Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 8, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 8, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Auditoria with Mr. Cottrell presiding.

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

Visitors and Personnel – The following personnel and visitors were present: John Rocchi, Superintendent; Lori Statler, Treasurer; Jodie Miles, Curriculum Director; Holly Hall, Special Education and Preschool Director; Beth Lint, IT Director; Scott Golec, High School Principal; Eric Henry, Assistant High School Principal; Brian Watkins, Junior High School Principal; Richard Page, Intermediate/Park Principal; Eric Seibert, Trenton Elementary Principal; Beth DiDonato, Eastport Elementary Principal; Dan Armstrong, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; Tracey Peterman, Cafeteria & Transportation Supervisor; Kendra Rothrock, CEA President; Linda Peters, Holly Lloyd, Nathan Hutchison, Amy Hutchison, Sarah Ferguson, Ryan Ferguson, Mary Calhoun, Tasha McConnell, Harry Watkins, Marla Watkins, Kendra Host, Heather Dotts, Michael Dotts, Thomas Clift, Tanya Clift, Donna Tayalva, Dan Gingerich, Sarah McPherson, Chuck McPherson, Emily Swaney, Jennifer Wright, Susan Edwards, Larry Edwards, Jim Shamel, Helen Shamel, Sandy Butler, Kraig Host, Chad Peterman, Amanda Douglas, Mark Kay White, Victoria Christensen-Rankin, Leigh Ann Riker, Scott Buxton, Ashley Miller, Joel Miller, LeeAnn Warren, Courtney Bainbridge, Amber Roberts, Tammy McMillan, Kelly Powell, Juanita Parker, Evan Stull, Danielle Dickey, Alisha Mahaffey, Carl Sowers, Dalyn O'Connor, Lindsay Jackson, Stephanie Meek, Denise Pederson, Jeff Pederson, Mark Haney, Bonnie McDaniel, Jaret Aubiel, Rebecca Toland, Steven Toland, Hunter Mills, Justice Avery, Heather Houston, Derek O'Hara, Joyce Swaldo, Staci Dunn, Veronica Cottrell, Tricia Copeland, Pam Natoli, Bonnie Smith, Nacole Moreland, Trisha Addison, Kari Abel, Tabatha Cranshaw, Sue McMath, Tara Vega, Jean Wallace, Kimberly Edwards, Shannon Terakedis, Susan Monticelli, Amy Rossi, Julie Galloway, Holle Reichman, Nichole Bache, Kelli Page, Lindsay Pellegrino, Patricia Fritig, Stephan Smith, Jim Smith, Tiffany Haney, Carol McDonald, Stephanie Hall, Shannon Tarbert, Heather Watkins, Nicole Dorsey, Robert Dorsey, Nicole Sankey, Nicole, Aul, Judy McDevitt, Catrina Beatty, Alisha Porrick, Cherry Sceen, Ashly Barka, Kim Potopsky, Liz Thomas, Mimi Bausch, Audrey Calez, Stephanie Landan, Ryan Garabrandt, Jacque Peters, Vanessa McDevitt, Brittany Rennicker, mary Grosenbacher, Eric McElroy, Jennifer Golec, and Michele Patterson, members of the public. There were also other individuals in attendance; however, their names were not legible on the sign in sheets.

Mr. Cottrell reminded the audience that this was a meeting of the Board of Education and only those who requested to speak to the Board according to policy would be permitted to do so. Any individual who spoke out of turn or was disruptive would be asked to leave the meeting.

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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.)

Mr. Carl Sowers, Fellowship of Christian Athletes – Mr. Sowers is in charge of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) organization at the High School. Mr. Sowers highlighted activities of FCA. They gave out 100 bibles and are looking to start a chapter in the Junior High so if anyone would like to donate funds to purchase bibles for that level it would be appreciated. FCA has done community projects at Beacon Point such as decorating for Christmas and Valentine's Day and celebrating with the residents. He talked about the online 3D Coaching program (handouts were given to all Board members) and encouraged the athletic department to consider utilization of said program.

Mrs. Tabitha Crawshaw, District Buildings/Grade Level Reconfiguration – Mrs. Crawshaw thanked the Board for giving her the opportunity to speak regarding the restructuring proposal. She went on to say that there are questions that need to be answered. She believes the proposal will cause dramatic change. She feels that parents should have been part of the decision process, not just informed after the fact. She is asking the Board to postpone the approval until citizens can have their questions and concerns addressed. She believes the process has been done in secrecy. Her concerns are real and should be addressed before action is taken. Claymont is ranked highest in the county for K-3 literacy, even higher than Dover and New Philadelphia, so why risk the advances that have been made. Decisions are being made without input from the community. She is a proud 922er. This is her home and she feels betrayed by the decision making process. She asked that the Board delay the vote. She presented a petition signed by 405 community members requesting a delay in the vote. She also presented an online petition signed by 175 community members.

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Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda – Superintendent's Item C, 8 was amended to remove Teddy Boitnott and Matt Grezlik. The addendum was accepted as presented.

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – None.

Buildings & Grounds Update – Mr. Armstrong discussed the following items: The new hot water heater at the Junior High is not working properly; Eastport and Trenton are having cooling units installed for the offices; and, normal repairs are being made on a daily basis. Mrs. Host asked if repairs have been made to the bleachers in the High School gymnasium. Mr. Armstrong responded that parts should be received by February 18. Mrs. Grant asked if the hot water heater mentioned earlier was under warranty. Mr. Armstrong responded that it is under warranty but it is still difficult to have it repaired.

Cafeteria & Transportation Update – Mrs. Peterman stated that Ms. Boggs was unavailable for the cafeteria report and she had nothing to report for transportation.

Special Education and Preschool Update – Ms. Hall discussed the following items: Tammy McMillen, special education secretary, submitted monthly enrollment numbers by building and currently 19.12% of the population are students with disabilities; students and staff at the preschool raised $370 for St. Jude's; the Step Up to Quality annual report is due by April 15, 2016; there are 41 students on the waiting list for the preschool; she is applying for additional Early Childhood Education funding; she is considering allowing tuition based attendance for FY17; and, discussed preschool licensing rules and how they relate to enrollment and available square footage.

CEA Update – Mrs. Rothrock discussed the following: She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak tonight and at every meeting; she wanted to offer suggestions for the proposed reconfiguration; she wanted to make it clear that CEA was not aware of the current reconfiguration proposal and did not have input; CEA is concerned with possible staggered start times; she would like the Board to consider postponing the vote to allow more time for consideration and input from CEA; and, regardless of the outcome, CEA members will provide a quality education to Claymont students and they will work collaboratively with the administration and Board of Education.

Curriculum Update – Mrs. Miles discussed the following items: Three gifted evaluations were completed and none of the students were identified as gifted; the 6th professional development day will be February 12th; the window for alternate assessments begins February 22nd and there are 34 students who qualify; Junior High and High School after-school tutoring will be offered beginning February 16th, the math committee is looking at a Pearson math series; and she congratulated Mock Trial advisors and participants for their accomplishments as they are advancing to the

regional competition on February 19th.

Buckeye Career Center Report – Mrs. Host discussed the following: The Career Center builds a house each year and they are making great progress on the current project; a satellite location at Highland has been created for woodworking; and, they are looking for a teacher to fill that position.

Building Principals Reports – Mr. Golec discussed the following: February is scheduling time; more electives will be offered next year; he congratulated Mock Trial; winter sports are finishing and senior night was last Saturday; the wrestling team won their 23rd ECOL title; and, there are a lot of great things going on in the buildings and the staff is doing a tremendous job.

Mr. Seibert discussed the following items: Fourth grade students attended the ballet in Dover; Dr. Keating did a "mad eyes" presentation for the 2nd grade students; mid-terms will be handed out on February 25th; BLT will meet tomorrow; and the swipe entry cards are an awesome addition at the building.

Mr. Watkins discussed the following items: The spelling bee is tomorrow; the 1st coffee with counselors meeting was held and additional meetings will be held each month; the art club is preparing one of the halls as the academic hall of fame; activities at the building can be found on the website; the Washington D.C. trip is March 22nd through 24th; and, the wrestling team earned 1st place in the ECOL.

Mr. Page discussed the following items: PLTW is redoing the sign in front of the Intermediate School; the spelling bee was held and one student will participate in Canton; and, the Elks essay was offered to all students.

Mrs. DiDonato discussed the following items: The annual talent show will be held in February; jeans days were held and money collected was donated to the Rainbow Connection; and, 4th grade students also attended the ballet.

16-011 TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

A. Financial Report for the Month of January 2016 as Presented
B. Payment of Bills as Presented
C. Appropriation Modification as Presented
D. Minutes of the Organizational and Regular Meetings of January 11, 2016 and the Special Meeting/Work Session of January 26, 2016

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

16-012 CONTRACT WITH METRO CD ENGINEERING

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl seconded the motion that the Board approve a contract with Metro CD Engineering for Criteria Engineer Services as presented.

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

Superintendent Report – Mr. Rocchi thanked everyone for attending. He presented a power point on the reconfiguration plan. He explained all of the reconfiguration scenarios that were discussed before coming to the final plan that he is recommending to the Board for approval. He believes that he could have done a better job of communicating the proposal to the community and he apologized for that.

Mrs. Statler explained that the Preschool was built in 1906 and was not part of the OSFC project in 1999 when the High School was built. As a result, funds collected from the ½ mill maintenance levy cannot be used for repairs to the Preschool. All costs associated with the building must come from the General Fund. In FY15 building operational costs were $36,000 and half way through FY16 operational costs are a little over $20,000.

16-013 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – DISTRICT BUILDINGS/GRADE LEVEL RECONFIGURATION

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the Board approve for the 2016-17 school year the reorganization of Northside Preschool by distributing the four preschool classrooms to Park Elementary and adding an additional preschool classroom. Grades K-1 will be distributed to Trenton and grades 2-3 will be distributed to Eastport. All 4th grade classrooms will be moved to Claymont Intermediate School. All 6th grade classrooms will be moved to Claymont Jr. High. All staff (CEA and OAPSE) will be reallocated based upon building and district needs per negotiated agreements.

Board Discussions - Mrs. Host discussed the following: She thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Rocchi's research mirrored her own research. She could not find any data newer than 2002. She felt data that old was not valid so she reached out to community members from Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools, North Canton City Schools, and Northwest Local Schools who had implemented grade level building configurations. They communicated that the transition was difficult but not one person

would go back and change it. She takes her position as a board member seriously and she feels she did her due diligence to understand the recommended changes.

Mr. Cottrell discussed the following: He thanked Mrs. Crawshaw for the petitions that were presented. He dislikes change but it does happen. He realizes this is a difficult situation for the community. He feels he has to do what is best for kids and is in support of the plan. He feels the District needs to move forward.

Mr. Shamel discussed the following: He appreciated the phone calls and input he received. He sees the passion that people have for the schools and appreciates that. He received both positive and negative feedback. He apologized for the communication issues throughout this process. This reconfiguration also affects board members as they too have children who attend Claymont. He called superintendents at Tuscarawas Valley Local, Sandy Valley Local, and Norwayne Local. All 3 stated they wish they had changed to grade level configurations sooner. He believes the reconfiguration is best for the District as a whole.

Mrs. Grant discussed the following: She believes some mistakes were made with communicating the changes. She is also a parent and is worried about her 6th grader moving to the Junior High; however, Mr. Watkins has given her confidence and eased her mind. Her main concern has always been, and always will be, what is best for the kids in the District.

Mr. Abbuhl discussed the following: He agrees with the plan but does not like how it was handled. He wants to postpone the vote until the public has an opportunity to be involved in the process.

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

16-014 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mrs. Grant seconded the motion that the Board approve Items C, 1 through 8:

C. Personnel

1. Accept the resignation of Darla Ronald, High School Secretary, effective March 1, 2016. Mrs. Ronald will be retiring after serving the district thirty years.

2. Approve the following transfers:

Amanda Douglas Educ. Aide at Trenton (7 Hrs./Day, 188 Days/Yr.) to Secretary at Claymont Intermediate School, (8 Hrs./Day, 203 Days/Yrs.) Effective February 8, 2016

Nacole Moreland Admin. Secretary (225 Days/Yr.) to Superintendent's Secretary (260 Days/Yr.), Effective July 1, 2016, 4 Yrs. Exp.

Jackie Carpenter, Additional 1½ Hours as Cook at Eastport Elem. School, Effective Jan. 25, 2016

3. Approve the following afterschool tutors for two days per week and two hours per day at a rate of $20 per hour to be paid from Title I funding based upon the number of students who participate:

Ian Meiser	Science
Mike Smith	Math
Nathan Cozart	Social Studies & English/Language Arts
Chad Shumaker	Science
Laura Peters	Math
Lexi Wallace	Math
Brian Schilling	English/Language Arts

4. Approve Sheila Renicker as a bus driver for the afterschool tutoring program to be paid from Title I with the hours per day to be determined based upon student participation.

5. Approve a one year contract for Bonnie Smith, EMIS Coordinator, 225 days per year, effective July 1, 2016 as presented.

6. Approve the following substitutes pending receipt of all required documentation:

<u>Classified</u>

Sarah McPherson	Educational Aide
Stefanie Armstrong	Bus Driver
Robert Cottrell	Bus Driver
Jack Wise	Custodian

<u>Certified</u>

Beverly Enold	Kelly Ward

7. Employ the following student workers for computer related work to assist the

Technology Department. These students will be paid at minimum wage and will not exceed twenty hours per week each.

Riley Deardorff – Senior
Carley Henry – Junior

8. Approve the following wrestling tournament workers:

Jody Garbrandt, Announcer, $47
John Albert, Scorekeeper/Timer, $52
Dee Beckley, Scorekeeper/Timer, $52
Lois Huff, Ticket Seller, $43
Kyle Daniell, Site Manager, $86
Pat Beckley, Trainer Assistant, $34.50
Jamey Harlan, Head Trainer, $86
Jim Huff, Door Guard, $21.50
Bob Carpenter, Door Guard, $21.50
Jody Garabrandt, Announcer, $60
John Albert, Scorekeeper/Timer, $52
Dee Beckley, Scorekeeper/Timer, $52
Lois Huff, Ticket Seller, $35
Kyle Daniell, Site Manager, $99
Pat Beckley, Trainer Assistant, $34
Jamey Harlan, Head Trainer, $77
Jim Huff, Door Guard, $26

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

16-015 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS D AND H

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve Items D and H:

D. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding as presented with the Tuscarawas County Health District to make Claymont High School available for mass immunization and/or vaccination clinics required in the conduct of disease prevention and control activities should the need arise.

E. Approve a contract and license agreement with Transfinder to provide bus routing software and support as presented.

F. Approve the Master Agreement for College Credit Plus with Kent State University

for the 2016-2017 school year as presented.

G. Approve commendations to the following Students of the Month:

Claymont High School

Seniors	Chase Ricker & Mickayla Boned
Juniors	Cody Meyer & Alexa Baumberger
Sophomores	Maxx Peters & Hannah Shaffer
Freshman	Kollin Edwards & Katherine Host

Claymont Junior High School

8th Graders	A'ine Connelly & Keilee Fellows
7th Graders	T.J. Zurcher, Peyton Smith, Blaize Wise, Connor Harlan & Murphy White

Claymont Intermediate School

5th Grade	Hunter Loy & Bailey Bernard
6th Grade	Alexis Greer & Olivia Swigert

Trenton Avenue Elementary School

Kindergarten	Tanner Vandine
1st Grade	Tristan Evans
2nd Grade	Zane Bower
3rd Grade	Madison Holderbaum
4th Grade	James Jewell

Eastport Avenue Elementary School

Kindergarten	Emery Calderon, Logan Groah and Jayden McFarland
1st Grade	Ashley Yang, Cruz Shondelmyer, Eliza Slemmer and Emma Fawcett
2nd Grade	Brodie Lindsey, Ashtyn Walker and Michael Reynolds
3rd Grade	Logan Henry, Brody Tice and Broc Baughman
4th Grade	Gemma Dotts, Austin McConnell and Trinity Ross

Park Elementary School

Kindergarten	Sam Smith & Jayde Cochran
1st Grade	Malaki Barker and Jadyn Sproul
2nd Grade	Ethan Fair
3rd Grade	Kelsey Edie
4th Grade	Ben Heddleston

H. Approve a Speech/Language Therapy Service Agreement with Tara Helwig Enterprises, LLC, d.b.a. TeleVine Therapy as presented.

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

16-016 EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONEL

Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mrs. Grant seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of personnel, time 7:49 p.m. On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Grant, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Cottrell declared the executive session ended at 8:53 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned
Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Grant; yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer