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

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Administrative Office 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; Richard Page, Intermediate/Park Principal; Beth DiDonato, Eastport Elementary Principal; Dan Armstrong, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor; Tracey Peterman, Cafeteria & Transportation Supervisor; Fawn Boggs, Nutrition Group; Kendra Rothrock, CEA President; Amy Ehret, Ashley Miller, Evan Stull, Mandi Edwards, Derek O'Hara, Bethany Doane, Debbie Keathley, Joyce Mehok, Taryn Householder, Chris Miller, Kelly Cook, Rhonda Smith, Tricia Copeland, and Heather Dotts, Eastport Elementary Staff; and, Michelle Sproul, Brandon McCray, Autumn McCray and Tyler McCray, 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 – None.

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – None.

Kahoot – Eastport Elementary 4th Grade Students – Mrs. DiDonato introduced 4th Grade Teachers Mrs. Smith, Mr. Miller and Mrs. Copeland. They discussed what they are doing in their classrooms with Kahoot. Students Ella Seibert, Lani Abbuhl, Tyler McCray, Gemma Dotts, and Mallory Mackey were on hand to demonstrate how the program works and the benefits it has in making learning fun.

Transportation & Cafeteria Update – Mrs. Peterman discussed the following items: There is 1 driver completing work to become a substitute bus driver and 1 more interested in starting training in February, and she is watching the weather for possible snow overnight.

Cafeteria Update – Ms. Boggs discussed the following items: She introduced Linda Mullens who is the new co-food service director; a presentation was held at Eastport Elementary for the students to help them understand portions and food options; and, they are looking into adding more fruit options at the elementary buildings.

Buildings & Grounds Update – Mr. Armstrong discussed the following items: Snow plows are on and ready to go; swipe cards have been installed and are operating at Trenton and Eastport; wiring for installation of swipe cards at the High School will take place on Friday; the water softener at the Junior High has been relocated; he is getting estimates for installation of softeners at the other buildings; and, there are a couple of boilers down and parts have been ordered for repairs.

Special Education and Preschool Update – Ms. Hall discussed the following items: Records for the 2013-2014 Medicaid audit were submitted on December 18th; she discussed what she will be presenting on the January 15th professional development day; the District has been selected for an IDEA fiscal self-review; the preschool Christmas program was moved to the Intermediate and was a huge success; Step Up to Quality annual report documents were resubmitted; and she gave out information on class sizes.

Curriculum Update – Mrs. Miles discussed the following items: One gifted evaluation was completed and the student was identified as gifted; a request was received for grade acceleration; handed out OGT results; discussed the state report cards that will be coming soon; and mentioned that the 4th grade students will be attending a ballet.

Building Principals Reports – Mr. Golec discussed the following: Scheduling has started and involves meeting with every department; a meeting was held with all freshmen who received low scores; he is looking into a freshman focus program; and, he will be sending the Board an email regarding a project the HPAC club is proposing. Mr. Cottrell asked how many electives are offered. Mr. Golec responded that he did not know the exact number. Some of the electives are dictated by the state and some are student driven. Mr. Cottrell asked when the service dog was going to be received. Mr. Golec responded that it would not be until the 2016-2017 school year.

Mrs. DiDonato discussed the following: Polar Express was a huge success in December; Kahoot is done District wide, not just at Eastport and it makes learning fun; the students learned a lot from the Nutrition Group presentation; special education teachers Mandi Edwards and Joyce Mehok wrote a grant for $8,000 to receive

equipment for a sensory room; and, the calming room is done. Mr. Cottrell asked if the swing could be moved. Mrs. DiDonato responded that it could not but part of the equipment from the grant will include a portable option.

Mr. Page discussed the following: With the help of the Dennison police and fire departments they were able to take 18 children on the Polar Express; DARE program for the 5th grade students is underway; and, they will be holding their 9 weeks celebration.

CEA Update – Mrs. Rothrock discussed the following: All teachers are preparing for the new testing; they are frustrated with spending 2 years working on a test that no longer exists; she thanked Mandi Edwards and Joyce Mehok for writing the grant; she mentioned that Mrs. Dunn has also received funding through Donor's Choice on-line; and, the economics unit was able to provide Christmas gifts to 9 students. Mr. Cottrell asked how long it takes to write a grant. Mrs. Edwards responded that the actual application took about 5/6 hours but gathering the information took a lot of time and input from numerous individuals was needed.

Buckeye Career Center Report – Mrs. Host discussed the following. She thanked Mr. Rocchi and Mrs. Statler for attending the Career Center Christmas dinner; the organizational meeting has not yet occurred; she complemented and thanked Mr. Hillyer, Mr. Ong, and Mrs. Monticelli for their work with Mock Trial and 9th grade won first place; she mentioned that she has utilized Donor's Choice and it is a good opportunity for all involved.

Superintendent Report – Mr. Rocchi stated that every day it takes a team, from bus drivers to administrators, to provide students with educational opportunities. He feels that everyone at Claymont works as a team with individuals going above and beyond. He thanked everyone for doing such a good job and appreciates the hard work.

16-005 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 December 2015 as Presented
B. Payment of Bills as Presented
C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015

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

16-006 PARTICIPATION IN THE STARK COUNTY SCHOOLS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BRONZE HEALTH PLAN

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve participation in the Stark County Schools Council of Governments (COG) Bronze Health Plan. The Plan will be offered to all employees that are currently not eligible for insurance at a rate of $434.91 per month for single coverage and $1,056.50 for family coverage with the entire cost to be paid by the employee.

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

16-007 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS - PERSONNEL

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grant made the motion, and Mr. Shamel seconded the motion that the Board approve Items A, 1 through 5:

A. Personnel

1. Accept the resignation of Amy Hutchison as a one hour breakfast cook at Eastport Avenue School effective December 18, 2015.

2. Employ Jackie Carpenter as a one hour breakfast cook at Eastport Avenue Elem. School under a ninety day probationary contract effective January 11, 2016.

3. Approve the following substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year pending receipt of all required documentation:

   <u>Certified</u>
   Maria Sparks Kerby Thompson

   <u>Classified</u>
   Stefenie Armstrong Bus Driver

4. Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2015-2016 school year:

   Bart Wigfield Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach
   Logan Addison Varsity Assistant/J.V. Baseball Coach
   Jordan Beebe JH Boys' Track Coach

5. Approve the federal mileage reimbursement rate of 54 cents per mile effective January 1, 2016.

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

16-008 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS B AND C

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

B. Accept a donation of up to $8,073.60 from the Rainbow Connection for the purchase of sensory equipment at Eastport Avenue School.

C. Approve the Capital Improvement Plan as presented.

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

16-009 EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONEL

Mr. Shamel made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, time 7:18 p.m. On roll call vote: Mr. Shamel, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mrs. Grant, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Cottrell declared the executive session ended at 8:19 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 8:20 p.m.

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Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer