



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
May 18, 2016 - 6:00 p.m.

RECORD OF MINUTES

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Lynn Grim, Vice President
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Members Present Sue Murawski, Sarah Kile, Lynn Grim, Clay Maxwell
(arrived at 6:02 pm)
- Members Absent Barbara Richards
- Administration Present Supt. Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Shay Anderson, Martin Combs, Ken Chinavare, Mike Simon, Jill Radosta, Rusty Govitz, Rhonda Goin
- D. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of the Agenda
 2. Approval of the April 20, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
 3. Approval of the Bills for March 2016 - \$1,112,048.89
- Moved by Kile and supported by Murawski that the Board approve the Consent Agenda.
With a 3-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried. (Board Member Maxwell arrived at 6:02 pm, but was absent for this vote.)
- E. Communications/Expressions from the Public - Bill and Lori Schuh inquired about RESD bidding processes. Supt. Presler explained board policy and the RESD's legal obligations relative to the bidding process.
- F. District Reports - School Psychologists - Matthew Smith and Anna O'Dell presented an overview of the program on behalf of the RESD School Psychology staff. They relayed information about local district assignments of members of the team and shared that the nature of their role in children's education goes deep into assessment and working with learning disabilities, behavior concerns, home difficulties, depression and other factors.
- G. Action Items - New Business
1. Contract - Hi-Tec Building Services - Presler recommended the RESD extend its agreement with Hi-Tec for its cleaning services for two years. The motion was made by Murawski and supported by Maxwell. With a 4-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.
 2. Area School Summer School Calendar - The motion was made by Kile and supported by Maxwell to approve Presler's recommendation to set the Area School Summer School calendar to run from June 27 through August 11. With a 4-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.
 3. Common Calendar - With approval from the Michigan Department of Education to begin the school year prior to Labor Day, Presler recommended a common calendar for 2016-2019 to be shared by all the local school districts in the RESD. Kile made the motion to approve, with support from Murawski. The motion passed 4-Yes 0-No.

4. **Summer Contracts** - Presler recommended approval of summer contracts for 15 employees presented. Murawski made the motion to approve, with support from Maxwell. The motion passed 4-Yes 0-No.

5. **Appointment of Person to Assume Responsibilities on Behalf of Board Secretary and to Implement Public Notice Requirements** - Murawski appointed Rusty Govitz to assume those specific responsibilities.

6. **Out-of-State Travel Request** - Presler recommended approval to allow Great Start Collaborative Coordinator Amy Pratt to attend a training conference in Wisconsin in June. Presler noted the expenses would be covered by existing grant funding. Kile made the motion to approve the recommendation, Maxwell supported and the motion passed 4-Yes 0-No.

H. **Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report**

- Presler invited board members, staff and attendees to enjoy a treat in celebration of Administrative Assistant Rhonda Goin's retirement. Presler and the board thanked Goin for her eight years of service and wished her well.
- Presler noted four members of the CTE Construction Trades class recently participated in a building competition with students from six other ISDs in Ludington. The team took third place.
- A community service team of students from the Area School recently planted 140 blueberry bushes at a local farm in Harrison. Students will also be planting the garden at Verna's House at the Magnus Center.
- Also at the Magnus Center, Construction Trades students have recently completed some landscaping upgrades, installing bricks, plants, stones and a flagpole area.
- Presler relayed staff and community excitement regarding the passage of the CTE millage on May 3. She presented the Clare County Clerk's official election notice, stamped with a gold seal. Also among Presler's CTE items:
 - In the core team's de-briefing following the election, the team acknowledged key components of the communications strategy, as well as some lessons learned.
 - In terms of what happens next, Presler cited various steps, including the CTE Summer Camp June 14-16; the implementation of Welding and Business Management for the upcoming school year, with enrollment already near capacity; a survey to be sent to manufacturers and other community stakeholders; the possibility of restoring some of the cuts made in previous years to programs in other areas of the organization; and the longer-term goals of implementing Agricultural Sciences and Manufacturing.
 - One side-effect of the awareness generated by the CTE information campaign is in enrollment for next year, which has increased by about 100 students.
 - Presler noted that previously-submitted budgets for 2016-17 would now reflect the third fund - CTE - that will exist alongside the Special Education and General funds.
 - Presler thanked all staff, board members and community supporters who either directly or indirectly aided in the millage efforts.
- With the looming increase in health insurance rates, Presler said the business office is hard at work to secure the best combination of rates and coverage for RESD staff. Informational meetings for staff were held on May 16.
- Presler noted that a couple capital projects will get underway soon - a new roof for the barn at the Magnus Center and a bathroom remodel at the Area School.
- Graduation at the Area School is set for June 10.
- Presler reminded the board that the June board meeting would be held on the fourth Wednesday, June 22 and that it will begin with the Budget Hearing at 5:45 p.m.

- I. **Board Comments**
- Kile commented favorably on the subject of one of the CTE Success Stories, Haley Forbes, and shared Forbes' excitement at the millage's passage.
 - Maxwell wished Rhonda Goin luck in retirement.
 - Grim thanked administrators for their monthly reports.
- J. **Closed Session for Negotiations Discussion** - Murawski moved and Maxwell seconded that the board enter closed session to discuss contract negotiations. The motion passed with a roll call vote 4-Yes (Murawski, Maxwell, Grim, Kile) 0-No. The board entered closed session at 7:07 p.m. The board re-entered open session at 7:35 p.m.
- K. **Adjournment** - The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m. after discussion of the Communications Director's position.

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

Rusty Govitz, Recorder/Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education