



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 Administration Building, 4041 E. Mannsiding Road, Clare, MI 48617
December 20, 2017

RECORD OF MINUTES

BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING

- A. **Meeting Called to Order** at 4:30 p.m. by President Barbara Richards
- B. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.
- C. **Members Present** Sue Murawski, Barbara Richards, Lynn Grim, Sarah Kile, and Clay Maxwell (Grim by phone)
- Members Absent** None
- Administration Present** Superintendent Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Marty Combs, Shay Anderson, Sandy Russell, Ken Chinavare, Jill Radosta
- D. **Consent Agenda**
1. Approval of the Agenda
 2. Approval of the November 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes
 3. Approval of the Bills for November 15, 2017 - \$1,593,866.71
- Moved by Murawski and supported by Maxwell that the Board approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 5-0.
- E. **Communications/Expressions from the Public** - There were none.
- F. **District Report: School Improvement Plan Update - Kay Hauck, REMC Director/Math Consultant**
- Hauck provided a power point presentation outlining updates with REMC 5. There is a recent focus on technology, specifically "maker kits" and robots. Teachers are able to check out robots for students to code to perform certain tasks.
- G. **Action Items: New Business**
1. **Contract for Homebound Services - Rachel Jones, Area School Teacher (Max. 12 hours)**
Moved by Kile and supported by Grim to approve contract. Motion passed 5/0.
 2. **Resolution in Support of Participation in Literacy Essentials Collaboration**
Moved by Murawski and supported by Kile to adopt Resolution. By roll call vote, resolution adopted 5/0.
 3. **Contract with Mid Michigan Community College for Facilities Rental**
Moved by Grim and supported by Maxwell to approve Contract. Motion passed 5/0.
 4. **Resolution in Support of the School Finance Research Collaborative**
Moved by Murawski, supported by Richards adopt Resolution. By roll call vote, resolution Adopted 5/0.

5. Policies - First Reading

- a. 1421, 3121, 4121 Criminal History Record Check (New/Revised)
- b. 1439, 3139, 4139 Administrator/Staff Discipline (New/Revised)
- c. 2410 Prohibition of Referral or Assistance (New)
- d. 2414 Reproductive Health and Family Planning (Revised)
- e. 2418 Sex Education (New)
- f. 8142 Criminal History Record Check (Revised)
- g. 8321 Criminal Justice Information Security (Revised)
- h. 7540.03 Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- i. 7540.04 Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety (Revised)
- j. 7540.05 District-Issued Staff E-Mail Account (Revised)
- k. 7540.06 District-Issued Student Email Account (New)

No action required at this time for Policies- First Reading.

H. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report

Presler recognized the audience:

- Joe Trommater, Data and Science Consultant
- Keri Retzlöff, English Language Arts Consultant and Early Literacy Coach
- Rebecca Idzikowski, SPARKS Director

Presler shared several updates including:

Good News:

- Water tests from Area School came back fine, with the exception of one faucet. All bottled water will be removed, and regular use of faucets will resume.
- Dean Transportation, once again, made a donation of \$250 to support families in need.
- The generosity of CGRESD Staff during the holiday seasons was, as in past years, awe-inspiring!

Informational Items:

- Since the Construction Trades portion of the new building at the Magnus Center is scheduled to be completed the week of January 8, the Board agreed to hold its January 17, 2018 meeting in the facility so Board members can tour.
- Staff vacancies continue to be a focal point for administration; learning more about options being made available by the Michigan Department of Education as a result of the state-wide shortages of educators. We are looking at staff retention strategies, and creative ways to support staff in their professional development where we have long-term vacancies.
- Fundraising efforts by the RESD in the near future will be focused on long-term funding strategies for the Imagination Library. With the Michigan Department of Education potentially disallowing certain grant funding for the Imagination Library, we will need to look at long-term funding for this worthy program. The Imagination Library provides free books through the mail to children from birth to age 5, with no income requirements. Sheryl provided the Board with the Imagination Library's 2017 Annual Report which included the following data points:

- In 2017, just over 11,100 books were distributed to just over 1,000 children in Clare and Gladwin Counties.
- There were 352 new enrollments in the program, 255 turned five, and aged out of our five school region.
- The annual cost of the program is about \$24,800, and donations for 2017 totaled about \$6,400.
- Since the program started in April 2007, over 5,800 children have been served and about 112,400 books have been distributed.

Board Members suggested the consideration of supporting the Imagination Library with

General Funds. Discussion about the data that exists which supports the benefits of the Imagination Library. Additional discussion regarding the significant donors of the program.

- Mike Orser, Hi-Tec Lead Custodian, resigned in November. Fred Johnson was promoted to Lead Custodian, and Joe Wade was hired as Custodian.
- The Michigan Supreme Court has ruled that the 3% deducted from school employees' paychecks from 2010-2012 to fund retiree healthcare was unconstitutional. Many questions that still need to be answered regarding interest earned and taxes. The Business Office and Presler are staying on top of this, and employees will continue to be informed.
- Presler will be having lunch with Verna Magnus tomorrow and plans to take her on a tour of the new building.
- CTE students recently received shirts that were designed towards their career of interest over the last few weeks. CTE shirts from various programs were presented to the Board.

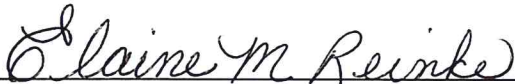
J. Board Comments

- Richards (and others) commented on the nice staff Holiday Gathering from earlier in the afternoon.
- An expression of Warm Holiday Greetings from the Board.

K. Meeting Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm.



Sarah Kile, Board of Education Secretary
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District



Elaine M. Reinke, Recorder/Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and
Board of Education/HR Specialist
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District