



CLARE-GLADWIN
REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
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**Board of Education – Regular Board Meeting
4041 E. Mannsiding Rd., Clare, MI 48617
October 20, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**RECORD OF MINUTES
BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING**

- A. Call to Order at 6:00 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- C. Members Present
Members Absent
- CG RESD Staff Present
- D. Consent Agenda
- E. Communications/Expressions from the Public-
- Barbara Richards, Sue Murawski, Sarah Kile,
Jason Pahl, and Lou Adams
None
- Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Eric Johnson, Ken Chinavare,
Rusty Govitz, Mike Simon, Katie Knapp-Wyman, Beth
Wood, Clint Colosky and
Lindsey Murphy
1. Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the September 15, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the Bills for September 2021 – \$1,632,987.61
- It was moved by Murawski and supported by Pahl to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by 5-0 vote.
- Students from the CTE Ag Science FFA chapter attended the meeting. Tony Wood, Ag Instructor, introduced them and shared some information about FFA and the Ag program. Shanna McPhall, Clare-Gladwin FFA President, read a letter that described the students' recent experience at the Michigan FFA Fall Leadership Conference. Other students in attendance were: Taryn Millhisler, Lilly Persky, and Mia Meadows.

- F. District Presentation: New CTE Certifications and Credentials – Eric Johnson, CTE Director and Clint Colosky, CTE Coordinator

Eric Johnson, CTE Director, shared the opportunities CTE students have to earn certificates and credentials while in CTE that make them work-ready and prepared for trade school or college. Michigan is in the process of approving certifications and credentials for each state-approved CTE program. Eric reviewed what's currently available, and the Board heard about opportunities on the horizon.

The Board asked questions related to the credentials available to students leading to apprenticeship opportunities and job readiness.

- G. Action Items: New Business

1. Contracts for 2021-2022

- a. Central Michigan Community Mental Health - \$268,996.00 for Youth Intervention Specialists
- b. Elm Creek for Snow Removal - \$1,155.00 per Occurrence
- c. Patti Engwis, Speech Therapist – \$50.00 per hour
- d. Integrated Speech Solutions - \$70.00 per hour for Virtual Speech Therapist
- e. Michigan Works! - \$26,000.00 for Career Navigator

It was moved by Adams and supported by Pahl to approve the contracts as listed. The motion carried by 5-0 vote.

2. Out-of-State Travel/Conference - Michele Millhouse, School Psychologist to National Association of School Psychologists Conference in Boston, Feb. 14-18, 2022

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Kile to approve the out-of-state travel as listed. The motion carried by 5-0 vote.

3. Contract Addendum: Rebecca Idzikowski, SPARKS Director - \$2,402.00 for Master's Degree

It was moved by Adams and supported by Kile to approve the contract addendum for Rebecca. The motion carried by 5-0 vote.

4. Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) Member: Sadie Leins, Area School

It was moved by Pahl and supported by Kile to approve the new PAC Member. The motion carried by 5-0 vote.

5. Daily Substitute Rates

- a. Paraeducator or Administrative Assistant - \$10.00 per hour
- b. Teacher - \$100.00 per day
- c. Former CGRESD Paraeducator or Admin. Asst. – 85% of Previous Wage

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams to approve the daily substitute rates. The motion carried by 5-0 vote.

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

Superintendent Presler thanked the CTE Ag Students for joining the meeting and being available before the meeting to answer questions in the CTE.

The following Good News was shared:

- Deb Snyder, Assistant Superintendent for General Education, shared information about the Coaching Network facilitated by Administrators in the Gen Ed Department. There are 26 instructional coaches from our two counties as well as Midland County who regularly attend the meetings.

- Mike Simon, Director of Special Education, talked about the documentary "Crip Camp" that many Special Education staff watched on their professional development day earlier in the week. The program highlights young people who attended a summer camp for students with disabilities in the 1970s and the impact they made later on laws and legislation addressing the needs and desires of people with disabilities. Lou also noted that he knows one of the people in the documentary.
- Ken Chinavare, Director of IT, noted that Gladwin was awarded funding that allows for 1200 devices which brings the school district to one-to-one for students and devices. This is great for students and for Gladwin Schools.
- Eric Johnson, CTE Director, highlighted the various student leadership opportunities available to students in CTE, including FFA.
- Clint Colosky, CTE Coordinator, presented information about industry tours that CTE students have participated in or will in the future. Most recently, 60 students visited Advanced Battery Concepts in Clare.
- Beth Wood, Area School Principal, talked about the fun Halloween activities planned for the upcoming week as well as the annual Christmas wreath fundraiser.
- Katie Knapp-Wyman, Special Education Monitor/Transition Coordinator, commented that the Lunch and Learn series for local district special education staff is now being recorded so staff who can't participate in real time can learn later.
- Lindsey Murphy, Human Resources Specialist/Board Administrative Assistant, shared her recent experience at the MASA Executive Assistant Conference held in Lansing. Amielynn Warner, District Administrative Assistant, also attended.
- Rusty Govitz, Communications Director, said he had taken about 900 pictures that week and had completed the CTE apparel project.

In addition, Superintendent Presler shared the following:

- CTE staff cleaned up our Adopt-A-Highway section of M61! (Special Education staff will get their chance this spring, and the office staff will take the summer shift.)
- Another CTE in 3:33 video was produced by Rusty on the recent Criminal Justice Mock Interviews!
- Superintendent Presler recognized Beth Wood as a part of October being Principals Month! Beth works very hard so all Area School students have the best experience possible. With substitutes being difficult to secure, Beth has often been in classrooms for the majority of the school day which means her administrative tasks have had to be done before or after school or on the weekends. Superintendent Presler also commented that Mike Simon, Katie Knapp-Wyman, and all Area School staff members have helped each other when and where needed this school year.
- It was good news the milk delivery truck didn't remove the entire canopy at the Area School when it hit it the previous morning!
- Superintendent Presler shared the following informational items:

- In an effort to improve internal communication and provide another venue for staff who work in the local districts to communicate with me, Superintendent Presler started hosting Zoom meetings with designated discussion topics. While the hope is that participation increases, she is pleased with the in-depth discussion she's had with staff so far.
- Carrie Balcirak, School Nurse, organized a flu vaccination clinic, and 39 people signed up. That the most participation to date.
- Thrun's purchasing policy is silent regarding the dollar amount of a purchase that requires Board approval. Superintendent Presler suggested the Board may want to consider the state-determined bid threshold of \$26,046 (for 2021-2022) as the amount. The Board asked that Superintendent Presler research what amount is used by other ISDs and make a recommendation for the November Board meeting.
- Superintendent Presler suggested the Board may want to schedule a Board Workshop dedicated to discussing the Magnus Center. Our lease with Mid Michigan College (MMC) expires at the end of the current school year. We have been approached by community businesses regarding their need for employees in diesel mechanics and cyber-security as well as for CDL drivers. We would also like to have a Culinary Arts facility that is part of the Magnus property. Most recently, there have been positive conversations with legislators as long as our programs are not duplicative of those offered on the MMC campus. Superintendent Presler holds the opinion that we need to develop a comprehensive master plan considering the space available, our current facilities, and our future needs. We also need to analyze potential barriers to expansion such as the power supply and the use of propane as opposed to natural gas.
- Superintendent Presler reminded the Board of the Workshop on Thursday, October 28 to discuss her merit goal. Because of the busy fall the Administrators have had, she recommended only Deb and Lindsey be required to attend.
- Finally, Superintendent Presler reminded the Board of the Area School Board Association fall dinner meeting to take place at Beaverton Jr./Sr. High on Tuesday, November 2. The topic will be cybersecurity.

I. Board Comments

- Jason and Barb asked about our contracts with Mid Michigan College for use of their facilities and the use of our auto lab at the Magnus Center by Mid Michigan College. Superintendent Presler informed them the contracts expire at the end of the current school year and will be renegotiated this spring.
- Lou commented that the number of state and regional teams and boards on which CGRESA Administrators are either members or officers is remarkable.
- Sue thanked the Ag students for attending the meeting and for giving Board members a tour of the green barn prior to the meeting.
- Sarah said she always likes when students are showcased at Board meetings, and she also liked it that each Administrator provided a good news report.

J. Adjournment was at 6:33 pm.

Lou Adams

11/17/21

Lou Adams, Board of Education Secretary
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District

Date

Lindsey Murphy

11-17-21

Lindsey Murphy, Recorder/Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education/HR Specialist
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District

Date