Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
July 11, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library with Mr. Cottrell presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present –Mr. Abbuhl, Mr. Shamel, Mrs. Host, Mr. Cottrell

Visitors and Personnel – The following personnel and visitors were present: John Rocchi, Superintendent; Lori Statler, Treasurer; Jodie Miles, Curriculum Director; Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Tracey Peterman, Cafeteria & Transportation Supervisor; Scott Beckley, Athletic Director; Kendra Rothrock; CEA President; Kim Ohler, Nutrition Group; Veronica Cottrell; staff member; John Dupke, Danielle Stemple, Sydnee Peters and, Stacey Carmany, members of the public.

Introduction of Visitors – Questions and 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.)

Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda –The addendum was accepted as presented and an executive session to discuss the employment of personnel was added to the end of the agenda.

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – None

Buildings & Grounds Update – Mr. Armstrong was not in attendance so the update was given by Mr. Rocchi who reported the following items: He will be touring the District with Mr. Armstrong on July 12th; the electric upgrade at the stadium is in progress; the Intermediate School project is underway; the High School parking lot paving project has started; and, the High School gym is complete and will be open for use on Wednesday.

Mr. Cottrell asked about the 3rd Street pole installation project. Mr. Rocchi responded that the street has been marked for utilities. Mr. Armstrong is working with DJ Welding and he has also secured someone to dig the holes for the posts.

Mr. Cottrell mentioned that he received a letter from the Mayor of Dennison regarding the change in the ordinance and the change in the use of the street. It was mentioned that all Board members received the same letter.

Cafeteria & Transportation Update – Mrs. Peterman discussed the following items: Bus Routes were sent to all drivers; she will be meeting with drivers this week who have questions regarding the new routes; and, the bid/bump meeting will be held on July 18th.

Mrs. Ohler discussed the following cafeteria items: She described changes that will be implemented next school year; all buildings, except the preschool, will have production kitchens; cooking staff will be provided assistance at the beginning of the year to help with a smooth transition; there will be more options at the elementary level; she handed out a flier that describes the "munchables program" that will be instituted at the elementary buildings; they will be implementing the "lunch for life" program the first few weeks of school for all kindergarten students to introduce them to the cafeteria; the High School will have additional ala carte items and new monthly items; we will be piloting a free breakfast program for all students the first 9 weeks of the year; and, a Facebook cafeteria page will be created.

Mr. Cottrell asked about the participation rates for last year and if they could be increased. Mrs. Ohler responded affirmatively and believes with the production kitchens and improved quality of the food that participation will increase.

Mrs. Host asked about year-end data. Mrs. Ohler responded that the report is not yet ready and was in contact already with Mrs. Statler regarding those numbers.

Curriculum Report – Mrs. Miles discussed the following items: She distributed 2016 spring test results and explained the testing scores and what is expected from ODE; the math curriculum has been ordered and will be delivered the beginning of August; new staff orientation will be held August 10th; an updated social studies curriculum is needed as it has been in excess of 15 years since a new curriculum was implemented; the Middle School has been chosen to participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress; and, she gave a list of open house dates and times.

Mrs. Host asked if it was voluntary as to what students take the tests. Mrs. Miles responded that the students are selected by the federal government. Mr. Watkins indicated that if a parent does not want their child to take the test they are excused.

Mr. Cottrell asked what she thought of the test scores. Mrs. Miles responded that they will be providing profession development which she feels will improve scores.
Mr. Cottrell asked about the cost of Step By Step and if it was worth the expense. Mrs. Miles responded that the program is working and the results can be seen in the growth of the K-2 students.

CEA Report – Mrs. Rothrock discussed the following items: She and Mrs. O'Connor worked with Mr. Rocchi to modify the posting dates for June and July to reduce them from 10 to 5 days; teachers who were affected by the reconfiguration will be working 2 extra days in August to get their new rooms ready; and, she wanted to point out that test scores always drop when new tests are implemented and the teachers are doing a tremendous job regardless of what the scores show.

Buckeye Career Center Report – Mrs. Host stated that the Buckeye house sold. She also mentioned that there are currently 519 junior enrolled for the upcoming year.

Mr. Cottrell asked how many people were at the auction. Mrs. Host responded approximately 25.

Principal's Reports – Mr. Watkins discussed the following: The custodians are ahead of schedule; the new rooms look awesome and the building as a whole looks great; there is a lot of painting going on; 110 new lockers have been installed; and, new number plates were order for all lockers.

Mr. Rocchi mentioned that banners have been purchased for all buildings with name changes.

Mr. Beckley discussed the following: He attended a new AD workshop and felt it was very beneficial; he has been working and wanted to give credit to Mrs. Moreland for all of her assistance with the transition into his position; informed the Board of meeting dates; and, gave a list of picture dates.

Mr. Cottrell asked about the league transfer. Mr. Beckley responded that he has not dealt with that at the present time.

16-054 TREASURER'S REPORTS

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Host 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 June 2016 as Presented
B. Payment of Bills as Presented

C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 20, 2016
D. Then and Now Certificate as Presented

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Motion carried.

Superintendent Update:

Reconfiguration – Mr. Rocchi discussed the following items regarding the reconfiguration: He believes we are ahead of schedule for next year and credits that to the 2 work days given to the teachers at the end of school; he commends the custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work; he commends Mrs. Peterman and Mrs. Smith for the time they have put in working on the bus routes; he will have an update on the gates July 12th; he plans on having a presentation at the October meeting regarding plans for Northside; there have been a number of internal teaching position moves and he tried to accommodate all requests; he mentioned that Mr. Golec will be leaving and he appreciates everything Mr. Golec has done as High School Principal; and, he wanted to acknowledge that Mr. Albaugh is resigning as Cross Country Coach to take the position at Kent Tuscarawas and wished him well.

16-055 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl seconded the motion that the Board approve Personnel Item B.

B. Personnel

Employ the following classified employee effective July 11, 2016:

Cory Sproul	Stadium & H.S. Baseball/Softball Grounds Keeper/ Custodian, 4 HRS/Day, 12 months.

Employ the following certified staff member under a one year limited teaching contract effective with the 2016-2017 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

Chelsea Ripple	6th Grade Math Teacher/CMS, BA Degree, 0 Yrs. Experience

Approve the following transfers/building assignments effective with the 2016-2017 school year:

Jonathan McCluskey	Intervention Spec/CIS to 6th Grade Social Studies Teacher/CMS.
Brian Duvall	7th/8th Grade Teacher/CMS to 6th Grade ELA & Science Teacher/CMS.
Ashley Blair	6th Grade Math & Science Teacher/CMS to 7th/8th Grade Teacher/CMS.

Approve the following resignations:

Chad Peterman	6th Grade Social Studies, Science, ELA and Math teacher effective at the end of the 2015-2016 school year.
Cody Grandison	Freshman Football Coach effective immediately.
Scott Golec	CHS Principal effective July 31, 2016.
Mark Albaugh	Head Cross Country Coach effective immediately.

Accept William Hutchison's request to be removed from a leave of absence as a bus driver due to doctor's release effective immediately.

Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year pending receipt of all certifications:

Marlena Henry	Freshman Volleyball Coach
Brandi Morrison	Freshman Cheerleading Advisor
Kayla Jones	JH Cheerleading Advisor
Brent Gates	JH Golf Coach

Comments/Questions: Mrs. Host asked if the road repairs at Eastport have impacted the progress of the building. Mr. Rocchi responded that he did not believe so.

Mr. Abbuhl asked about the status of drug tests for employees. Mr. Rocchi responded that he is working on updating appropriate policies and there is a policy that can require drug testing of all new employees. He feels that there should be more Board discussion regarding this policy.

Mr. Abbuhl inquired about the Zonar program and grant. Mr. Rocchi explained that Zonar is a program whereby parents can track the location of their students. The grant to fund the program was not approved but feels we should move forward without the grant; however, Transfinder recommends waiting to implement mid-year after all of the routes are in place.

On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Motion carried.

16-056 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS C THROUGH H

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl seconded the motion that the Board approve Items C through H.

C. Approve that the district continue with Blizzard Bags for the 2016-2017 school year.

D. Approve the contract with Step by Step Learning, LLC for professional development services for the 2016-2017 school year to be paid partially from Title I funding as presented.

E. Approve the Emergency Operation Plans for all buildings as presented.

F. Approve participation in the Free and Reduced Lunch Program for the 2016-2017 school year.

G. Approve the PreK-12 Notification Service Contract with TRZ Communications Services for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

H. Enter into an agreement with The Nutrition Group for food service management services beginning on July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017 with up to four 1-year renewals with mutual agreement between the Claymont City Board of Education and The Nutrition Group as presented in the Request for Proposal.

Comments/Questions: Mr. Rocchi discussed the following items: The blizzard bags allow for 3 extra calamity days; he agrees with Mrs. Miles that Step By Step has helped with improved test scores and monitoring of students; he explained that new Emergency Operation Plans were needed due to the reconfiguration; and, TRZ Communications provides the all-call service for the District.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Motion carried.

16-057 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEM I

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve Item I:

Employ the following certified staff member under a one year limited teaching contract effective with the 2016-2017 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

Sydnee Peters Intervention Spec/CIS, BA Degree, 0 Yrs. Experience

On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Cottrell, abstain. Motion carried.

16-058 EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYEMENT OF PERSONNEL

Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of personnel, time 7:12 p.m. On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Cottrell declared the executive session ended at 7:46 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned
Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer