

Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District
Board of Education - Regular Board Meeting held at the
CGRESD Administration Building, 4041 E. Mannsiding Road, Clare, MI 48617
August 15, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.

RECORD OF MINUTES BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING

A. **Meeting Called to Order** at 6:00 p.m. by President Barbara Richards

B. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited.

C. Members Present Sue Murawski, Clay Maxwell, Barbara Richards, Lynn Grim

and Sarah Kile

Members Absent:

Administration Present Superintendent Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Mike Simon,

Shay Anderson, Ken Chinavare, Sandy Russell, Beth Wood

and Rusty Govitz

D. Consent Agenda

- 1. Approval of the Agenda
- 2. Approval of the July 18, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes
- 3. Approval of the Bills for July, 2018 \$1,789,022.16

It was moved by Grim and supported by Kile that the board approve the Consent Agenda with the correction of lettering the agenda items from J and K to I and J. The motion carried 5-0.

E. Communications/Expressions from the Public

- SPARKS Director Rebecca Idzikowski thanked the board for approving several recent SPARKS hires.
- Presler relayed to the board a card of thanks from Lynn Grim and her family.

F. Action Items: Old Business - Policy - Second Reading and Adoption: 5111 Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (Revised)

It was moved by Maxwell and supported by Murawski to adopt the policy as revised. The motion carried 5-0.

G. Action Items: New Business

1. Hiring Recommendations

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Grim to approve the hiring recommendations for Elizabeth Wood, Area School Principal; Prisca Gamble, School Psychologist; Michelle Spayd, Math Consultant; Helen Gibbons, Literacy Coach; Eric Johnson, CTE and Operations Coordinator; Jon Hoerauf, SPARKS Site Coordinator; and Dixie Gabalis, SPARKS Site Coordinator. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Resolution for Recall from Partial Layoff: Candace Opalewski, Work Based Learning Coordinator and Mentor

It was moved by Kile and supported by Maxwell to approve the recall as recommended. The motion passed 5-0.

3. Contracts

It was moved by Grim and supported by Kile to approve contracts as presented for Midland Public Schools for McKinney-Vento Homeless Act Coordinator; Harrison Community Schools for Food Service; Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP for legal counsel regarding USF issues; Ardor Health for School Social Worker Services; Paul Robb, School Psychologist; Sally Beadle, School Social Worker; and Moonami for Moodle Hosting. The motion passed 5-0.

4. Out-of-State Travel - Kendra Curtiss-Tomaski, Early Childhood and Family Services Director to Washington, D.C. for Early Childhood Classroom-Based Assessment Trainer-of-Trainers on August 24

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Kile to approve the registration fee and the reimbursement of two meals as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

5. Handbook: Career and Technical Education

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Kile that the board approve the revised handbook as presented. The motion passed 5-0.

6. Policies - First Reading

- a. 7530 Lending of Board-Owned Equipment (Revised)
- b. 7540.02 Web Accessibility, Content, Apps, and Services (Replacement)

Presler gave a brief overview of the policies presented as a first reading. The board will take action on the policies at its September meeting.

7. Bid Award: Dell/EMC for Three Servers - \$48,232.26

It was moved by Grim and supported by Kile to award the bid as recommended. The motion passed 5-0.

H. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report Presler shared several updates:

- Recognition of audience members Therese Haley and her sister as well as SPARKS Director Rebecca Idzikowski
- Recent Early Childhood events held in out-county areas including Meredith and Leota, with encouraging attendance numbers
- Reorganization of some office areas in the Central Office, with recognition of Joe Trommater for his leadership and skill in this area
- New carpet installation at the Area School
- Improvements to the Central Office's exterior landscaping
- Annual cleaning of the Central Office, which is running ahead of schedule this year
- The arrival and installation of the grant-funded CTE equipment for Welding and Manufacturing classes
- Information regarding Gov. Snyder's Marshall Plan initiative, which calls for collaboration among many parties and an aggressive timetable
- A follow-up to a previous board query about Michigan's performance in graduation rates among Special Education students; Presler shared that comparisons to other states aren't necessarily 'apples-to-apples' because Michigan only issues one type of diploma, all students are included in the data, and Michigan missed the threshold by only .83 percent
- The ongoing hiring difficulties facing CGRESD and most education-related organizations, and the ripple effect that the inability of our local districts to close their books for the fiscal year has on the CGRESD Business Office

- The upcoming MASB Leadership Conference is set for Nov. 1 through Nov. 4 in Grand Rapids; the board will need to name a delegate at its September meeting
- Reminders of upcoming dates, including CGRESD Opening Day on Aug. 21; the Mid Michigan College Fall Festival & BBQ on Sept. 16; and the Sept. 26 meeting for the CGRESD Board of Education

I. Board Comments

- Board members continued the discussion about the hiring difficulties facing local districts and CGRESD; Presler noted that the Farwell Area Schools board plans to hire a new superintendent at its September meeting
- Grim thanked the board and staff for their recent support and kindness
- Murawski and Maxwell shared their impressions of the recent Northern Michigan School Legislative Association dinner meeting in Traverse City
- Kile shared a compliment she was given regarding the general excellence of CGRESD programs and staff
- J. Meeting Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

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

Rusty Govitz, Recorder/Communications Director