

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

**Date:** August 17, 2020  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m.  
**Place:** ZOOM Virtual Meeting; Board Members/Administration @ Jr./Sr. High Band Room

**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  
Ms. Jackie Longman  
Mr. Trent Piper  
Mrs. Susan Reichert  
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen  
Mrs. Heather Wechsler  
Mr. Steve Wurtzel (arrived @ 6:16 p.m.)

**Member's Absent**

None

**Other School Personnel Present**

Mr. Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
Mrs. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal  
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent

**Public Forum**

Lark Murphy, 8590 North 43<sup>rd</sup> Street, Augusta, MI; [lmurphy@csschools.net](mailto:lmurphy@csschools.net). Mrs. Murphy, a teacher, and President of the CSEA Teachers Union, requested information on PPE equipment purchased and received. She also read the most recent COVID statistics from NPR/CNN. She indicated that she was "more frightened of COVID than an Active Shooter." She invited the board members to attend classes for the entire day when school is in session.

Tessa Rewa, 1516 Friendly Avenue, Portage, MI; (517) 505-2684. Ms. Rewa, a parent, and teacher at CS schools, also indicated that she would like information on PPE equipment purchased and received. Are we doing the following: desk shields, air purifiers in the classrooms, and adding additional custodial staff? She communicated her concern about safety of the students, and families during the COVID pandemic.

**3. Agenda Modifications**

None.

**4. Consent Calendar Items**

- a. July 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes  
August 10, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- b. General Fund, Prepaid Check Registers, Construction Check Registers

Mrs. VandeGiessen moved, supported by Mrs. Wechsler, that the Board approves the Consent Calendar Items with the clarification in the July 20 Regular Meeting Minutes that virtual on-line classes (Accelerate and Edmentum) are also CS students and eligible for athletics and extra-curricular activities. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**5. Items for Action or Discussion**

**a. Form L-4029**

On an annual basis, the L-4029 requires action of the Board of Education to confirm and establish the millage rates to be levied on taxpayers within the school district for the tax year 2020. Millage to be levied December 1, 2020 for the General Fund is 17.8506 mills. Millage to be levied December 1, 2020 for the Debt Retirement Fund is 7.30 mills.

Mrs. Bagwell moved, supported by Mrs. Wechsler, that the Board approves the L-4029 as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**b. Construction Progress Update**

High School doors that were delivered are not the correct size and may not be corrected prior to the beginning of school. However, SA Morman has stated that there will be doors in place for the start of school from an email by Jeff Behm, Triangle.

**c. Personnel**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Chelsea Mertin, has resigned.

Special Ed ParaPro resigned.

Potential retirement from the elementary but has asked not to be announced yet.

A possible 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher may be added due to COVID-19 requirements.

Interviews were being held Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> for teacher positions at the elementary.

**6. Adjournment**

At 6:46 p.m., Mrs. Bagwell moved, supported by Mr. Wurtzel, to adjourn the August 17, 2020 regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approved on August 17, 2020 by:**

  
Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

  
Heather Wechsler, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer