

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

**Date:** August 21, 2017  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High School Band Room

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

Board President, Mrs. Susan Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Mrs. Lori Bagwell  
Mr. Trent Piper  
Ms. Jackie Longman  
Mrs. Susan Reichert  
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen  
Mrs. Heather Wechsler

**Member's Absent**

Mr. Gene Coonfare

**Other School Personnel Present**

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Mrs. Lou Ellen Wade, Acting Board Recording Secretary

**3. Public Forum**

There was no one was present for public forum.

**4. Agenda Modifications**

Move facility update/bus purchase above Superintendent's report.

**5. Consent Calendar Items**

- a. July 17, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. General Fund & Prepaid Check Registers

Mrs. Wechsler **moved**, supported by Ms. Longman, that the Board approves the Consent Calendar Items as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**6. Superintendent's Report**

The Superintendent's Report was included in the Board's packet.

**7. Items for Action or Discussion****a. Personnel Update*****New Hires*****• Brandie Kline – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher**

Mrs. Kline is 2012 C-S graduate (formerly Bartholomew). In May 2017, she received her Bachelor's in Elementary Education with a BX (Language Arts) K-8 endorsement. She did her student teaching at Kentwood Public Schools where she taught 4<sup>th</sup> grade.

**• Lauren Macvicar – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher**

Ms. Macvicar returns to Climax-Scotts after leaving her Kindergarten teaching position in 2014 to work for K/Resa as a literacy coach. Since her departure, she has gained a wealth of knowledge and we are excited to see how she can assist our staff with literacy coaching.

**• Denise Kenney (replaces previous new hire Jordan Key) – Elementary Paraprofessional**

Mrs. Kenney earned her Master's Degree in Education in 1995 and has since taught in variety of Kindergarten through 12 grades. She began homeschooling 16 years ago, which officially took her out of the classroom; however, she kept up with her classroom skills by teaching classes within the homeschool organization. Five years ago, Denise and her husband decided to place their high school children in Climax-Scotts and they continue to be pleased with the environment and education that their children have received. Denise is eager to get back to work in education.

**• Christopher Fryling (replaces previous new hire Kara Corniel) – Mathematics**

Mr. Fryling graduated from Cornerstone University in 2013 with secondary education teaching certification with a major in Mathematics and minor in Chemistry. He was previously employed at Heritage Christian Academy where he taught 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade math and science.

**• Sue Bowman – Custodial**

Ms. Bowman, after retiring in 2015 from Climax-Scotts, returns as a full time contracted employee providing custodial services from 3:00 pm – 11:30 pm.

**• Mary St. Clair – Special Education Elementary Paraprofessional**

Ms. St. Clair was most recently a classroom aide at Woodsedge Learning Center. She has experience working with ASD students and is CPI trained.

- **Debbie Graham – GSRP Teacher Assistant**

Ms. Graham returns to Climax-Scotts after leaving in 2013. She was most recently working for Portage Public Schools as a Young Fives & At-Risk Reading Paraprofessional.

**Resignations / Job Openings**

- **Stephen Critchlow** – Jr./Sr. HS Physical Education/Health teacher has resigned his position to return to Olivet as a full time physical education teacher.

**b. Facility Update/Bus Purchase Request**

We are requesting two new buses to replace two current buses that are in disrepair and would cost more than they are worth to bring up to the required safety code for the state police inspection. Mr. Bridges, Transportation Supervisor, is recommending that the buses we purchase use gasoline, rather than diesel fuel. The first payment for the new buses would be in the 2018-2019 budget, whereas the other bus loans are scheduled to be paid off, resulting in minimal change in budgeted funds.

Mrs. Bagwell **moved**, supported by Mrs. Wechsler to approve the purchase of two additional buses for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**c. Closed Session – Negotiations**

At 7:54 p.m., Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to enter into closed session to discuss on-going teacher negotiations. **Motion carried 6-0.**

At 8:07 p.m., Ms. Longman **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to resume an open session of the board. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Mrs. Bagwell **moved**, supported by Mrs. Wechsler, that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to re-open the contract with the CSEA in order to negotiate full steps and a 1% increase on base for the 2017-2018 school year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**8. Adjournment**

At 8:08 p.m., Ms. Longman **moved**, supported by Mrs. Wechsler, to adjourn the August 21, 2017 regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

**Approved on September 18, 2017 by:**

  
Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

  
Heather Wechsler, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer