

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

**Date:** December 15, 2025

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** Board Room

**1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

Board President, Sue Reichert, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Mrs. Susan Reichert

Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen

Mr. Matt Birkam

Ms. Jackie Longman (arrived 6:02)

Mr. Trent Piper (arrived 6:01)

Mr. Steve Wurtzel

Mrs. Lori Bagwell

**Member's Absent**

**Other School Personnel Present**

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent

Ms. Heather Wechsler, Board Recording Secretary

Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal

Ms. Lauren MacVicar, ELA Coordinator & Title One Coordinator

Mrs. Brooklyn Genschoreck, Elementary Teacher

Mrs. Beth Missler, Art Teacher

Mrs. Angela Gilbert, Jr. & Sr. High School Secretary & Athletic Secretary

Mrs. Allison Charles, STEAM Teacher

Mrs. Jennifer Wright, Jr. & Sr. High School English Teacher

Ms. Lisa Tuinstra, Social Worker

Mrs. Rachel Slager, Fifth Grade Teacher

Ms. Megan Woodworth, Resource Room Teacher

Mrs. Caitlyn Tiller, Jr. & Sr. High School Office Staff & Cheer Coach

Mr. Kevin Langs, Career Coordinator

Mr. Kevin Harvey,

Mrs. Kendra Rork, Jr. High Language Arts Teacher

Mr. Brandon Haynes, Jr. & Sr. High School Guidance Counselor

**Guests**

**3. Public Forum**

Caitlyn Tiller

Angela Gilbert

Brenda Sutherland

Brad Sutherland

Kendra Rork

Andrew Gilbert

**4. Agenda Modifications**

6.e. Attorney Client Communication per MCL 15.268 (8.1.H)

**5. Consent Calendar Items**

- a. November 17, 2025, Regular Meeting & Closed Session minutes
- b. General Fund & Construction Check Registers

Lori Bagwell **moved**, supported by Trent Piper, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar items as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**6. Items for Action or Discussion**

- a. Propose New Elementary ELA Curriculum

Lori Bagwell **moved**, supported by Steve Wurtzel to approve the purchase of the elementary ELA curriculum as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- b. Revised General Fund Budget

Steve Wurtzel **moved**, supported by Terri VandeGiessen to approve the revised budget summary as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- c. 31aa Funding-updated information presented

- d. 2023 Bond Project Update

- e. Closed Session Attorney-Client Correspondence per MCL 15.268 (8.1.H)

Lori Bagwell made a motion at 7:07pm to go into closed session, supported by Terri VandeGiessen. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve Wurtzel made a motion, supported by Terri VandeGiessen at 8:00pm pm to reconvene open session, Motion carried 7-0

**7. Adjournment**

At 8:01 p.m., Steve Wurtzel **moved**, supported by Lori Bagwell to adjourn the December 15, 2025, Regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

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**Susan Reichert, Board President**

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**Terri VandeGiessen, Board Secretary/Treasurer**