

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

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The Claymont City School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 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 – Mr. Cottrell, Mrs. Grandison, Mrs. Host, Mr. Miles, 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; Amy Conn, High School Principal; Kelsi Barnhart, Assistant High School Principal; Michele Henry, Assistant Middle School Principal; Kelly Cook, Primary School Principal; and Holly Lloyd, Solomon Peters, and Greg Grant, members of the public.

Mrs. Grandison opened the meeting with a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11. Condolences were also extended to the Harry Heavilin family.

**23-085 COMMENDATIONS**

Claymont Staff for a great start to the school year and achieving Independent Federal Status (support from the State Support Team is no longer needed)  
Mrs. Mary Ellen Campbell and Ms. Martha Campbell – donation of playground balls and school supplies

**23-086 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 Education** – *Mrs. O'Connor*

**High School Principal** – *Ms. Conn*

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

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

**Elementary School Principal** – *Mr. Wright*

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

**Claymont Education Association** - *Mrs. Lloyd*: Planning a Meet the Candidate Night of the people running for the school board in November. Early voting starts October 11<sup>th</sup>, so would like to have around October 5<sup>th</sup> at one of the buildings. Mr. Rentsch stated that the Twin City Chamber had mentioned hosting one too and asked if this would be in conjunction with each other. Mrs. Lloyd answered that it would not be. Mrs. Grandison thinks the Chamber was looking at hosting for all candidates on the ballot within the Twin Cities, not just school board.

**Buckeye Career Center** – *Mrs. Host*: Enrollment is at 969 so far this school year with 98 students

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from Claymont. The total is up 65 students with Dover having the most. They are reviewing and updating policies and ground has been broken for the new BCC house being built this year.

Mrs. Host also mentioned the Claymont Foundation Steak Dinner is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>. It is a reverse raffle and tickets are \$50.

A video was played of Leah Reichman, Claymont graduate and World's Strongest Woman, speaking about goal setting. This video was played the first day of school for the middle school students.

Mr. Rentsch highlighted that Mr. Wright will be holding a Coffee Chat with the public in conjunction with the Elementary PTO.

**23-087 BOARD DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Strategic Plan – Mr. Rentsch shared the printed Strategic Plan that was compiled by the Ohio School Boards Association. He reviewed the Vision, Mission, Core Values and Goals. It was asked if the CARE logo could be incorporated on the print, possibly as a watermark. Mr. Rentsch will recommend this. Mrs. Grandison thanked everyone that was involved with the committee.

Intermediate School – Mr. Rentsch shared the renderings for the office design. No comments or recommendations of change were given. The project will go out to bid by Diversified Engineering this month, with a bid opening date of October 4<sup>th</sup>. The engineer's estimate is \$250,000. This would be paid from the ARP ESSER funds.

Meet the Candidate Night - Mr. Cottrell would like to have this at the Middle School with other candidates present, as well. Mrs. Host likes that idea. Mr. Rentsch will ask Mrs. DiDonato if the Twin City Chamber will be hosting. It was also mentioned that the Middle School Jr. National Honor Society used to host this.

Buildings - Mr. Cottrell stated the buildings look fabulous for the start of school. He thanked everyone involved in getting them ready for the students' return. He attended the open houses at the Intermediate and Middle Schools and they both went smoothly. He has heard nothing but positives for the start of school. Mr. Cottrell has heard concerns about the Elementary School office remodel and asked if the floor plans had changed. Mrs. Beth commented and said no, it was built as approved. She continued to explain the biggest challenge at that building was the limited space to put doors and ventilation.

Mr. Cottrell asked how it is going at both the Elementary and Middle Schools. Mr. Rentsch had spoken to Mrs. Jackson at the Middle School and to her surprise, she can do basically everything from her desk with minimal times she has had to go down to the gym entrance for a glitch in the visitor system. Mr. Rentsch also stated that Mr. Calderon has been working on the buzzer system at the

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Elementary School. Both Mr. Rentsch and Mrs. Lint has not heard any complaints.

Mrs. Lint commented that the new visitor system is working well. It automatically transfers information to the attendance system for students arriving at school late or leaving early. This has saved time from the secretaries of having to enter this information manually.

Mr. Miles asked if we ever priced metal detectors for doorways. Mr. Rentsch responded that we have not, but we do have two wands that can be used if needed.

Mr. Cottrell stated he had seen the handicap parking spots at the Middle School had been painted. Mrs. Lint said the city did get that done.

Mrs. Lint asked to talk about the Middle School office relocation, if the Intermediate office project comes in on budget. If we move forward with this, it will need to move quickly in order to use ARP ESSER funds. Mrs. Grandison feels that if things are working well with Mrs. Jackson, not to relocate the office and use the funds elsewhere. Mrs. Beckley stated there are a few roofs that still need attention if the funds are available. Mr. Rentsch stated he will get updates and revisit at the next meeting.

Food Service – Mr. Cottrell confirmed that all students receive free breakfasts and lunches through September 30<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Beckley responded yes; meals will start being charged to those that have not qualified for free/reduced meals on October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**23-088 TREASURER’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS, ITEMS A – K**

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 August 2023, as presented.
- B. **APPROVE** the Payment of Bills for August, as presented.
- C. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 14, 2023, and the Special Board Meetings of August 17, 2023 and August 18, 2023, as presented.
- D. **APPROVE** the Then & Now Certificate, as presented.
- E. **APPROVE** the purchase contract for the following land parcels from Greg Smith through permanent improvement funds in the amount of \$22,500: 42-00610-000, 42-01171-000, and 42-00311-000, as presented.

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- F. **APPROVE** the Student Activity Purpose Statement creating a special cost center for the Print Shop, as presented.
  
- G. **APPROVE** the Class Intent Form from the Class of 2023 to transfer the balance of \$625.64 to the Class of 2024, as presented.
  
- H. **APPROVE** the Fiscal Year 2024 Permanent Appropriations and Estimated Revenues, as presented.
  
- I. **APPROVE** an additional amount of \$4,679.00 to Ferris Chevrolet for a maintenance truck.
  
- J. **APPROVE** the updated job descriptions for the Payroll/Assistant Treasurer and the Financial Secretary/Assistant Treasurer Budgetary, as presented.
  
- K. **APPROVE** additional language to the Central Office salary schedule effective July 1, 2023:
  - Longevity Increase for full time and continuous years of service in same position
    - 15 Year Position Work Experience - \$.50 per hour
    - 25 Year Position Work Experience – Additional \$.50 per hour

Mr. Cottrell asked about Item E prior to the vote. Mr. Rentsch explained he will deliver the signed agreement to the attorney tomorrow and closing will be scheduled. Grass will be removed and gravel brought in for now with pavement possibly next summer.

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

**23-089 SUPERINTENDENT’S RECOMMENDATIONS – ITEMS A – K**

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

- A. **ACCEPT** the following personnel resignations:
  - Rickquall Beitzel, permanent substitute bus driver
  
- B. **APPROVE** the reduction in force of Denise Pederson as custodian.
  
- C. **APPROVE** the following preferred and/or permanent substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year at \$15 p/hr effective September 4, 2023:
  - Denise Pederson, custodian
  - Dorothy Martincic, bus driver

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Bob Carpenter - August 28 - Sept. 1st

- D. **APPROVE** April Knisely as Saturday School monitor at the rate of \$27 p/hr for the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. **APPROVE** Jennifer Amen as chaperone for the FFA National Convention October 31 – November 3, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN, pending proper credentials.
- F. **APPROVE** the following committees and staff to be paid at \$20 p/hr for the 2023-2024 school year:

<b>Safety</b>
Matt Shuman

- G. **APPROVE** the following non-athletic supplementals for the 2023-2024 school year:

Matt Shuman	MS Social Studies Dept Head
Heather Dotts	Mock Trial
Allison Delaney	Freshman Class Advisor
Travus Houghton, Ian Meiser, Jacob Baldwin	Pep Club Advisors
Kurt Stewart	Musical Set Design
- H. **APPROVE** the following overnight field trips:
  - FFA Greenhand Camp, September 24-26, 2023 at Camp Muskingum
  - FFA National Convention, October 31 - November 3, 2023 in Indianapolis, IN
  - 8th Grade Washington DC, May 28 - 30, 2024
- I. **APPROVE** the 7th Grade field trip to Pittsburgh on May 20, 2024.
- J. **APPROVE** the Power of the Pen competition hosted by Claymont Middle School on January 20, 2024.
- K. **APPROVE** the list of classified substitutes pending proper credentials for the 2023 - 2024 school year:

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Aide</b>	<b>Cook</b>	<b>Custodian</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Bus/Van Driver</b>	<b>Bus Aide</b>
Markie Tarleton Reactive to 8/21/23			x			
Andrew Sullivan			x			
Kelley Sullivan			x			
Ashley Beckley	x	x	x	x		
Molly Stine	x	x	x	x		x
James Derlich			x			
Rickquall Beitzel Retroactive 9/2/23					x	

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

**23-090 NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Cottrell asked Mrs. Beckley if there are any talks of a levy or when does a levy cycle come around. Mrs. Beckley explained the last levy was passed a few years ago as a permanent levy with 3 mills going to the General Fund and 2 mills going to the Permanent Improvement Fund. We never have to go back to the ballot for this levy and no there are no talks at this time for any new levies. Mr. Cottrell stated that we have a fabulous fieldhouse, but need an indoor facility at the High School for baseball and softball. Mrs. Host said she is all for that, but not a reason for a levy. Mrs. Grandison also agrees, but that is something that needs fundraised for.

**Meeting Adjourned**

Mrs. Host made the motion, and Mr. Miles seconded the motion that the regular board meeting of the Claymont City Board of Education be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Next Meeting:

Regular Meeting: October 9, 2023 @ 5:30pm at the Claymont Administrative Office

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

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