

CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Date: January 15, 2024  
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. Lori Bagwell  
Mr. Matt Birkam  
Ms. Jackie Longman  
Mr. Trent Piper  
Mrs. Susan Reichert  
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen  
Mr. Steve Wurtzel

Member's Absent

Other School Personnel Present

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Mr. Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. Principal  
Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal  
Mrs. Darcy Soule, Board Recording Secretary

3. Public Forum

None

4. Agenda Modifications

None

5. Consent Calendar Items

- a. December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes
- b. General Fund and Construction Fund Check Registers

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Jackie Longman, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

6. Items for Action or Discussion

- a. Election of Officers for January – December 2024
  - i. President

Lori Bagwell moved, supported by Steve Wurtzel, that the Board elect Sue Reichert to fill President. **Motion Carried 6-0 (Sue Reichert Abstained).**

- ii. Vice President

Lori Bagwell moved, supported by Steve Wurtzel, that the Board elect Trent Piper to fill Vice President. **Motion Carried 6-0 (Trent Piper Abstained).**

- iii. Secretary/Treasurer

Lori Bagwell moved, supported by Steve Wurtzel, that the Board elect Terri VandeGiessen to fill Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion Carried 6-0 (Terri VandeGiessen Abstained).**

**b. Organization Meeting Resolution**

Steve Wurtzel moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board approve the 2024 Organizational Meeting Resolution as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Lori Bagwell, Yes; Matt Birkam, Yes; Jackle Longman, Yes; Trent Piper, Yes; Sue Reichert, Yes; Terri VandeGiessen, Yes; Steve Wurtzel, Yes; Motion Carried 7-0.**

**c. Board Compensation Resolution**

Steve Wurtzel moved, supported by Matt Birkam, that the Board approve the 2024 Board Compensation Resolution as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Lori Bagwell, Yes; Matt Birkam, Yes; Jackle Longman, Yes; Trent Piper, Yes; Sue Reichert, Yes; Terri VandeGiessen, Yes; Steve Wurtzel, Yes; Motion Carried 7-0.**

**d. Designation of Depositories**

Lori Bagwell moved, supported by Trent Piper, that the Board approve the recommended designation of depositories as Sturgis Bank & Trust and MILAF (Michigan Liquid Asset Fund) as presented. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**e. Check Signature Authorizations (All Accounts)**

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board approve the Check Signature Authorizations for all accounts for 2024 as presented. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**f. Appointment of Recording Secretary**

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Assistant, Darcy Soule as the recording secretary for 2024. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**g. Designation of Person to Post Public Notice of Board Meetings**

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board approve the Superintendent's Assistant, Darcy Soule as the Person to Post for 2024. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**h. Delegation of Election Duties**

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board delegate Darcy Soule to handle District Election Duties for 2024. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**i. Approval of Legal Representation**

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board approve Thrun Law Firm, PC as Legal Representation for the District in 2024. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

**j. Appointment of Legislative Representations**

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board appoint Sue Reichert as the Legislative Representative for the District in 2024. **Motion Carried 6-0 (Sue Reichert Abstained).**

**k. Appointment of KRESA Voting Delegate**

## APPROVED MINUTES

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board appoint Terri VandeGiessen as the KRESA Voting Delegate for the District In 2024. **Motion Carried 6-0 (Terri VandeGiessen Abstained).**

### I. Appointment of MASB Voting Delegate

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board appoint Jackie Longman as the MASB Voting Delegate for the District In 2024. **Motion Carried 6-0 (Jackie Longman Abstained).**

### m. Appointment of Standing Committees;

- i. Building & Grounds – Steve Wurtzel (Chair), Matt Birkam, & Trent Piper (Alternate – Jackie Longman)
- ii. Policy – Terri VandeGiessen (Chair), Sue Reichert, & Lori Bagwell
- iii. Public Relations (PRC) – Lori Bagwell (Chair), Jackie Longman, & Sue Reichert

Terri VandeGiessen moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, that the Board move the 2024 Standing Committees as noted above. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

### n. Adoption of revised Thrun Policies

Jackie Longman moved, supported by Matt Birkam, that the Board approve the updated Thrun Policies as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Lori Bagwell, Yes; Matt Birkam, Yes; Jackie Longman, Yes; Trent Piper, Yes; Sue Reichert, Yes; Terri VandeGiessen, Yes; Steve Wurtzel, Yes; Motion Carried 7-0.**

### o. CTE Resolution

Trent Piper moved, supported by Jackie Longman, that the Board approve the CTE Resolution as presented. **Roll Call Vote: Lori Bagwell, Yes; Matt Birkam, Yes; Jackie Longman, Yes; Trent Piper, Yes; Sue Reichert, Yes; Terri VandeGiessen, Yes; Steve Wurtzel, Yes; Motion Carried 7-0.**

### p. Revised Budget

Jackie Longman moved, supported by Steve Wurtzel, that the Board approve the revised budget summary as presented. **Motion Carried 7-0.**

## 7. Adjournment

At 6:26 p.m., Jackie Longman moved, supported by Lori Bagwell, to adjourn the January 15, 2024, Regular & Organizational meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

  
Susan Reichert, Board President

  
Terri VandeGiessen, Board Secretary/Treasurer