

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

**Date:** April 19, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Board Room/ZOOM Virtual Meeting

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

Board President, Sue 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  
Mrs. Lorl Bagwell (Virtual, Left at 6:29 p.m.)  
Mr. Trent Piper  
Mrs. Susan Reichert  
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen  
Mrs. Heather Wechsler (Virtual)  
Mr. Steve Wurtzel (Arrived at 6:15 p.m.)

**Member's Absent**

**Other School Personnel Present**

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal  
Mrs. Darcy Soule, Central Office Assistant

**3. Public Forum**

None

**4. Agenda Modifications**

None

**5. Consent Calendar Items**

- a. March 15, 2021 Regular & Organizational Meeting Minutes
- b. March 22, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
- c. General Fund & Construction Check Registers

Mrs. VandeGiessen moved, supported by Mr. Piper, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**6. Items for Action or Discussion**

**a. Prom Update**

- i. The School will not be sponsoring a prom this school year. The students voted to not hold a school sponsored prom if they had to follow the CDC guidelines for social distancing and masks. Any prom that is held will be off-campus and not supported by the school district.

**b. Grounds Contract Renewal**

- i. As per our conflict of interest policy PO 01444.3, section 2.a.2, which states we need to provide a seven day notice prior to any approval, and on behalf of Mr. Trent Piper, the owner of The Grounds Keeper, we did notify the board that we intend to request a one-year renewal of the grounds mowing contract from the 2019-2020 school year, for the same terms, at the March 15, 2021 regular board meeting.

- ii. We are requesting a one-year renewal for the Grounds Keeper for the same terms as the 2019-2020 school year.

Mrs. VandeGiessen moved, supported by Mrs. Wechsler, that we approve Grounds Contract Renewal. **Motion carried 4-1 Ms. Longman, No (Mr. Piper abstained).**

**c. Approval of Superintendent Evaluation**

- i. Superintendent's Evaluation conducted on March 22, 2021.

Ms. Longman moved, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Evaluation, with a rating of Highly Effective, as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**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.

Kalamazoo County is on an eight-week trend of increased COVID-19 cases and an increase in percentage of cases tested that are positive. There are signs of a plateau showing but it is too early to tell. Kalamazoo County is above the state average in the number of people who have been fully vaccinated and have initiated it.

State – 636.9 daily/million with 30 deaths, upward trend

Region – 501 daily/million with 5 deaths, upward trend

County – 518.2 daily/million with 3 deaths, upward trend

**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 3/10/2021 – 4/13/2021.

PreK-12 is face to face with a 100% virtual option

Mrs. VandeGiessen moved, supported by Ms. Longman, that we approve the ECOL Reconfirmation Statement as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**f. Construction progress update**

- i. Mr. Newington reported on the construction progress to date.
  - 1) Track should be started next week
  - 2) Electricians have a good amount to do still, said they would be here this week with a punch list of 59 items
  - 3) A&G has to complete the door work
  - 4) Painters have a few touchup items
  - 5) Window shades for Brent, Kevin/Tyler, and Lisa will be in soon
  - 6) Gutter and snow fence for the new gym are about 6-8 weeks out
  - 7) Moving forward with fiber optic at the intermediate

**Adjournment**

At 6:34 p.m., Ms. Longman moved, supported by Mr. Wurtzel, to adjourn the April 19, 2021 Regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

  
Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

  
Heather Wechsler, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer