Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017
6:30 p.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.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; Jodie Miles, Curriculum Director; Holly Hall, Special Education Director; Lisa Brown, High School Principal; Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Richard Page, Intermediate School Principal; Beth DiDonato, Elementary School Principal; Tracey Peterman, Cafeteria & Transportation Supervisor; Dalyn O'Connor, CEA President; and, Austin Beckley, Dee Beckley, Troy Beckley, Patrick Beckley, Shannon Grandison Beckley, Melva Beckley, George Houston, Heather Houston, Tiffany Duvall, Brooke Beckley, Jan Warden, Vince Terakedis, Shannon Terakedis, Anna Hershberger, Josh Hershberger, Michelle Watkins, Bonnie Smith, Brian Baxter, and Tia Dickey, member of the public. There were other individuals in attendance; however, their names were not legible on the sign-in sheets.

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.)

Claymont Middle School Students – Mr. Watkins introduced 6th grade students who were in attendance to talk about how the reconfiguration effected them positively. Two students were unable to attend and Mr. Watkins handed out letters on their behalf. The following students spoke about their experiences at the Middle School: Madison Houston, Arianna Terakedis, Kailey Watkins, Meadow Duvall, Alexa Brick, and, Emily Brick.

Austin Beckley – Mr. Beckley discussed the following: He addressed the Board of Education, Superintendent, and Treasurer as the father of the current Athletic Director, Scott Beckley. He was here to speak on behalf of his son. All of his sons attended Claymont. Scott worked at Indian Valley Schools and became an administrator there. Scott wanted to return to Claymont, his alma mater. Scott was hired in May 2016 and worked without pay through the summer. Scott attended professional development provided by OHSAA to obtain certification. Scott is now half-way to his doctorate in education. Scott is committed to education. Scott was appointed to the Eastern District Athletic Board as a new Athletic Director. Scott worked with the Superintendent on the stadium renovation project. Scott is not a yes man. Scott is committed to students and athletes of the district. Numerous people have stated how Scott has done a great job. Austin stated that he was a board of education member for 12 years. The board of education works for the community. He implored the board to do the right thing and bring Scott back. The decision on Scott might be one of the most important decision the board will make. The Superintendent works for the board not the other way around. He questioned the Superintendent's commitment because he lives outside the community. He knows that not everyone will like his comments. The community, students, staff, and administrators deserve better. He will always be a spokesman for the community and requested that the board bring his son back as Athletic Director.

Casey Mayo – Mr. Mayo, tech prep teacher at the High School, discussed the following: While his students are outstanding in the tech arena, they have academic challenges. He asked the board's permission to take students to New York City. He believes this trip will be a once in a life time opportunity for most students.

Mrs. Host asked what the transportation was. Mr. Mayo responded that 3 chaperones will transport students to Pittsburgh. From there, students will travel via Megabus to New York City.

Mrs. Grant asked how many students would take part in the trip. Mr. Mayo stated that there were 12 seniors for sure and if the juniors went the total would be 30.

Mrs. Host asked if this would be an annual trip. Mr. Mayo stated that he was planning on doing this every other year.

Carl Sowers – Mr. Sowers discussed the following: Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) has great things going on in the community. He introduced Derrick Moreland, 10th grade student and member of FCA. Derrick spoke about what FCA does and how FCA wants to make a difference in the community. He described various projects and how the leadership conference he attended has helped him become more confident as a leader. Mr. Sowers mentioned the missionary trips that FCA members have gone on.

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Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda – None

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – None

Cafeteria & Transportation Update – Mrs. Peterman discussed the following: Head cooks have to have professional development and become certified; chocolate covered fruit is being served at the high school during February; a weekly calendar from January was distributed to show the board the difficulties she faces when trying to schedule trips and cover absences; wage information from local districts was also presented; she attempts to cover absences by shifting students to other buses but this does not correct the underlying problem; and, she foresees a problem covering athletic events as they interfere with regular route.

Special Education & Preschool Report – Ms. Hall discussed the following: Presented February special education timelines; February 17th professional day will include topics for intervention specialists; the preschool play based assessment had 10 students participate; the next play based assessment is scheduled for February 24th; presented the results of the family survey that was completed; gave preschool enrollment figures; and, gave a listing of upcoming events.

Curriculum Report – Mrs. Miles discussed the following: Presented current gifted referral information; presented testing dates through March; presented the agenda for the February 17th professional development day; proposed accelerated opportunities for 8th grade students to receive instruction and high school credit beginning with the 2017/2018 school year; and, the guidance counselors are working to modify schedules to allow Buckeye Career students to receive their academic classes at the High School.

Mr. Cottrell asked if bussing would be an issue. Mrs. Miles did not believe it would as there used to be a mid-day bus route to Buckeye.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the 8th grade student would attend the High School in the morning or afternoon. Mrs. Miles responded that they are still working on the details and a decision has not yet been made.

Mrs. Host asked about the Otis Lennon test which will be administered to 1st grade students. She thought in the past that it was given to 2nd grade students and was concerned the content would not be suitable. Mrs. Miles responded that gifted testing is required to be administered to 2 grade levels each year and the test that will be given to 1st graders is grade level specific and different from the tested given to the 2nd grade students.

CEA Report – Mrs. O'Connor discussed the following: Staff is getting ready for parent-teacher conferences; they are collaborating for next year to develop the necessary committees; and, it is a very busy time of year.

Buckeye Career Center Report – Mrs. Host discussed the following: A pancakes with parents event was held and 190 parents and/or loved ones attended and applications for next school have been received and there are currently 356 which is approximately 25% of the sophomore class.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the new Buckeye house construction has begun. Mrs. Host responded that construction has begun. Approximately 2-3 months ago Buckeye contracted to purchase additional land for construction of 7 more homes.

Mr. Cottrell asked if a new home was built every year. Mrs. Host responded that homes are completed every other year. The project is a great opportunity for students. Buckeye hosted a masonry event and 1 student performed so well that they received a job offer based on their performance.

Principal's Reports – Mr. Page discussed the following: Building TBT and BLT meetings have been held; staff will be working on pacing guides; a Rainbow Connection grant was received last year and the results of that grant were filmed; and, every student has an opportunity to participate in dodgeball or movie day, no one is denied.

Mrs. DiDonato discussed the following: Presented celebration dates; Mrs. O'Hara received a $570 grant from Donor's Choice; spoke on an assembly that was held; on the 17th her staff will have professional development with Step-By-Step; TBTs are looking at student performance measures; and, 3rd grade students have improved with 52 needing intervention as opposed to 88 at the beginning of the year.

Mr. Watkins discussed the following: He is concerned with the scheduling issue related to 8th grade students attending classes at the High School next year; recommended that the board take a look at the updated website; it was good to hear the perspectives of the 6th graders; and, his staff is gearing up for testing.

Ms. Brown discussed the following: The BLT met at the beginning of the year and decided to focus on language arts; a pre and post ACT test was created with the TBT reviewing the results which showed that scores are increasing; working on scheduling for next year; PLTW course will be expanded; business classes will be added next year; she believes the ½ day Buckeye schedule is a good idea; National Honor Society interviews are on-going; Mock Trial is doing fantastic with 3 teams advancing; Mrs. Host mentioned that regionals were held on Friday in Akron; 3 OHSAA scholarship nominations were made; and, 2 ECOL scholarship nominations were made.

Mr. Cottrell asked if a Valedictorian and Salutatorian were known. Ms. Brown responded that the guidance department is still working on that.

Treasurer's Report – Mrs. Statler discussed the following: 58% of the way through the year forecasted amounts are comparable with actual revenue and expenditures; personal services expenditures are only at 57% which is to be expected as 15 of 26 payrolls (57%) have been paid through January; the initial budget proposed by Governor Kasich reflects a 0% increase over the next 2 years; the lack of increase is due to a 3% decrease in enrollment over the past 6 years which is a new component of the budget; this is a major concern as 78% of our funding is received from ODE; the October forecast included a conservative increase of 1.5% in FY18 and 2% in FY19; and, the flat lined funding will negatively impact the forecast by $843,000.

17-012 TREASURER'S REPORTS

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

A. Financial Report for the Month of January 2017 as Presented
B. Payment of Bills as Presented
C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Organizational Meeting of January 11, 2017 and Special Work Session of January 25, 2017
D. Then & Now Certificate as presented
E. Appropriation Modifications as presented

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

17-013 EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE DISCIPLINE OF PERSONNEL

Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Cottrell seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the discipline of personnel, time 7:35 p.m. On roll call vote: Mrs. Grant, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Host, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Host declared the executive session ended at 8:40 p.m.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Update on the Northside Playground Project – Mr. Rocchi reported that he is still in the process of preparing bid specifications for demolition and legal counsel is reviewing documents at this time.

B. Personnel

17-014 RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO CONSIDER TERMINATION OF ADMISTRATOR
(O.R.C. §§3319.02 and 3319.16)

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

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

Section 1. It is the intention of the Board of Education to consider the termination of the administrative contract of Scott Beckley on the basis of good and just cause within the meaning of O.R.C. §§3319.02 and 3319.16. The specification of grounds for such consideration are:

1. Disrespectful and unprofessional conduct towards the Superintendent regarding employment decisions on December 8 and 9, 2016.

2. Gross neglect of duty and intentional disregard for district procedures regarding the handling and depositing of cash funds associated with the Claymont City Schools athletic programs despite acknowledging being trained by the Treasurer's department, including:

a. Willful disregard for and failure to adhere to the Treasurer's requirement to deposit cash funds in excess of $1,000.00 within 24 hours of receipt by the Athletic Director's office.
b. Willful disregard for and failure to adhere to the Treasurer's requirement to deposit cash funds below $1,000.00 within 48 hours of receipt by the Athletic Director's office.
c. Placing significant sums of cash funds of the Athletic Department and significant sums of cash funds of the Athletic Booster Club at risk by maintaining such funds in the Athletic Director's office safe.
d. Failure to provide receipts for purchases from the athletic department that would have recorded the amount and source of funds collected by the Athletic Department.
e. Failure to count and record the amount of funds collected and maintained on behalf of the Athletic Booster Club.
f. Permitting cash funds of the Athletic Department to accumulate and commingle with the funds of the Athletic Booster Club over more than four months.

3. Mishandling of athletic program fund records creating the inability to fully audit and/or properly account for all of the athletic program funds.

This matter is subject to ongoing review by the Administration. If any additional information becomes known to the Administration and/or Board of Education, warranting supplementation of the specification, these facts will be made available to Mr. Beckley as soon as possible prior to any hearing that may be held regarding this matter.

Section 2. The Treasurer of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to furnish Mr. Beckley with written notice of the Board's intention to consider the termination of his administrative contract upon the above stated grounds and specifications.

Section 3. The Board reserves the right to supplement the grounds for termination should any new information concerning the grounds for termination become available.

Section 4. The nature of this matter warrants suspension of Mr. Beckley from all duties pending final Board action upon such termination. Accordingly, Mr. Beckley is hereby suspended without pay from all duties until further notice, effective immediately. The Treasurer is directed to provide written notice of this action.

Section 5. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including O.R.C. §121.22.

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

17-015 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – PERSONNEL, ITEM B-2

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Cottrell seconded the motion that the Board approve Personnel, Item B-2:

B. Personnel

2. Accept the resignation of Timothy Wanosik, HVAC/R Coordinator, effective April 28, 2017 for retirement purposes.

Accept the resignation of Janet Warden, District Library Supervisor and High School Librarian, effective August 1, 2017 for retirement purposes.

Approve the resignation of Harry Anderegg, Assistant Boys' Varsity Track Coach, effective immediately.

Approve the elimination of the part time Educational Aides position at Claymont Middle School, 3.25 HRS/Daily, due to a student starting a reduced day effective immediately.

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

Nolan Rennicker, Volunteer Baseball Coach
Rich Struchen, Varsity Boys' Tennis Coach
Jon McCluskey, Assistant Varsity Girls' Track Coach
Bob Manchester, JH Boys' Track Coach
Marti Langdon, Volunteer Track Coach

Employ Brandi Devore as POS Cashier at Claymont Middle School, 2.25 HRS/Daily, effective January 25, 2017.

Employ Stefenie Armstrong as Breakfast Cook/POS Cashier at Claymont Primary School, 1.25 HRS/Daily, effective February 6, 2017.

Approve Rachel Long as a substitute school bus driver for the 2016-2017 school year, pending receipt of all required documentation.

Approve the following wrestling tournament workers for the OHSAA Dual Regionals held at Claymont High School on January 25, 2017:

Jody Garbrandt, Announcer, $30
John Albert, Scorekeeper/Timer, $30
Teddy Boitnott, Security, $50
Steve Maxwell, Security, $30
Lois Huff, Ticket Seller, $30
Nacole Moreland, Ticket Seller, $40
Larry Amicone, Site Manager, $100
Pat Beckley, Trainer Assistant, $34.50
Jamey Harlan, Head Trainer, $50
Jim Huff, Door Guard, $25
Bob Carpenter, Door Guard, $25

Approve the following Winter Athletic workers at minimum wage:

Jim Huff, Door Guard
Lois Huff, HS Ticket Seller
Bob Carpenter, Door Guard
Jim Carrothers, Announcer/Clock
Jody Garbrandt, Clock/Scoreboard
Jodi Miles, Scorebook
Darlene Walker, Clock
Art Walker, Scorebook
Linda Aubiel, MS Ticket Seller
Brenda Seibert, MS Concession Stand
William Young, MS Clock/Scoreboard
Don Ferguson, Clock
JJ Ong, Clock
John Albert, Video/Scoreboard

Approve the following workers for the Sectional Wrestling Tournament being held at Claymont High School February 24, 2017 through February 25, 2017:

Bob Carpenter	Jim Huff	Jody Garbrandt	Travis Poland
Bob Johnson	Lois Huff	Jamey Harlan	Nacole Moreland
John Albert	Kurtt Peters	Lucas Grove	Rochelle Seibert
Nathaniel Day	Sara Swain	Kendra Rothrock	Casey Mayo
Clintt Peters	Paul Ditcher	Chris Akers	Dick Regula
Jason Edwards	Cory Henry	Bruce Hillyer	Randy Reichman
Mark Ditcher	Scott Shaw	Rhett Peters	Dan Langdon
Zach McKibben	Eric Seibert		

Approve the following substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

<u>Certified</u>

Kristen Vissat	Walter Shade	Carol Bichsel
Matthew Caroll	Sharayah LoPresti	Thomas Miller
Danielle Ridgway	Thomas Watt	

<u>Classified</u>

Troy Milburn	Bus Aide & Custodian

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

17-016 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS – PERSONNEL, ITEM B-3

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mr. Abbuhl seconded the motion that the Board approve Personnel, Item B-3:

B. Personnel

3. Approve the following workers for the Sectional Wrestling Tournament being held at Claymont High School February 24, 2017 through February 25, 2017:

Kraig Host Kendra Host

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

17-017 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS C THROUGH G

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

C. Approve the Master Agreement for College Credit Plus with Kent State University for the 2017-2018 school year as presented:

D. Approve a Tech Prep student field trip to New York City April 23, 2017-April 25, 2017 for approximately 25 students and 3 chaperones, at no cost to the district.

E. The board commend Cody Garbrandt for his outstanding accomplishments as a UFC Champion.

F. Commendations to the following Claymont Students who attend Buckeye Career Center for their hard work and earned a 4.0 for the 2nd Nine Weeks:

Collier Cain	Gracie Carlisle	Lucas Crawshaw	Robby Edwards
Kenneth Flynn	Jeffrey Hammond	Eric Harmon	Travis Heavilin
Aaron Willison	Ben Robb	Malayda Janvrin	

G. Commendations to the following Students of the Month:

Claymont High School

Freshman	Jordan Garbrandt-Roup
Sophomore	Eric Debolt
Junior	Ariel Mann
Senior	Dylan James

Claymont Middle School

6th Grade	Meadow Duvall & Dawson Cox
7th Grade	Wyatt Murphy, Jerell Jones & Chloe McConnell
8th Grade	Jade Gibson & Ray Anderson

Claymont Elementary School

2nd Grade	Ashton Cox, Heidi Johnson, Matt Berndt, Brooklyn Abbuhl, Kason Smith, Abby Cameron & Elle Baughman
3rd Grade	Aaron Brindley, Myles Wolf, Carson Golec, Kammen Willis, Rendall Rennicker, Brady McGuire & Cora Dotts

Claymont Primary School

Kindergarten	Bryer Green, Harley Meek, Izabella McDonald, Londyn Laughlin, Owen Parrish, Isabella Beitzel, Caleb Niederhuber & Damion Hursey
1st Grade	Wayne Abel, Mitchell Ady, Kaidence Wright, Destiny Putnam, Leo McCue, Kenzie Fierbaugh, Bella Swarney, Allie Lowdermilk & Lilly Sproul

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

17-018 EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL

Mr. Cottrell made the motion, and Mrs. Grant seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of personnel with no action to follow, time 8:43 p.m. On roll call vote: Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mrs. Grant, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Host, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Host declared the executive session ended at 9:41 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned
Mrs. Grant 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. Grant, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes; Mrs. Host, yes. Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

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Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer