Claymont City Schools
Board of Education
Regular Meeting
September 12, 2016
6:30 p.m.

The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Library with Mr. Cottrell presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present –Mr. Abbuhl, Mrs. Grant, 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; Lisa Brown, High School Principal; Eric Henry, Assistant High School Principal; Beth DiDonato, Elementary Principal; Holly Hall, Director of Special Education; Dan Armstrong, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor; Tracey Peterman, Cafeteria & Transportation Supervisor; Dayln O'Connor; CEA President; Fawn Rose, Nutrition Group; Nikita Richardson, and Scott Richardson, 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.)

Recognition of The Mustang Restaurant and Bar and DJ's Weld – Mr. Rocchi recognized Nikita and Scott Richardson, owners of The Mustang Restaurant and Bar for all they have done for the District and helping to build a sense of pride in our schools. Dwight Johns, owner of DJ's Weld was not present but was recognized for his efforts in building and installing the gates in front of the Intermediate School.

Additions and/or Corrections to the Agenda –The amended addendum was accepted as presented. Taryn Householder's supplemental was amended to reflect that she will be a girls' coach.

Items to be pulled and voted upon separately – None

Buildings & Grounds Update – Mr. Armstrong discussed the following items: Three inspections have taken place, elevators, boilers, and health department; all boilers passed, 2 elevators need minor repairs, and the health department gave a small list of items; the Elementary Building has a leak in the chiller that is being repaired; and, the PA system at the Stadium has been checked and repaired.

Mrs. Grant asked about the speakers not being hooked up on the home side. Mr. Armstrong responded that when the new system was installed, only visitor side speakers were wired. He mentioned that someone used the system without permission and blew out more speakers. The repairs will be completed this week. Mrs. Grant stated she was concerned because Ember Complete Care and the Boosters shared the entire cost of the system which was installed in 2013.

Mr. Armstrong demonstrated the new high speed buffing machine that was purchased. He explained that the machine can buff when school is in session and can be used on the new gym floor to extend its life.

Mr. Shamel asked about the sidewalks at the Middle School and what is being done with their poor condition. Mr. Armstrong stated that we were looking into funding to make those repairs.

Mr. Armstrong thanked Park Christian Church for the work they performed at the Stadium. He also thanked Mrs. Host's company for the donation of mums.

Mr. Abbuhl asked about the Middle School gym and how hot it is during sporting events. Mr. Armstrong stated that he is getting quotes from Metal Masters.

Mr. Abbuhl asked if there were joiners still in the District. Mr. Armstrong stated that those have been gone since the new High School was opened.

Mr. Cottrell asked about how the summer projects held up after the severe weather over the weekend. Mr. Armstrong responded that no issues were encountered.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the newly paved parking lot at the High School was draining properly. Mr. Armstrong responded that it is draining and there were no puddles.

Cafeteria Update – Mrs. Rose discussed the following items: They are now offering a freshly made pizza at both the Middle School and High School and the students love it; the Middle School and High School now have daily choices available; Munchables are now available at the Primary, Elementary, and Intermediate and are very popular; free breakfast has been a success with approximately 620 served a day; and, she referenced the required ODE disclosures.

Cafeteria & Transportation Update – Mrs. Peterman discussed the following items: They got through the first crazy week; the drivers did a great job with all of the changes; she is working on student assignments; one day alone she had 65 phone messages; parents have been cooperative and understanding; she has is currently riding the routes; the new bus has been received but she is waiting for installation of the camera system before putting it into service; and, Buckeye and Central routes were delayed so a change has been made to accommodate those issues.

Mr. Cottrell asked if there has been any reduction in mileage with the new routes and if there was any fuel savings. Mrs. Peterman responded that at this point it was too early to tell.

Special Education & Preschool Report – Ms. Hall discussed the following items: Pete Tolan with ECOESC will be helping to provide school psychology services this year; in September there will be 7 initial evaluations, 4 reevaluations, and 37 annual IEP reviews; September 16th will be a workday and professional development day; August 25th they had a professional development presentation; enrollment figures were presented; she gave dates for various events that will take place over the next 2 months; and, she thanked everyone for the extra work involved with opening of the new Claymont Preschool.

Mr. Abbuhl asked if there was a waiting list. Ms. Hall responded that there is only a waiting list for next year and there are over income slots available for this year. Ms. Hall also mentioned that the cost for over income students was less than charged at St. Mary's.

Mr. Abbuhl asked how many students were in a class. Ms. Hall responded that ECE classes have 20 students and special education classes have 16.

Mr. Cottrell thanked her and her staff for their work. He also mentioned that the pick-up and drop-off was a success.

Mr. Shamel mentioned that cars were blocking the road in the morning and believes that this issue needs to be addressed.

Mr. Cottrell asked if the students like having a playground. Ms. Hall responded that they do enjoy it and she has ordered an adaptive swing for 2 students.

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Curriculum Report – Mrs. Miles discussed the following items: The District received $6,250 from the Reeves Foundation to purchase a set of 25 chromebooks for the 3rd grade; K-3 teachers are off and running with the literacy initiative; professional development was provided for the new Carnegie Math series; technology training will be provided to High School and Middle School staff who are new to chromebooks; and, local report cards are expected to be released on September 15th and all schools across the county can expect negative results.

Mr. Rocchi mentioned that a letter, signed by all Superintendents in Tuscarawas County, was sent to the Times Reporter in response to their inquiry about report card scores. They are trying to be proactive about the change in test scores. The Times Reporter has refused to publish the letter but it will be placed on the District's webpage. Mr. Rocchi read the following letter that was submitted to the Times Reporter:

Response to 2015-2016 Ohio Report Card
By Local Superintendents

The Ohio Department of Education plans to release the 2016 Report Card for all Ohio school districts on September 15. The report represents a multitude of measurement components, including achievement, progress, gap closing, graduation rate, and others.

The public schools of our area fully support high educational standards, quality measurement systems, and accountability to our local community; it's what our students deserve and residents expect. The challenge, however, is keeping up with Ohio's accountability system described by the Department of Education as "in transition." Those in the field would more aptly describe the state's measurement system as a running target, the complete opposite of sound educational practice and what is good for students.

Before ODE releases report card results, it is imperative for residents and community leaders to understand the massive changes in the state's accountability system in order to keep a healthy perspective on the district report card.

Educators and community members of our area will likely struggle to comprehend how the performance of high achieving school districts in our area could somehow plummet in just six months since the release of the last Ohio Report Card in February. Did the students of our area suddenly become less intelligent? Did the quality of our teacher instruction abruptly plunge? Have administrators lost their focus on what matters most? Quite the contrary.

Four major factors have specifically contributed to the reason most school districts will likely see a drastic drop in local report card ratings for 2016, including ours.

Online assessments. The previous pencil/paper testing format in Ohio has been replaced with online assessments. While districts were initially given the option to choose online or paper/pencil format, most made the necessary technological upgrades to successfully administer the state's required tests online. As an example, Ohio's third graders are expected to read an extended passage on a computer or Chromebook, and then type a three paragraph essay in response to what they have read. Most adults today learned keyboarding in high school, whereas today's children are required to learn keyboarding skills beginning in kindergarten. You can be proud that TV students exceeded the state's 3rd grade reading benchmark.

Three tests in three years. Ohio's students have been subject to three different tests in three years. Previously, all students in grades 3-8 took the Ohio Achievement Assessment (OAA) in Reading, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Ohio then moved away from the OAA to the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) for the 2014-2015 school year. Most recently, PARCC was disbanded and replaced by American Institutes of Research (AIR) for 2015-2016. Expecting students to navigate three different types of tests in three years on the same learning standards is like having an official change the worth of a football touchdown in the middle of a game, a decision resulting in immediate frustration for players and spectators alike.

Increased cut scores. Individual students must earn a certain cut score on the state assessment to be considered proficient in each tested area (ex: 6th grade math). In 17 of 31 tested areas, the individual cut score required for students to achieve at the proficient level increased from the 14-15 school year to the 15-16 school year. For instance, a 6th grade student in 2016 needed to score 70% higher on the Math AIR assessment than a student taking the Math PARCC assessment in 2015. Area school officials are pleased the state expects individual students to reach higher levels to be considered proficient.

Increased percentages. In order for a district to "meet" the state indicator for a particular grade and content area (ex. 6th grade social studies), the state requires a certain total percentage of students to score proficient or higher in that tested grade and subject. The state increased percentages in 22 of 27 tested areas from the 14-15 school year to 15-16 school year. In other words, 21% more 6th grade students were required to score proficient on the social studies assessment in 2016 for the district to meet the indicator. Our educators question, however, the 21% arbitrary increase expected in one year.

Our school districts find merit in each of the changes of the measurement system outlined above, especially if each were properly and individually implemented. The running target of implementing them all at one time leads to skewed results and misrepresentation of the real learning and achievement of our students and real progress of our schools.

Mrs. Miles continued her discussion with the following items: A total of $39,594.70 in Project Lead The Way funds will be received this year which will provide training to grades 4-8 science teachers; she thanked Allied Machine, Kimble Companies; Lauren International, Progressive Foam, Gradall, Tusco Display, Quaker Club, Dover Hydraulics, and Rosenberry and Reeves Foundations; thanked Mrs. Brown for her reorganizing of the online learning platform as there will be more oversight of students; Mrs. Brown stated there are currently 43 students participating in the program; September 16th is the next professional day; and, she gave a list of upcoming events.

Mr. Cottrell asked if every student has a chromebook. Mrs. Miles responded that grades 5-10 are one-to-one and next year grades 5-12 will be one-to-one.

Mr. Cottrell asked if teachers allow students to use cell phones in class. Mrs. Miles responded that she doubted if they were used since the majority of upper grade students have chromebooks.

Mr. Cottrell stated that he has heard that students are using cell phones improperly. He believes they should be collected and not used during class time. He believes that kids are not focused on what they should be focused on.

Mr. Abbuhl stated that he also agreed that students should not be using cell phones during class time and he feels that a policy change should be made.

Mrs. Miles and Mr. Rocchi both stated that teaching students how to utilize technology appropriately is what is necessary.

CEA Report – Mrs. O'Connor discussed the following items: Staff are starting their assessment testing; bussing has been a concern but has gradually improved; and, there are safety concerns at the Intermediate School due to traffic being allowed to drive on Third Street in front of the school.

Mrs. Grant encouraged all teachers to contact Dennison Village Council members regarding their concerns about student safety at the Intermediate School.

Buckeye Career Center Report – Mrs. Host discussed the following items: The school year started smoothly; there are approximately 841 students the year; Claymont is tied for third with the highest number of students; Carrollton is first, Dover is second, and New Philadelphia is also third; and, she has heard issues with Claymont students being late due to bussing issues.

Principal's Reports – Mrs. Didonato discussed the following: Everything is going well; with Eastport Avenue closed they adjusted the drop-off zone and it is working very well; end of day pick-up is going better; staff is getting into a routine with testing; she is working with Mr. Seibert at the Primary School to ensure continuity; she gave a list of upcoming events; and, she is working with Mr. Armstrong to obtain a ramp for the stage.

Mrs. Brown discussed the following items: Opening was smooth; fun things are going on in the building; spirit week was well received as was the bon fire and snake dance; she thanked Susan Burdette for coordinating the 922 day event; thanked Kelsi Barnhart for coordinating the benefit 5K for Mr. Ford; and, gave a list upcoming events.

Mr. Cottrell thanked Mrs. Statler and Mr. Rocchi for all of their hard work this summer with the facilities projects and reconfiguration.

Mrs. Grant mentioned the passing of Ed Griffen who was a long time supporter of the Booster Club.

16-069 TREASURER'S REPORTS

Upon recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Grant 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 August 2016 as Presented
B. Payment of Bills as Presented
C. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2016 and Special Meeting on August 24, 2016
D. Change Funds:

H.S. Breakfast	$30.00
M.S. Concession Stand	$100.00

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

Superintendent Update:

Reconfiguration – Mr. Rocchi discussed the following: Overall the start of the school was fantastic; he credits the staff for the successful start; at the October meeting he will be giving a power point presentation on options for the Northside Building; and, he appreciates everyone working together to make the school year successful.

16-070 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

Approve classified continuing contracts for the following staff members:

Amanda Douglas	CIS Secretary
Darrin Castello	Bus Mechanic

Approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2016-2017 school year:

Lisa Maxwell	Middle School Yearbook Advisor
John Finch	Middle School Spec. Educ. Department Head
Lisa Brown	JEDC
Taryn Householder	Middle School Girls' Track Coach

<u>Year Two Mentor</u>
Heather O'Connor (second mentoring position)

<u>LPDC Committee</u>
Jodie Miles

Approve the following fall and winter athletic workers and volunteers to be paid at minimum wage:

Linda Aubiel	Ticket Seller
Brenda Seibert	JH Concession Stand
Jim Carrothers	Football Clock Operator
Bill Young	Football Scorer
John Finch	Football Play Back Operator
JJ Ong	Volunteer Announcer
Harry Heavilin	Ticket Taker

Susie Heavilin	Ticket Taker
Nacole Moreland	Ticket Taker
Jim Huff	Ticket Taker
Lois Huff	Ticket Taker
Jerry Hall	Ticket Taker
Vicki Hall	Volunteer Ticket Taker
Darlene Walker	Ticket Taker
Art Walker	Fall Sports Scoreboard
Johnnie Albert	Wrestling Scoreboard and Videographer
Tammy McMillen	Ticket Taker
Bob Carpenter	Wrestling Scoreboard and Door Guard

Approve an unpaid leave of absence for Greg Carlisle effective September 19, 2016 through October 28, 2016, as per contract. Mr. Carlisle will pay his Insurance Premium during his leave.

Accept the following retirements:

Dave Hall, Custodian at Claymont Primary School and Claymont Intermediate School, effective September 30, 2016.

Sheila Moore, First Grade Teacher at Claymont Primary School, effective May 31, 2017.

Ruth Ann Pittis, Secretary at Claymont Primary School, effective November 30, 2016.

Accept the resignation of Michelle Brick, Library Aide at Claymont High School, effective September 15, 2016.

Approve the following substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year:

<u>Certified</u>

Erla Bartell	Donna Cadle	Christina DiDonato
Greg Hammel	Kaitlyn Menges	Jennifer Blackburn
Stephanie Miller	Emily Reichman	Brittany Sunderlin
James Torgler	Carla Harmon	Jeffrey Burkey
Michelle Ferguson	Stormie Clinton	Heather Wendell
Brett Swinderman	Gay Stewart	Amy Jo Swinderman
Cortney Hutchison	Alice Davvisson	Michael Gisinger
Berry Jacobs	William Koch	Derrick Mayle
Sarah McVey	Jessica Mottice	Brian Murphy

Gina Nylund-Ditto	Amber Pottmeyer	Eric Roberts
Kathy Shaver	Irishe Spurgeon	Courtney Wallace

Classified

Robert Smith	Custodian
Michelle Kuczirka	Educ. Aide, Cook, Secretary, Bus Aide and Custodian
JoAnn Ferrell	Educ. Aide, Cook and Bus Aide
Denise Baumberger	Educ. Aide
Donna Opphile	Bus Aide
Amber Hairfield	Educ. Aide
Erica Miller	Educ. Aide, Cook, Secretary, Bus Aide and Custodian
Renea Cross	Educ. Aide and Cook

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

16-071 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS C THROUGH F

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

C. Approve Miranda Gowins as a student teacher at Claymont Primary School this fall. Miss Gowins is a Kent State University student.

D. Approve Maximilian Glaser, an exchange student with the AIFS Foundation, to attend Claymont High School for the 2016-2017 SY. Mr. Glaser is coming to us from Germany and will be residing in New Philadelphia with his host family.

E. Approve an equipment lease agreement with Brenton Whitman for the lease of a 2007 box truck trailer to transport football equipment to away games as presented.

F. Approve a request from Mrs. Joyce Mehok for permission for her and/or her educational aides to transport students to various community sites in order to provide a more community based education for her students. Mrs. Mehok and/or her educational aides will use their personal vehicles.

G. Approve a request from Miss Nan Cox for permission for her and/or her educational aides to transport students to various community sites in order to provide a more community based education for her students. Miss Cox and/or her educational aides will use their personal vehicles.

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

16-072 SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEM H

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

> Approve a request from Mrs. Veronica Cottrell and Mrs. Dalyn O'Connor for permission for her and/or her educational aides and Mrs. Maryjane Garan to transport students to various community sites in order to provide a more community based education for her students. Mrs. Cottrell and Mrs. O'Connor and/or her educational aides and Mrs. Garan will use their personal vehicles.

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

Meeting Adjourned
Mrs. Grant 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: Mrs. Grant, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Abbuhl, yes; Mr. Shamel, yes; Mr. Cottrell, yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer