**Claymont City Schools**
**Board of Education**
**Regular Meeting**
**December 11, 2023**
**5:30 p.m.**

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The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 5:30pm in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Grandison presiding. A recording of the meeting is available for viewing on the Board's page of Claymont's website.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Mrs. Grandison, Mrs. Host, Mr. Miles, Mrs. Wolf; Absent – Mr. Cottrell

**Visitors and Personnel** – The following personnel were present: Brian Rentsch, Superintendent; Kim Beckley, Treasurer; Jodie Miles, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director/Preschool Director; Beth Lint, Director of Operations; Amy Conn, High School Principal; Kelsi Barnhart, Assistant High School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Jessica Marsh, Intermediate School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Andrea Warther, The Nutrition Group; and Holly Lloyd, Nathan Cozart, Kraig Host, Kollin Clark, Solomon Peters, Kevin Buettner, Corinna Fleeman, and Greg Grant, members of the public.

Condolences were extended to staff members Heather and Dalyn O'Connor for the loss a loved one recently.

**23-103 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Kevin Buettner with OMEGA spoke on the Safe Routes to School. Grants are available to Dennison, Uhrichsville and the school. He explained that $500,000 are available per grant cycle (2-3 years) per applicant and applicants can apply multiple times. OMEGA needs the school board's approval to send the grant application to ODOT for review. With the plans that are being discussed, Dennison will need approximately 2-3 rounds of funds and Uhrichsville will need several rounds to complete the projects. Mr. Rentsch added that a follow-up meeting is scheduled for January 9th.

Administrators respectfully submitted written updates and were included in the Board packets.

**Director of Operations** – *Mrs. Lint*
**Curriculum Director** – *Mrs. Miles*
**Director of Special Education** – *Mrs. O'Connor*
**Transportation/Cafeteria** – *Mr. Henry*
**High School Principal** – *Ms. Conn*
**Intermediate School Principal** – *Mrs. Marsh*
**Elementary School Principal** – *Mr. Wright*
**Primary School Principal** – *Mrs. Cook*
**Buckeye Career Center** – *Mrs. Host*: Work continues on the Buckeye House and grants have been awarded for the medical component of Buckeye.
**Claymont Education Association** – *Mrs. Lloyd*: An allegation has been brought to the union regarding a board member approaching a possible applicant for the football coach position and offered more money than the supplemental is set at. There will be an investigation with a public records request

for all communications on the position. If the investigation finds warrant of the claim, a ULP will be filed. Also gave a commendation for the $1,100 raised for the Tusky Valley tragic accident and $400 raised for the Carrollton's student's accident.

Mrs. Host asked Mrs. Marsh about the Innovation Grant that was secured to help transform the Intermediate School's library into an area catered to modern learning needs. Mrs. Host asked how this would impact the community and culture, as stated in the update. Mrs. Marsh explained that our school would be open to other districts to view what we are doing in the area of STEM, the state-of-the-art space can be utilized by both students and staff which will help with the school's culture, and the community can use the space following the same protocol in place for current building uses.

*Mr. Rentsch*: Calendar drafts for the 2024-2025 school year were included in the board packets. October 31st is marked for parent/teacher conferences on both calendars. This will need to be revisited since Halloween parties will take place that day. Explained that board members will now receive updates and their board packets for meetings through google drive, rather than a hard copy delivered to their home. School chrome books will be issued to those that want/need one. Reminded everyone of the Save the Date of January 7th at 1pm at Tusky Valley for the ceremony to install one of their board members, Mrs. Green, as the 2024 Ohio School Board Association President. An RSVP is needed and to let him know if planning to attend.

*Mr. Rentsch/Mrs. Beckley/Mrs. Lint*: Presented on a proposal through Titan Energy to convert the High School to solar energy at no cost to the district. This would be a 25-year commitment. All solar panels would be maintained by the awarding contractor. The district would save money in the reduction of electric bills. The next step is to approve an RFP for Titan Energy to post to receive bids on the project. Mr. Rentsch will work with Titan Energy to move forward with the RFP, and once approved by our legal counsel, will present to the board for approval.

## 23-104 BOARD DISCUSSION

Mrs. Host questioned the verbiage of Item G under the Superintendent's Recommendations: Rescind Solomon Peters as volunteer wrestling coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Rentsch thought it should be resign, not rescind. Mrs. Grandison agreed. After further discussion with input from Mr. Peters, the item should be changed to resign.

## 23-105 BOARD AGENDA ADDENDUMS/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Mr. Miles seconded the motion that the following correction be made to the Superintendent's Recommendations:

G. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Solomon Peters as volunteer wrestling coach for the 2023-2024

school year.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**23-106 TREASURER'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – F**

Mrs. Beckley presented the monthly financial report for November.

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Miles seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items:

A. **APPROVE** the Financial Report for the Month of November 2023, as presented.

B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for November 2023, as presented.

C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of November 20, 2023, as presented.

D. **APPROVE** the renewal of the Financial Reports Dashboard through SC Strategic Solution for the calendar year of 2024 in the amount of $6,950.00.

E. **APPROVE** the Intermediate Office remodel change order #01 of $5,045.

F. **ACCEPT** the donation from the Claymont Foundation of $37,320.02 for teacher and building grant awards.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**23-107 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS – ITEMS A – M**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items:

A. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Eric Henry as Varsity Football Coach.

B. **ACCEPT** the resignation for retirement purposes for Marie Fellers as Head Intermediate cook, effective January 31, 2024.

C. **APPROVE** the following tutors for the HS credit recovery tutoring session beginning January 30, 2024 at $27 p/hr:

**Tutors**
Tammy Reynolds
Joe Lunsford

D. **APPOINT** Amy Myers to fill a seven year term on the Claymont Public Library beginning January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2030.

E. **APPROVE** the following student teachers and mentors for spring semester of the 2023-2024 school year:

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| Melony Gray | April Knisely |
| Lizzy Keller | Martha Maurer |

F. **NON-RENEW** the following fall 2023 -2024 athletic supplementals:

**Football**
Jon McCluskey- Assistant
Ed Henry - Assistant
Jon McCluskey - Assistant
Justice Avery - Assistant
Troy Beckley - Assistant
Earl Green - Freshman
Wayne Matsel - Freshman
Vince Terakedis - JH
Travis Poland - JH
Zack Jones - JH
Dan Bloom - JH
Jeff Merklin - Equip Mgr

**Girls' Tennis**
Rich Struchen

**Volleyball**
Lauren Lowe - Head
Hillary Wilson-Yeckel - Assistant/JV
Reegan Wanosik - Freshman
Neely Davis - JH
Nanette Cox - JH

**Cross Country**
Adam Rogers - Head
Mark Albaugh - Assistant
Eric Peterson - JH

**Golf**
Brennan Rentsch Brett Rentsch - Head Boys'
Carly Henry - Head Girls'
Brian Duvall - JH

**Weight Lifting**
Stacey Patterson

G. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Solomon Peters as volunteer wrestling coach for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

H. **APPROVE** the following athletic volunteers for the 2023 - 2024 school year with proper credentials:

**Wrestling**
Seth Ferguson
Garrett Harding

**Boys' Basketball**
Douglas Murphy White

**Swim**
Brenda Wherley

I. **APPROVE** the medication form for the purpose of Washington DC trips, as presented.

J. **APPROVE** the Claymont City Schools Transportation Guidelines for the 2024 - 2025 school year, as presented.

K. **ADOPT** the revisions to the following board policies:
3.04 - Family and Medical Leave Act
3.10 - Alcohol and Drug Abuse Testing Policy For Employees Performing Safety-Sensitive Duties
6.32 - 100% Tobacco Free Policy

L. **ACCEPT** the bid from Gardiner for the conversion of air handler 3 to a chilled water coil conversion for $74,603 to be paid with ARP ESSER funds.

M. **ACCEPT** the bid from Gardiner for the upgrade/replacement of the existing controls system to Niagara framework for the high school for $87,447 to be paid with ARP ESSER funds.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**23-108 BOARD ITEMS/2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board set the Organizational Meeting for 2024 for January 8, 2024 to begin at 5:15pm at the Claymont Administrative Office with the next regular meeting to be held on January 8, 2024 at 5:30pm.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion to open the nominations for President Pro-Tempore.

On roll call: Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Host nominated Mrs. Wolf. Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion to close nominations for President Pro-Tempore.

On roll call: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Wolf, abstain. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grandison made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion to appoint Mrs. Wolf as President Pro-Tempore for the Organization Meeting.

On roll call: Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mr. Miles, yes; Mrs. Wolf, abstain. Motion carried.

**23-109 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment, time 6:25pm.

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Wolf, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Miles, yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Grandison declared the executive session ended at 7:07pm.

Mrs. Grandison thanked Mr. Miles for his service on the board of education the past four years.

**Meeting Adjourned**
Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Next Meeting:

Organizational Meeting: January 8, 2024 @ 5:15pm at the Claymont Administrative Office
Regular Meeting: January 8, 2024 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office

Approved: _____
President

Attest: _____
Treasurer