



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

March 20, 2019

RECORD OF MINUTES BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by President Barb Richards
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Members Present Barb Richards, Sue Murawski, Clay Maxwell,
Lou Adams, Sarah Kile
- Members Absent: None
- Administration Present Superintendent Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Mike
Simon, Shay Anderson, Beth Wood, Ken Chinavare,
Rusty Govitz, and Lindsey Murphy.
- D. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of the Agenda
 2. Approval of the February 20, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
 3. Approval of the Bills for February 2019 - \$2,108,769.87

It was moved by Maxwell and supported by Kile that the board approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried 5-0.

- E. Communications/Expressions from the Public
- Audience member and Agriscience Teacher, Tony Wood, shared upcoming events including the Farm and Garden Show in Gladwin on Sunday March 23rd and RED Day on May 14th. Students will assist at the Farm and Garden Show in Gladwin, as well as host a booth. RED Day will be held at the Magnus Center from 9:00am - 2:00 pm and is an opportunity for 5th graders in the region to experience Ag by visiting various "stations" run by the Ag students. Tony also shared that the animals at the Magnus Center are all doing well.
- F. District Presentation - The SPARKS presentation planned for this this meeting will be rescheduled.
- G. Action Items: New Business
1. Bid Award for Audit of Financial Records: Weinlander Fitzhugh - \$17,500 for three years.

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Maxwell that the board approve the bid award to Weinlander Fitzhugh. Motion carried 5-0.

2. Hiring Recommendations:

- a. Susena Finegan - Clare Primary SPARKS Site Coordinator: \$187.33 per day for 83 days through the end of July 2019.
- b. Krisitina Marcoux - Beaverton Elementary SPARKS Site Coordinator: \$194.57 per day for 83 days through the end of July 2019.
- c. Jennifer Erickson, Speech Pathologist (MA, Step 3.5)

It was moved by Kile and supported by Adams that all hiring recommendations are approved. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Contract Changes:

- a. Brandi Robinson - Add eight work days at \$187.33 per day.
- b. Ann Turvey - Add eight work days at \$187.33 per day.
- c. Stacey Emmendorfer - Add eight work days at \$194.57 per day.
- d. Kelly Humphrey, Full Time Assistant Director for SPARKS.
 - This change for Kelly would be effective once a Farwell HS Sparks Site Coordinator is hired.
 - Clay asked about the timeline for this change and Superintendent Presler, responded "ASAP". We are still accepting applications for the Farwell position.

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Maxwell that all hiring recommendations are approved. Motion carried 5-0.

H. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report

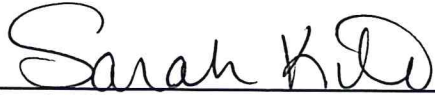
- Superintendent Presler thanked Tony Wood and Eric Johnson of CTE, for being members of our audience. Sheryl expressed appreciation and recognition for all of Eric's help through the winter months, due to his role assisting in Operations.
- Superintendent Presler shared the following Good News:
 - The CTE Ag program was just awarded a \$98,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Ag and Rural Development to purchase equipment for the program. Purchases would begin after 7/1/19.
 - Clay Maxwell asked about the disbursement schedule and Shay confirmed that it would be over two years.
 - The CTE Culinary Arts students who participated in the Souper Challenge, a fundraiser for the Gladwin County Community Foundation, came in second in the People's Choice category with their Philly Cheesesteak Soup.
 - Work on the new CTE Automotive Lab at the Magnus Center is scheduled to begin the week of April 1.
 - We have had two months in a row of clear water tests at the Area School with no detection of any bacteria. We will keep the water stations in place until the end of this school year just in case one of the upcoming monthly tests is not clear.
- The following updates were shared:
 - Thrun Law Firm, CGRESD legal counsel for everything except Special Education, is starting a policy service. Superintendent Presler recommended to the Board that we change from NEOLA to Thrun's policies, since sometimes the advice we receive from Thrun conflicts with our NEOLA policies. This will be a change that begins in late summer or early fall, and it was requested that the Board establish an ad hoc committee to work on this project with Superintendent Presler.

- Clay Maxwell asked if this was a new venture for Thrun. Superintendent Presler confirmed that it was a new service, but could prove to be less expensive than the amount we are paying to NEOLA, and the policies would be organized differently.
 - Lou Adams commented that NEOLA's updates are not always consistent with Thrun.
- Superintendent Presler confirmed with the Board that Barb Richards and Sarah Kile will serve on the Board's negotiations team this year for negotiations of the support staff contract.
- Superintendent Presler reviewed the major components of Governor Whitmer's School Aid budget.
- The administrative team has been working with Shay on a preliminary budget for 2019-2020 so our Board can look at it at the April 17 Board Meeting.
- Currently the CGRESA Area School has to make up 11 days; students had school on Feb. 18 and will have school on May 24, plus they will make up 9 additional days in June, with the last day for staff and students being June 20. CTE will add 10 days in June with the last day being June 12.
- Superintendent Presler commended Ken Chinavare, Eric Johnson, Elm Creek, Wade O'Dell, and Joe Magnus for all of their efforts to work through winter issues and melting snow. It has been a team effort and we have done everything in our power to keep students and staff safe and dry this winter.
- The Superintendent's evaluation is coming up and the categories on which the Board will evaluate this year are Leadership Behavior; Human Development; Contextual and Political Capacity; and Student Growth. At the April 17 meeting, the Board will be provided with evidence of Superintendent Presler's performance in each of these categories, and student growth data will come from the Area School, Early Childhood Special Education, and CTE.
- End-of-year activities will start in full force right after spring break, and the dates and activities will be communicated to the Board via email. In addition to the Farm and Garden Show in Gladwin this Saturday, the second annual "Bowling for Books" fundraiser for the Imagination Library program will be on Saturday, April 6 at 6:00 at Meadow Lanes in Gladwin, and the Area School prom will be on Friday, April 12 at the Area School.
 - Sue Murawski asked about the Turn Around Luncheon, which will be on May 2nd.

J. Board Comments:

- Sarah Kile reported that our region was well-represented at the release of the most recent ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) results, and the speaker, also from our region, appreciated the support.
- Sarah also asked who feeds the Ag animals on the weekends. Tony Wood responded that there is a team of folks who do that chore.
- Clay asked how Superintendent Presler was doing after her medical leave. She replied that she's feeling well and should be back to full time on Monday, March 25. She also thanked everyone for their support, meals and Valentines while she was out of the office. Board members commented that they appreciated the administrative team working together while Sheryl was out.
- Barb reported that she had read in the Morning Sun that Mt. Pleasant Public Schools is investigating a balanced calendar schedule and asked Superintendent Presler to look into it.
- Lou asked how the Area School Board Association's Legislative Breakfast turned out. Clay and Deb responded that Representatives Wentworth and Outman along with Senator Stamas all fielded questions as well as asked their own questions of those in attendance

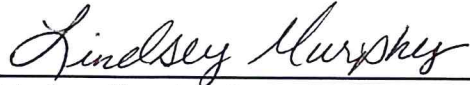
I. Meeting Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



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

4/17/19

Date



Lindsey Murphy, Recorder/Executive Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education

4-17-19

Date