to-one technology should result in customized learning by the student; and, there were a lot of student athletic events over the holidays.

Mr. Shamel mentioned that in December there was a student injury at a basketball game and there was a delay in the response by the paramedics and wanted to know if that was taken care of. Mr. Evans responded that Smith Ambulance was contacted and they have worked out the details to ensure a quick response for future incidents.

Mr. Evans discussed the following: He welcomed the new board members; membership in the IVC is going well; there have been some cancelations and rescheduling; and, he looks forward to the remainder of the season.

CEA Update – Mrs. O'Connor discussed the following: She welcomed the new board members; mid-year is close; and, CEA members are getting back into a routine after the holiday break.

18-005 TREASURER'S REPORTS

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Abbuhl made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the Board approve the following Treasurer's reports:

A. Financial Report for the Month of December 2017 as Presented
B. Payment of Bills as Presented
C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 11, 2017
D. Appropriation Modifications as presented

Questions/Comments: Mr. Fawcett asked about the payment to Cardmember Service and if that was a credit card. Mrs. Statler responded that it was the District VISA card. Mr. Fawcett asked if a credit card statement was received. Mrs. Statler responded that a statement is received and that all credit cards are maintained in her office and that only administrators can sign those out. A receipt is required to be turned in with the credit card. Mr. Fawcett asked about the payment to Amazon. Mrs. Statler explained the District has a government account and orders cannot be processed until a purchase order is obtained. Mr. Fawcett asked if the District utilized the Amazon SMILE program for nonprofit agencies. Mrs. Statler responded that we do not.

On roll call vote: Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Beckley, yes; Mr. Fawcett, yes; Mrs. Sproul, yes. Motion carried.

18-006 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – PERSONNEL, ITEM A-1

Mr. Beckley made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl seconded the motion that the Board table Personnel, Item A-1:

> Employ Garth Evans as Athletic Director effective February 1, 2018 through July 31, 2020 with his salary per the administrative salary schedule, Step 0.

Questions/Comments: Mr. Shamel stated that his contact with Mr. Evans was limited so he emailed all coaches to inquire if they had any issues with him as AD. 10 coaches responded with all positive comments and he would support voting on a contract for Mr. Evans. This would also eliminate the contract with ECOESC.

Mr. Abbuhl stated that the District did not interview with the ESC.

Mr. Shamel stated that he did not feel we should make a change if the AD was doing a good job.

Mr. Fawcett asked what would happen with the ESC contract if Mr. Evans was given a contract with the District. Mr. Rocchi responded that the charges would be adjusted based on the number of days paid through the ESC and that Mrs. Statler has already been in contact with the treasurer at the ESC regarding modifications to the contract. Mr. Fawcett inquired as to when the ESC contract expires. Mr. Rocchi responded that it goes through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Rocchi explained that the previous board had discussed giving Mr. Evans a contract if they were pleased with his performance as AD. Mr. Rocchi believes Mr. Evans has done a phenomenal job. He was going to place the contract on the agenda in December but held off due to the 3 new board members. He is looking for stability in the AD position.

Mr. Fawcett has heard praises for Mr. Evans from coaches.

On roll call vote: Mr. Beckley, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Fawcett, yes; Mr. Shamel, no; Mrs. Sproul, yes. Motion to table carried.

18-007 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – PERSONNEL, ITEM A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Fawcett made the motion, and Mr. Beckley seconded the motion that the Board approve Personnel, Item A:

A. Personnel

Accept the resignation of Jeremy Shaver, Winter Weightlifting supervisor, effective immediately.

Approve the transfer of Randy Butler, afternoon custodian at Claymont Elementary, to Head Custodian at Claymont Middle School, effective January 2, 2018.

Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Joyce Mehok until January 31, 2018 due to exhaustion of sick leave.

Approve the following substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

Certified

Kristy Dickey	Kathy Shaver	Carol Bichsel
Nathaniel Conkle	Brenda Metzger	Richard Hooker
Brent Miller		

Classified

Alyssa Murphy	Educ. Aide, Cook, Secretary, Bus Aide & Custodian
Kyle Dryden	Custodian
Cameron Orr	Custodian

On roll call vote: Mr. Fawcett, yes; Mr. Beckley, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Sproul, yes. Motion carried.

18-008 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS B AND C

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mrs. Sproul seconded the motion that the Board approve Items B and C:

B. Approve the federal mileage reimbursement rate of 54.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2018.

C. Enter into an agreement through the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center for Orton Gillingham Tutoring Services as presented.

On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Sproul, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Beckley, yes; Mr. Fawcett, yes. Motion carried.

18-009 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEM D – GARDINER CONTRACT

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Fawcett made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the Board approve the contract with Gardiner for maintenance of boilers and pumps for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020 as presented.

Questions/Comments: Mr. Abbuhl asked if we could look at a one year contract instead as he wants to save the district money. Mr. Fawcett asked if the contract would lock in the rates for the 3 years. Mrs. Lint responded that it would and also the contracted rates are lower than the rates charged if there is not a contract. Mr. Fawcett stated there were a lot more issues than anticipated. Mrs. Lint agreed and it is due to the aging equipment in all of the buildings. She believes there is a need for the Buildings and Grounds Committee to meet to go over needs of buildings. Mr. Abbuhl asked if we were looking at new boilers. Mrs. Lint responded that they will need replaced eventually. Mr. Fawcett stated that costs will increase over the next 3 years and that locking in the rates would be more cost beneficial. Mr. Beckley asked if Gardiner carried parts on their trucks. Mrs. Lint responded that it depends on what it is so sometimes yes. They do have a storage location at Kent Tuscarawas. Mr. Beckley asked about past contracts. Mrs. Lint responded that there were always contracts for chillers and software but not the boilers. Mr. Beckley asked if the contract covered the cost of parts. Mrs. Lint responded that it did not.

On roll call vote: Mr. Fawcett, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Beckley, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Sproul, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Rocchi discussed the following: He purchased a book for a book study with the Board and those were distributed. He asked for dates available to have a Board work session. All Board members agreed to meet on Tuesday, February 20, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. for a work session.

Meeting Adjourned

Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mr. Fawcett seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Fawcett, yes; Mr. Beckley, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Sproul, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer