

Board of Education – Regular Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2022 – 6:00 p.m. Conference Rooms A and B 4041 E. Mannsiding Rd., Clare, MI 48617

RECORD OF MINUTES BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Call to Order at 6:00 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited

C. Members Present Barbara Richards, Sue Murawski, Sarah Kile

and Lou Adams

Members Absent Jason Pahl

CG RESD Staff Present Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Eric Johnson, Ken

Chinavare, Mike Simon, Shay Anderson, Katie Knapp-Wyman, Beth Wood, Joe Trommater, Rusty Govitz

and Lindsey Murphy

- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approval of the Agenda
 - 2. Approval of the February 16, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
 - 3. Approval of the February 24, 2022 Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
 - 4. Approval of the Bills for February 2022 \$1,543,663.99

It was moved by Kile and supported by Murawski to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

E. Communications/Expressions from the Public There were no communications from the public.

F. District Presentation: Early Literacy Coaches – Keri Retzloff, Linda Stachowiak, Patricia Clancy,

Stephanie Foote, and Monica Albrecht

The Literacy Coaches provided an overview of some of the training they've done with local district teachers in Clare, Gladwin, and Midland Counties as well as some of the more enjoyable moments working with young students.

G. Action Items: New Business

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1. Weinlander-Fitzhugh Contract Extension for Financial Audit: 2022-23 @ \$19,000.00 and 2023-24 @ \$19,500.00

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams to approve the contract extension for Weinlander-Fitzhugh for the 2022-2023 financial audit. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

2. Superintendent's Evaluation

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Kile to accept the Superintendent's Evaluation for a Highly Effective rating. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

3. Revised Area School 2022 Summer School Calendar: June 21 through August 4 (T-W-Thu in June and August and T-W-Th-F in July; no summer school the week of July 4)

It was moved by Kile and supported by Adams to accept the revised Area School 2022 Summer School Calendar. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

4. Central Office 2022-2023 Calendar

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams to approve the 2022-2023 Central Office Calendar. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

5. Superintendent's Job Description

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams to approve the job description for the Superintendent as revised, with the removal of the word "significant" on point 3 under Qualifications. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

6. Out-of-State Conference: Daniel Talley, Technology Engineer, to Brainstorm Sandusky from May 1 through May 3

It was moved by Kile and supported by Adams to approve the out of state conference in May as written. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

7. Childcare Stabilization Grant Hiring Bonuses for New SPARKS Staff

It was moved by Kile and supported by Murawski to approve hiring bonuses for SPARKS staff through the Childcare Stabilization Grant. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

8. Huntington Bank Account: Remove Jolene Compton and Add Shay Anderson, CFO

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams to remove Jolene Compton and add CFO, Shay Anderson, to the Huntington Bank Account. The motion carried by 4 - 0 vote.

H. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report

There was nobody in the audience.

The Administrators and Superintendent Presler shared the following Good News:

- Joe Trommater shared the annual Science Olympiad tournament had begun its virtual events, and the in-person competition would take place on Saturday at Mid Michigan College in Mt. Pleasant.
- Rusty Govitz was asked to be part of an ISD public relations group presenting on best practices and resources for special education millage campaigns.
- Katie Knapp Wyman reported that Anna O'Dell, School Psychologist, was participating in the upcoming LETRS training with many of the local districts' elementary teachers.
 She also shared a scenario in which a student in Gladwin's Peer-to-Peer program was able to de-escalate his/her peer with skill and ease.
- Beth Wood shared that Sarah Campbell would be joining the Area School teaching staff after Spring Break. For March is Reading Month, the legs of the Area School's octopus are growing quickly with each book read. Beth also shared that Paras would be participating in an upcoming training for working with students with autism.
- Eric Johnson commented on the 50 employers who attended the CTE Reverse Job Fair held the previous day and the numerous job offers students received on the spot.
 Katie Knapp Wyman chimed in regarding a former Construction Trades student who met his goal to live independently and who is working at Melling.
- Ken Chinavare reported that Cassy Tisak and Jordan Turnbull, both members of the Technology Team, were going to be supporting the Science Olympiad tournament on Saturday. Also, the new doors for the Area School kitchen are set to arrive after being backordered for months, and the interior painting at Verna's House had begun.
- Shay Anderson stated that Newaygo County RESA and Allegan ESA are joining our Pupil Auditing Consortium.
- Mike Simon commented on the American Recovery Plan (ARP) funding be used to create a sensory hallway and upgrade the sensory room at the Area School.
- Deb Snyder stated that Shelly Spayd continues to share Math Recovery strategies with teachers, and they're getting hooked on providing meaningful math lessons for students.
- Lindsey shared her work getting the Frontline online applicant tracking program ready for roll-out.

Superintendent Presler shared the following Informational Items this month:

- Superintendent Presler shared bservations of students at the Reverse Job Fair included the knowledge, enthusiasm, and smart uniforms of our Health Occupations students and the individual work projects and firm handshakes (in most cases!) of the Welding students. The preparation by CTE students, staff, and administrators was clearly evident. Staff had already begun debriefing on the successes and challenges of the event in order to improve it for next year.
- Jacob Sullivan, Pupil Auditor, was chosen by MDE to be on the School Auditing Manual Referent Group. His business background makes him especially qualified to review the changes to the manual before it is audited by CPA firms.
- At a recent conference, Superintendent Presler was asked by two northern Michigan Superintendents to run a question by Shay because they knew she would know the answer. That speaks highly of Shay's reputation.

- Pete Haines, the consultant assisting the Board with the search for a new Superintendent, is very complimentary of the work Rusty has done on the posting for the position.
- Superintendent Presler asked the Board to look for dates for the first and second interviews for the new Superintendent. The following were suggested and confirmed with Jason Pahl who wasn't in attendance.
 - o First Interviews: Tues., April 26 and Wed., April 27 in Conference Rooms A and B
 - Second Interviews: Monday, May 9 in Conference Rooms A and B
 The interviews are open to staff and the public.
- Superintendent Presler reported the HVAC project at the Area School should begin yet this spring starting with rooms that aren't classrooms. Equipment arrived ahead of schedule. This work will be coordinated with the lighting upgrade.
- The legislature continues to work on budgets for 2022-23. Those "in the know" still believe budgets will be done by the middle of June so legislators can begin campaigning for the November election.
- Superintendent Presler shared the following upcoming dates:
 - March 28-April 1 Spring Break
 - April 11 Area School Board Association Legislative Breakfast at the RESD
 - o May 5 Turn-Around Award Lunch at Tobacco Ranch in Clare
- I. Board Comments
 Sarah Kile shared the Big Brothers Big Sisters silent auction was taking place at the Doherty. She was headed down as soon as the meeting adjourned.
- J. Closed Session for Negotiations Planning was at 7:12 pm
- K. Adjournment was at 8:05 pm

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