APPROVED MINUTES

CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Date: April 15, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High School Library

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Mrs. Susan 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. Lori Bagwell (left 6:25 p.m.)
Ms. Longman
Mr. Trent Piper
Mrs. Susan Reichert
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen
Mrs. Heather Wechsler
Mr. Steve Wurtzel (arrived 6:40 p.m.)

Member's Absent

Other School Personnel Present
Mr. Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. High Principal
Mrs. Renee Gerber, Board Recording Secretary
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent
Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal

3. Public Forum

Bruce Rolfe, Climax Crescent
150 North Main Street
Climax, MI 49034

Mr. Rolfe wanted to know if the board would be taking action on the Grounds Service RFP at this meeting. Mrs. Reichert responded that no decision would be made as the agenda item is for discussion only.

4. Agenda Modifications

Add to Items for Action/Discussion: e) Review of Graduation Proceedings

5. Consent Calendar Items

- **a.** March 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- **b.** March 28, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes
- **c.** General Fund Check Registers

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

6. EFE/EFA/Early Middle College Presentation – Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. HS Principal

Mr. Cole gave a brief overview of the EFE, EFA and Early Middle College Programs.

7. Items For Action or Discussion

a. RFP Grounds Service

The board reviewed the Grounds Service RFP Summary of Bids. There were three bids in total, YDM Landscaping, Nature Nannies and The GroundsKeeper. The GroundsKeeper submitted the low bid at $17,500. Contracting grounds services allows Mr. Simmons, C-S Maintenance Director, to focus on other things by eliminating the concern of grounds and equipment; especially during the construction process, which Mr. Simmons excels at and can potentially save the District money. Superintendent Newington noted that Mr. Piper's high standards would keep grounds looking even better than before and recommended that Board approve the bid submitted by The GroundsKeeper, conditional on following board policy.

Per Board policy, Mr. Piper would need to notify the board of his conflict of interest at a board meeting. The board cannot vote until seven (7) days after notification. Mr. Piper cannot be a part of any discussion regarding the bid, nor vote. A majority of the full board needs to approve the bid, with Mr. Piper abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Piper then notified the board of his desire to provide services to the district albeit a conflict of interest. He disclosed that he placed a bid and has a financial interest in doing so.

b. Revised Board Policies

The Board had a first reading of the policies that Neola recommends for updates or has made optional language available. Second reading and approval will take place at the regular Board meeting scheduled for May 20, 2019.

c. Kalamazoo Air Zoo Overnight Trip

Mrs. Peters requested approval to change the 5th Grade Camp experience to a different type of overnight that may better align with 5th grade standards. The overnight would still provide the valuable bonding experience and would be engaging and educational. The recommendation is to change to an overnight program at Kalamazoo Air Zoo. The Board would like for Mrs. Peters to check in to other camp type activities before making a decision to switch.

d. Bid Pack #1 (Final Recommendation to Award)

Documentation for Bid Pack #1 (Final) Recommendation to Award were reviewed by the Board. The recommendations are based on the low bids and post bid interviews.

Mrs. Wechsler **moved,** supported by Mr. Wurtzel that the Board approve Bid Pack #1 (Final) Recommendation to Award as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

e. Graduation Proceedings

Mr. Cole, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, briefly discussed with the Board that he would be making changes to the graduation layout and process. He noted that a more streamlined process will make for a much for enjoyable time to be had by all. The Board can call or email him with opinions, thoughts or questions.

8. <u>Adjournment</u>

At 7:16 p.m., Ms. Longman **moved,** supported by Mrs. Wechsler to adjourn the April 15, 2019 regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Approved on June 10, 2019 by:

Susan R. Reichert

Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

Heather Wechsler

Heather Wechsler, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer