

**Claymont City Schools  
Board of Education  
Regular Meeting  
October 14, 2024  
6:00 p.m.**

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The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:00pm in the Administrative Office with Mrs. Wolf presiding.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Ms. Campbell, Mrs. Grandison, Mrs. Host, Mr. Peters, Mrs. Wolf

**Visitors and Personnel** – The following personnel were present: Brian Rentsch, Superintendent; Kim Beckley, Treasurer; Beth Lint, Director of Operations; Heather O’Connor, Director of Special Services; Kelsi Barnhart, High School Principal; Ida Gorman, Assistant High School Principal; Brian Watkins, Middle School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Jessica Marsh, Intermediate School Principal; Heather Whipkey, Elementary School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; Eric Henry, Transportation/Cafeteria Supervisor; Andrea Warther, Nutrition Group; and Jessica Klingler, Kortnee Cameron, Shannon Tarbert, and Veronica Cottrell, members of the public.

**Vision**

Claymont City School District will provide each student an opportunity for a lifetime of success.

**Mission**

Claymont City School District creates an environment that nurtures, develops, and empowers each student.

Next Meeting: Regular Meeting – November 11, 2024 @ 6pm at Claymont Administrative Office

**24-103 BOARD AGENDA ADDENDUMS/ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mr. Peters seconded the motion to pull Item J, Board Policy 7.32 under Superintendent Recommendations to vote on separately as Item R:

Item R: **APPROVE** Board Policy 7.32 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Eligible Students

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

**24-104 APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA**

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mrs. Grandison seconded the motion to approve the regular meeting agenda with correction.

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

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**24-105 COMMENDATIONS**

Dewey H. & Irene G. Moomaw Foundation - \$250 donation for Project Lead the Way  
Jessica Klingler – Read180 Success  
Brittany Putnam Ms. Clayland 2024 – Donation called Crayon for Kidz to Claymont City which consisted of crayons, pencils, notebooks and highlighters

**24-106 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

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

**Director of Operations** – *Mrs. Lint*

**Curriculum Director** – *Mrs. Miles*

**Director of Special Services** – *Mrs. O'Connor*

**High School Principal** – *Mrs. Barnhart*

**Middle School Principal** – *Mr. Watkins*

**Intermediate School Principal** – *Mrs. Marsh*

**Elementary School Principal** – *Mrs. Whipkey*

**Primary School Principal** – *Mrs. Cook*

**Transportation/Cafeteria** – *Eric Henry*

**Buckeye Career Center** – *Mrs. Host*: Nothing new; building the medical wing.

**Superintendent** – *Mr. Rentsch*: Spoke on Senate Bill 29 regarding cell phones and chromebooks. The District must now notify parents within 72 hours every time the district accesses student data. This would include Google Classroom, IXL, Read180, Securely, etc.

**24-107 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Peters stated, although he is part of the Policy Committee, he opposes Board Policy 7.32 Drug and Alcohol Testing for Eligible Students. Knowing the background of some of our kids and parents, he feels this policy will do more harm than good. The number of students participating in extra-curricular activities are down and this policy will increase that number. He thinks kids will not have the support of following the policy from their parents and will give up participating and lose the opportunity to be mentored by coaches. He feels this should be optional for students to participate in with rewards. Mrs. Wolf feels the policy is not complete. She agrees with the random drug testing but thinks the policy is lacking with follow through and prevention. Mr. Rentsch did state there are programs at the Middle School and High School in place to help with prevention of drugs and alcohol and there are follow-up options within the policy if a student has a positive test result. He also stated the Twin City Chamber acknowledges this policy as a good thing because businesses want people that can pass a drug screen. Ms. Campbell reiterated Claymont's Vision is to provide each student an opportunity for a lifetime of success. We would be doing our students an injustice if we don't prepare them for the workforce where many employers perform drug testing. Mrs. Grandison stated

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that point blank, drugs and alcohol are illegal for the age of our students. If they choose to participate in using, they should be accountable for the consequences if caught. Mrs. Host appreciates Mr. Peters opinion, but feels we need to hold our students to a high standard to enter the workforce.

**24-108 TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – E**

Mrs. Beckley reviewed the September financial presentation. Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended items:

- A. **APPROVE** the Financial Report for the Month of September 2024, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for September 2024, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 9, 2024, as presented.
- D. **APPROVE** the Student Activity Budgets for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented.
- E. **APPROVE** the renewal of the SC Strategic Solution contract for fiscal software services for requisitions, invoicing and check printing for 11/1/24 – 10/31/25 in the amount of \$10,295.

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

**24-109 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – K**

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

- A. **EMPLOY** as the following individuals as Educational Aide under a one (1) year limited contract with a 90-day probationary period:
  - Molly Stine, Intermediate School 6 hrs/Mon-Wed at Step 0 effective Oct 1, 2024
  - Sheila Peters, HS ISS 7 hrs/Tues-Thursday at Step 0 effective Oct 7, 2024
- B. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Lauren Sproul as HS ISS Aide effective September 26, 2024.
- C. **ACCEPT** the resignation of DaQuain Butler from all non-athletic supplementals effective October 9, 2024.

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- D. **APPROVE** the non-athletic supplemental for Joyce Mehok as Primary Spec. Ed. Dept. Head for the 2024-2025 school year.
- E. **APPROVE** the One (1) year unpaid leave of absence for Susan Burdette effective October 28, 2024 through October 27, 2025.
- F. **APPROVE** Daniel Russell as an FFA chaperone for the FFA National Convention overnight field trip.
- G. **APPROVE** the out of state American Sign Language field trip through the East Central Ohio ESC to Washington DC, March 9 - 11, 2025 with ESC personnel as chaperones.
- H. **APPROVE** the LearnWell agreements for student services, as presented.
- I. **APPROVE** the following tuition reimbursements per CEA negotiated agreement:
 

Courtney Bonanno	\$1,200.00
Annette Buxton	\$800.00
Kim Gardner	\$400.00
Eric Henry	\$600.00
April Knisely	\$100.00
Martha Maurer	\$100.00
Ashley Miller	\$100.00
Courtney Richardson	\$100.00
Adam Rogers	\$600.00
Haley Ross	\$600.00
Shannon Terakedis	\$600.00
Kristin Trimmer	\$500.00
- J. **APPROVE** the following Board of Education policies:

Policy Number	Description
1.14	Committees
1.15	Board of Education Meetings
1.20	Social Media
2.05	Evaluation of Administration
3.02	Criminal Records Check

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4.00	Professional Staff, Positions, Recruiting, and Employment
6.08	Student Absences and Excuses
6.09	Habitual Truancy Intervention Strategies
6.50	C.P.R and A.E.D. Training
6.61	Religious Expression Days NEW
7.19	Interscholastic Athletics
8.07	Purchases
9.42	School Calendar
9.48	Specific Beliefs, Affiliations, Ideals or Principles Concerning Political Movements NEW MANDATORY

K. **APPROVE** the following substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year, pending proper credentialing:

Name	Cook	Secretary	Custodian	Aide	Van/Bus Driver
Karlee Orr Effective 9/30/2024	X		X		
Kaylee Wease			X		
Payden Grimm			X		

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

**24-110 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATION, ITEMS L - Q**

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

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- L. **ACCEPT** the resignation of Sam Bonanno as Boys' Freshman basketball coach for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
- M. **ACCEPT** the resignation of DaQuain Butler from his athletic supplemental effective October 9, 2024.
- N. **APPROVE** Courtney Beckley as a ticket taker paid at minimum wage for the 2024/25 athletic season.
- O. **APPROVE** the following volunteers for the 2024/25 athletic season:  
Brian Richardson - Wrestling  
Brooklyn Poland - Boys' Tennis
- P. **EMPLOY** the following athletic supplementals for the 2024-2025 school year, pending proper credentialing:  
**Boys' Basketball**  
Douglass Murphy White - Freshman
- Q. **TRANSFER** the following athletic supplementals for the 2024-2025 school year, pending proper credentialing:  
**Track**  
Adam Rogers from Head Girls' to Assistant Girls'  
Mark Albaugh from Assistant Girls' to Head Girls'

On roll call vote: Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Ms. Campbell, yes; Mr. Peters, abstain; Mrs. Wolf, yes. Motion carried.

**24-111 SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION, ITEM R**

Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board approve the recommended item:

- R. **APPROVE** Board Policy 7.32 Drug and Alcohol Testing Eligible Students

On roll call vote: Ms. Campbell, yes; Mrs. Host, yes; Mrs. Grandison, yes; Mr. Peters, no; Mrs. Wolf, no. Motion carried.

**24-112 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Campbell made the motion, and Mrs. Host seconded the motion that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion on employment, time 6:55pm.

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

Mr. Peters made the motion, and Mrs. Wolf seconded the motion that the Board come out of Executive Session, time 7:30pm.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Mr. Peters 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 7:31pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
President

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Treasurer