

**CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

Date: February 15, 2021
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: ZOOM Virtual Meeting

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Mrs. Susan Reichert called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Ms. Jackie Longman (arrived 6:30 p.m.)
Mr. Trent Piper (arrived 6:35 p.m.)
Mrs. Susan Reichert
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen
Mrs. Heather Wechsler
Mr. Steve Wurtzel

Member's Absent

Mrs. Lori Bagwell

Other School Personnel Present

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent
Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal
Mr. Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Mrs. Jen Lim, Technology Site Coordinator

3. Public Forum

None.

4. Agenda Modifications

None.

5. Consent Calendar Items

- a. January 21, 2021 Regular & Organizational Meeting Minutes
- b. General Fund & Construction Check Registers

Mrs. Wechsler **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar items as presented. **Motion carried 4-0.**

6. Items for Action or Discussion

a. Mr. Drallette – Valedictorian Selection Procedure

Mr. Matt Drallette, father of a student, is requesting that we waive the HS handbook stipulation that a student must be here for three semesters to be considered for valedictorian for scholarship purposes.

Below is the handbook language that has been board approved and shared with Mr. Drallette:

1. **Top Ten** – A student who receives this recognition must be numerically in the top ten of the senior class at the end of the **first** semester unless there is a tie in the tenth position. Then the top ten will include whoever is involved in the tie. A student who receives this recognition must in attendance three semesters at Climax-Scotts High School.
2. **Valedictorian and Salutatorian** – Determination of the valedictorian and salutatorian will be the student whose GPA is the first and second highest scholastic average in the graduating class at the end of the **first** semester. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian, a

student must have attended school regularly for three semesters at Climax-Scotts High School with one full semester of his/her senior year.

Discussion took place with the four board members present. Due to the significance of the decision to be made by the board, and three members not present, it was decided to table further discussion until all board members can be present. Mr. Drallette stated that a decision needs to be submitted to the college by April 15, 2021. Discussion will resume at a special meeting, or at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.

b. CTE Presentation – Kristen Garceau from KRESA

Kristen Garceau from KRESA presented to the board information on the Career & Technical Education program that they have been implementing at Climax-Scotts Jr./Sr. High School. Currently there are four full-time, and two part-time KRESA positions supporting the Kalamazoo County schools CTE program.

c. Career Coordinator Position

Mr. Cole presented to the board a recommendation to transition Mr. Kevin Langs from Dean of Students/Athletic Director to Career Readiness Coordinator for the 2021-2022, and possibly the fourth quarter of the current school year. COVID-19 funding would be used to support this new position.

Mr. Wurtzel **moved**, supported by Mrs. Wechsler, to approve the creation of a Career Coordinator position as presented. **Motion carried 5-0.**

d. Kalamazoo County Health Department Data

i. <https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/datahub/covid19.php>

Mr. Newington reviewed the Kalamazoo County Health Department data as presented on their website.

e. ECOL Reconfirmation Statement

i. C-S ECOL Plan

ii. Reconfirmation Statement

Mr. Newington reviewed with the board the Climax-Scotts Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan, Version: Strict Adherence to Legislation. This is required 30 days after the initial plan approval and every month thereafter.

Reconfirmation meeting for 1/13/2021 – 2/9/2021.

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper, that we approve the ECOL Reconfirmation Statement as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

f. Construction progress update

Mr. Newington reported on the construction progress to date.

g. ORS (Office of Retirement Services) Resolution

Mr. Newington presented to the board a resolution from Thrun regarding a closing statement from when the courts determined ORS's 3% withholding for retirement health care was found to be illegal. We rebated it years ago and all is well with C-S. To bring this to a close a resolution by Thrun was presented.

Ms. Longman **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to approve the Thrun ORS resolution as presented.

Roll call vote:

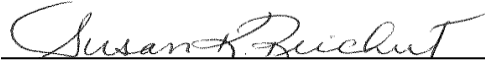
Sue Reichert: **Yes**; Trent Piper: **Yes**; Heather Wechsler: **Yes**; Terri VandeGiessen: **Yes**;
Jackie Longman: **Yes**; Steve Wurtzel: **Yes**. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVED MINUTES

Adjournment

At 7:14 p.m., Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Wurtzel, to adjourn the February 15, 2021 Regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Approved on March 15, 2021 by:



Susan Reichert, C-S Board President



Heather Wechsler, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer