



**CLARE-GLADWIN**  
REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT  
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**Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District  
Board of Education - Regular Board Meeting held at the  
CGRES D Central Office, 4041 E. Mannsiding Rd., Clare, MI 48617  
January 27, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.**

## **RECORD OF MINUTES**

- A. **Meeting Called to Order** at 6:02 p.m. by Barbara Richards, President
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- C. **Members Present** Sue Murawski, Clay Maxwell, Barbara Richards, Sarah Kile, Lynn Grim (via telephone)
- Members Absent** None
- Administration Present** Supt. Sheryl Presler, Shay Anderson, Jolene Compton, Ken Chinavare, Mike Simon, Jill Radosta, Rusty Govitz, Rhonda Goin
- D. **Consent Agenda**
1. **Approval of the Agenda**
  2. **Approval of the December 16, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes**
  3. **Approval of the Bills for December 2015 - \$1,585,019.92**
- Moved by Sarah Kile supported by Clay Maxwell that the Board approve the Consent Agenda. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.
- E. **Communications/Expressions from the Public** - January is Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Presler thanked the Board for their service and dedication to the students in Clare and Gladwin counties. The CTE Culinary Arts students made delicious refreshments for the meeting, and a picture of the class was displayed on the screen. In addition, a donation to the Imagination Library was made in honor of the Board.
- F. **District Report - Proposed Board Goals for 2016-2021**
1. Prioritize resources to positively impact student success.
  2. Consolidate, collaborate, and maximize resources.
  3. Improve internal and external communications.

The feedback collected through staff surveys and surveys sent to our local district stakeholders was summarized and shared with the Board. The recommended goals for 2016-2021 are:

- Prioritize resources to positively impact student success.
- Consolidate, collaborate, and maximize resources.
- Improve internal and external communications.

These goals were provided as an informational/discussion item for the Board and will return on the February Board agenda for action. Member Kile commented that she would like to see student success listed as the first goal.

**G. Action Items - New Business**

**1. Resolution for Area Career and Technical Education Proposal, 1 Mil for 10 Years -**

Superintendent Presler recommended that the Board adopt the CTE Millage Proposal Resolution containing the ballot language. Moved by Sarah Kile supported by Sue Murawski that the Board adopt the CTE Millage Proposal Resolution. With a Roll-Call vote, Murawski-Yes, Maxwell-Yes, Richards-Yes, Kile-Yes, Grim-Yes, the motion carried.

**2. Bylaws and Policies - First Reading**

- a. 0144.3 - Conflict of Interest
- b. 1130/3110/4110 - Conflict of Interest
- c. 6110 - Grant Funds
- d. 6111 - Internal Controls
- e. 6320 - Purchasing
- f. 6550 - Travel Payment and Reimbursement
- g. 8500 - Food Services

Superintendent Presler recommended that the Board accept the above listed Bylaws and Policies as a First Reading.

**3. Hiring Recommendation - Rusty Govitz, Communications & Marketing Director -**

Superintendent Presler recommended the hiring of Rusty Govitz retroactively to January 04, 2016. Moved by Sue Murawski supported by Barbara Richards that the Board approve the hiring of Rusty Govitz (Kenneth R. Govitz, Jr.) With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**4. Out-of-State Travel Request - Deborah Snyder and Kendra Curtiss-Tomaski -**

Superintendent Presler stated that Deborah Snyder will not be attending the Early Childhood conference in Chicago, however she recommended that the Board approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for Kendra Curtiss-Tomaski. Other than travel to the conference and a few meals, all expenses are covered by the sponsors of the conference. Moved by Lynn Grim supported by Clay Maxwell that the Board approve the Out-of-State Travel Request for Kendra Curtiss-Tomaski. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**5. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Members**

- a. CGRESD Area School - Chris Haskell
- b. Clare - Jamie LaPoe
- c. Farwell - Debbie Raymond
- d. Gladwin - Anne Edick

The PAC serves as an information provider to parents of special education students, plans educational events and recognition events, and approves the ISD's special education plan. Superintendent Presler concurs with Jill Radosta, Special Education Monitor/Supervisor, that the Board approve Chris Haskell, Jamie LaPoe, Debbie Raymond, and Anne Edick as members of the Special Education PAC Committee. Following some discussion, it was moved by Sarah Kile supported by Clay Maxwell that the Board approve the above stated individuals as members of the Special Education PAC Committee. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**6. Lost Time Request - Stacy Nold, Health Occupations Teacher - Superintendent Presler**

recommended that the Board approve the Lost Time Request from Stacy Nold, Health Occupations Teacher. Moved by Sue Murawski supported by Clay Maxwell that the Board approve the Lost Time Request for Stacy Nold, Health Occupations Teacher. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**7. Overnight Field Trip - Pro-Start Competition for Culinary Arts Students - March 20-21,**

**2016 - Superintendent Presler recommended that the Board approve the overnight field trip to the annual Pro-Start competition in Lansing for our Culinary Arts students. Moved by Lynn Grim supported by Sue Murawski that the Board approve the overnight field trip to the Pro-Start Competition for the Culinary Art students. With a 5-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.**

H. **Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report** - There were no audience members to recognize. Superintendent Presler then reported the following:

- **Good News Items:**

- The CTE Automotive students recently took the Automotive Service Excellence test for electrical systems, and 80% of them passed. That 80% includes special education students. In prior years, the passing rate was between 40 and 50%. Congratulations to our students and to our teacher, Rich Hollister, and our paraeducator, Suzanne Ledford.

- **Updates:**

- Cathryn Graveline, Area School Teacher, will be retiring at the end of summer school this August after 13 years with the RESD. Carol Sofka, Area School Paraeducator, resigned effective January 31, 2016 after 13 years with the RESD.
- With the recent signing of Public Act 269, we are still learning what we can and cannot do legally to share information about the millage. An injunction has been filed in federal court to prevent the state from implementing PA 269 which severely limits what school districts and other governmental agencies can do to provide voters with information about a ballot issue for 60 days prior to the election.
- Sentiments expressed at a recent CTE staff meeting regarding new program offerings and concerns were shared with the Board.
- School districts and ISDs should not expect any new revenue for the 2016-2017 school year. The Flint water crisis and the multiple issues surrounding Detroit Public Schools will most likely consume any additional revenue that may be available.
- The Michigan Department of Education will soon publish a five-year testing calendar to facilitate the development of local district and ISD calendars.
- The Detroit Public Schools' issues will have statewide repercussions. The Governor and others have said the district will go bankrupt this spring if nothing is done. The district's debt is over \$700M and climbing. One scenario to prevent the district from going bankrupt would have the tobacco tax revenue reallocated to Detroit Public Schools. Currently, tobacco tax revenue contributes to the state's School Aid Fund, the General Fund, and the Medicaid Fund. If the revenue is redirected, there would need to be a corresponding reduction in expenditures in those funds.
- Professional development bills have been introduced that would require an Individual Development Plan (IDP) for every teacher, not just beginning teachers or teachers for whom there are performance concerns. In addition, there would be a state aid penalty of 5% if more than 50% of a teacher's professional development were provided in a group of more than 30 people.
- Late last spring, we submitted lots of data and documentation for an audit of our Medicaid billings. We were just notified that our audit is next on the docket, and we had to provide additional documentation to the auditors as did Beaverton and Harrison.

- **Upcoming Dates:**

- 03-07-16 - Legislative Breakfast at Gladwin High School Cafeteria - 7:30 - 9:30 am.

I. **Board Comments**

- Member Kile expressed congratulations to the Automotive students who performed so well on their electrical test. She also mentioned that January is "Mentoring Month" and encouraged others to get involved. Big Brothers/Big Sisters has volunteering opportunities for those with limited time (Lunch Buddies Program). She has found it to be very rewarding.
- Member Richards mentioned the Culinary Arts students will be preparing the meal for the Harrison Women's Club's 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Luncheon on Friday, February 5 at MMCC.
- Member Murawski wanted to make sure the Culinary Arts students were thanked for the delicious treats they prepared for the Board.
- Member Grim asked about the status of the request on behalf of all of our local school districts to start classes prior to Labor Day in the fall of 2016. Superintendent Presler responded that the

Michigan Department of Education is not granting any more waivers but is waiting for proposed legislation to take care of the issue. The proposed legislation is currently taking a back seat to all the other pressing issues facing Michigan right now.

- Member Maxwell suggested that we be proactive in our communication about the millage with MMCC. He also thought a calendar and listing of CTE events, meetings, etc. would be useful.

J.      **Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm**

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Sue Murawski, Board of Education Secretary  
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District

Rhonda Goin, Recorder/Administrative Assistant to the  
Superintendent and Board of Education