Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Special Meeting
June 7, 2017
7:00 a.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 7:00 a.m. in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Host presiding.

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

Visitors and Personnel – The following personnel and visitors were present: John Rocchi, Superintendent; Lori Statler, Treasurer; and, Austin Beckley, member of the public.

Corrections to the Agenda – Under Superintendent's recommendations, Stefenie Armstrong was removed as a summer custodian and Derek O'Hara's supplemental contract was changed to reflect school year 2016-2017.

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – Mr. Abbuhl requested the contract with ECOESC be pulled and voted on separately.

17-045 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS - A

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the Board approve Superintendent Recommendations, Item A:

Approve the transfer of Amber Roberts, Preschool Teacher at Claymont Preschool to Kindergarten Teacher at Claymont Primary School effective for the 2017-2018 school year.

Approve the transfer of Mary Cardani, afternoon custodian at Claymont High School to afternoon custodian at Claymont Middle School, effective May 30, 2017.

Approve the following certified contract effective with the 2017-2018 school year:

Two Year	Brian Duvall

Approve the following 2017 summer tutors for grades K-3, pending student enrollment numbers, for the following dates: July 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th, 27th August 1st, 3rd, 8th & 10th, up to 4 Hours/Daily. The teachers will be paid $20.00 per hour from the Title I Funds:

Erika Wenger-Smith	Joel Kunkle	Dalyn O'Connor

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Approve the following people as Summer Custodians effective June 5, 2017 to August 11, 2017 salary Class 1A-Step 0 per the custodial salary schedule. 8 HRS/Day.

Cheryl Shaw	Stefenie Armstrong	Sarah Flowers

Employ the following certified staff members under a one-year limited teaching contract effective with the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

Torey Conner	Literacy Coach, MA Degree, 10 years of experience
Shannon West	Claymont Intermediate Science and ELA Teacher, BA Degree/ELA, Reading and Science, 0 Yrs. Experience

Employ the following classified staff member under a 90-day probationary contract effective with the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

Kristen Matsel	Bus Aide

Accept the following 2017-2018 supplemental resignations effective immediately:

Jeanna Cottis	Head Girls' Golf Coach
Logan Addison	Middle School Boys' Basketball Coach

Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2017-2018 school year pending receipt of all required certifications:

Jessica Maholm	Varsity Girls' Tennis Coach
William Henry	Freshman Football Coach
Scott Jones	Head Boys' Golf Coach
Eric Peterson	M.S. Cross Country Coach
Brian Baxter	Head Bowling Coach
Logan Addison	Reserve Boys' Basketball Coach
Bryce Avon	½ M.S. Cheerleading Coach
Heather Mahaffey	½ M.S. Cheerleading Coach
Chad Lynch	Volunteer M.S. Boys' Basketball
Jane Lesiecki	M.S. Science Department Head

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

Derek O'Hara	Summer Weightlifting

Approve the following Division 2 Softball Tournament workers:

Nacole Moreland, Announcer	$30.00
Robert Carpenter, Ticket Taker	$30.00

Approve the Title 1 Memorandum of Understanding with Dover City Schools for required Title 1 services at TCC Elementary as presented.

Approve the Literacy Coach Job description as presented.

The following was discussed after Mrs. Host asked for comments or questions prior to the roll call vote:

Mr. Cottrell had reservations regarding an individual who was being hired as a Tutor as he had heard indirectly that this individual had bashed the district and the volleyball team. Mr. Rocchi responded that he asked the individual if that was true and she denied the statements. Mr. Rocchi stated that she is a permanent substitute teacher, has worked hard for the district, and does a good job.

Mr. Abbuhl asked if the Literacy Coach will be overseeing the libraries. Mr. Rocchi responded that the libraries will be part of her duties as well as coaching teachers at the Primary and Elementary. He noted that each library is currently staffed with an Aide. There will possibly be some Aide changes in August. There are proposed changes to Preschool Aide staffing requirements and he is waiting until those are final to finalize the Aide positions throughout the district.

Mr. Abbuhl asked if there could be a grievance filed due to not replacing the librarian. Mr. Rocchi responded that management has the right to fill or not fill positions. He stated that the Literacy Coach will oversee services. He also does not want to minimize the fact that Mrs. Warden has done a great job. Mrs. Warden brought in authors and they would like to continue that and services will be reallocated.

Mr. Cottrell asked what the Literacy Coach will do all day. Mr. Rocchi responded that she will be in the Primary and Elementary. She has experience as a literacy coach but this first year she will be shadowing Step-By-Step to gain an understanding of the district's approach. This will allow the district to reduce their use next year. This will be a learning year with collaboration.

Mr. Cottrell asked about the 29 third graders who have not passed the required test. Mr. Rocchi responded that the number is now 12. Mr. Cottrell asked why this has occurred. Mr. Rocchi responded that as with other state tests, the questions are unknown and there is always the possibility of failures. Mr. Rocchi does not agree with holding students to a retention based on one test score on one day of the year.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the Terra Nova test was taken. Mr. Rocchi responded that 29 students took that and 17 passed which leaves the 12 who have not yet passed. There will be other opportunities for those 12 students this summer.

Mrs. Grant asked if part of the issue with passage was the late date of test. Mr. Rocchi responded he feels that was part of the problem and that would not happen next year.

Mrs. Grant asked what the 12 students would be doing next year. Mr. Rocchi stated that the majority would probably stay at the Elementary.

Mrs. Host asked if the 12 students could move to the Intermediate. Mr. Rocchi responded yes but the majority also had deficiencies in other areas which would require retention.

Mr. Cottrell asked if these students would be tested for special education issues. Mr. Rocchi responded that they will be looking at testing those they felt might qualify for those types of services.

Mr. Abbuhl asked how many were retained last year and why the increase this year. Mr. Rocchi responded that the reason for the increase could be based on several factors and one of the significant factors is the state changing the cut scores for each test, each year. Students are identified in the fall and given a reading improvement plan. Their goal is to educate all students while they are in the classroom.

Mr. Cottrell stated that he feels it is unacceptable that 29 students did not pass and questioned if the Step-By-Step process was working. Mr. Rocchi believes it is working.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the focus on reading was effecting other subject areas. Mr. Rocchi responded they are focusing on reading and math in PK-3 which impacts their abilities in the other subject areas.

Mr. Cottrell asked for clarification on the Title I MOU. Mrs. Statler responded that it is required due to a student who resides in Claymont that received Title I services at TCC Elementary in Dover. If services are provided at Immaculate Conception in Dennison for a non-resident Claymont student, we would also be required to obtain an MOU with that district and invoice them for the cost of the services. This is a new requirement and we can expect to see more of these in the future.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the hearing was still scheduled for June 20th and 21st at the ESC. Mrs. Statler responded that it was and had to be moved at the request of the hearing officer due to the fact that the administrative office board room does not have air conditioning. Mr. Rocchi stated that use of other facilities was not conducive to a hearing because of the numerous activities that take place in the buildings on a daily basis.

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

Mr. Rocchi addressed the board regarding the contract with the ESC: He asked Mr. Amicone if he would remain as Interim Athletic Director but he was not interested. He also spoke with other local individuals but could not find someone that wanted to perform all of the duties that are required of an Athletic Director. This is a busy time for fall sports and someone is needed to ensure that everything is ready to go on August 1st.

Mr. Abbuhl stated that Mr. Amicone is here until June 19th and the hearing is June 20th and 21st so why can't we wait until that is done? He also wanted to know why Eric Seibert, Brian Watkins, and Nacole Moreland couldn't share the work. Mr. Rocchi explained that Eric and Brian have other family summer commitments and this is a very busy time.

Mrs. Grant stated that we owe Mr. Amicone a great debt of gratitude.

17-046 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS – A, 1

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the Board approve Superintendent Recommendations, Item A, 1:

Approve the contract with the ESC for the purchase of service for the interim athletic director as presented.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Grant, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, no; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mrs. Host, yes. Motion carried.

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Meeting Adjourned
Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl 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. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mrs. Grant, yes; Mrs. Host, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 a.m.

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer