

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

**Date:** March 15, 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 6:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

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

**Member's Absent**

**Other School Personnel Present**

Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Mr. Brent Cole, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
Mrs. Jen Lim, Technology Site Coordinator  
Mrs. Darcy Soule, Central Office Assistant  
Mr. Tyler Langs, DOS.AD

**3. Public Forum**

None

**4. Agenda Modifications**

None

**5. Consent Calendar Items**

- a. February 15, 2021 Regular & Organizational Meeting Minutes
- b. General Fund & Construction Check Registers

Mrs. Bagwell **moved**, supported by Ms. Longman, that the Board approve the Consent Calendar items as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**6. Items for Action or Discussion**

**a. Introduction of new employees:**

- i. Tyler Langs – DOS/AD
- ii. Darcy Soule – Central Office Assistant

**b. Mr. Drallette – Valedictorian Selection Procedure**

Mr. Matt Drallette, father of a student, is requesting that we waive the HS handbook stipulation that a student must be here for three semesters to be considered for valedictorian for scholarship purposes.

Below is the handbook language that has been board approved and shared with Mr. Drallette:

1. **Top Ten** – A student who receives this recognition must be numerically in the top ten of the senior class at the end of the **first** semester unless there is a tie in the tenth position. Then

the top ten will include whoever is involved in the tie. A student who receives this recognition must in attendance three semesters at Climax-Scotts High School.

2. **Valedictorian and Salutatorian** – Determination of the valedictorian and salutatorian will be the student whose GPA is the first and second highest scholastic average in the graduating class at the end of the **first** semester. To be eligible for valedictorian or salutatorian, a student must have attended school regularly for three semesters at Climax-Scotts High School with one full semester of his/her senior year.

Mr. Drallette stated that a decision needs to be submitted to the college by April 15, 2021.

Ms. Bagwell **moved**, supported by Mr. Wurtzel, that the Board authorize Mr. Cole to sign the scholarship application form under the terms outlined by legal counsel, and to attach said letter to the application. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**c. 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 are notifying 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 April 19, 2021 regular board meeting.

**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.

State – 158.1 daily/million with 7 deaths, upward trend

Region – 168 daily/million with 1 death, upward trend

County – 150.7 daily/million with 0 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 2/10/2021 – 3/9/2021.

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

**f. Construction progress update**

Mr. Newington reported on the construction progress to date. The construction company will be working on the punch list the week of spring break.

**Adjournment**

At 6:42 p.m., Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mrs. Bagwell, to adjourn the March 15, 2021 Regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approved on April 19, 2021 by:**



Susan Reichert, C-S Board President



Heather Wechsler, C-S Board Secretary/Treasure