



CLARE-GLADWIN
REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
Excellence in Education Services

**Board of Education -Regular Board Meeting held at the
CGRES D Administration Building, 4041 E. Mannsiding Rd. Clare, MI 48617
August 21, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.**

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Sue Murawski
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. Members Present: Sue Murawski, Sarah Kile, Jason Pahl and Lou Adams
- Members Absent: Barb Richards
- Administration Present: Superintendent Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Mike Simon, Shay Anderson, Ken Chinavare, Beth Wood, Rusty Govitz and Lindsey Murphy

- D. Consent Agenda
1. Approval of the Agenda
 2. Approval of the July 17, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
 3. Approval of the Bills for July 2019 – \$2,061,220.49

**It was moved by Kile and supported by Adams that the Board approve the Consent Agenda.
Motion carried 4-0**

- E. Communications/Expressions from the Public
- A thank you note from Christ the King Lutheran Church in Gladwin was received in recognition of a donation that we made in memory of Dawn Wiseman's father. Dawn is the Elementary SPARKS Site Coordinator in Harrison.
 - A letter of appreciation was received from the American Stroke Foundation for the memorial donation made in memory of Jill Radosta's father-in-law. Jill is our former Special Education Supervisor/Monitor and is now the Director of Special Education at COOR ISD.
- F. District Report – McKinney-Vento Homeless Act – Jana Kullick, Coordinator
- Jana presented the Board with an update on the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act. She shared some examples of the criteria for students experiencing homelessness. She provided data on the various age groups as well as data on the number of cases in Clare and Gladwin Counties. Jana works for Midland Public Schools and as program coordinator, she also shared data for surrounding counties as well. She fielded several questions from the Board.
- G. Action Items: New Business
1. Hiring Recommendations
 - a. Cheryl Luna, SPARKS Site Coordinator at Coleman K-8
 - b. David Thomas, SPARKS Site Coordinator at Gladwin Jr. High School
 - c. Hayden Scott, SPARKS Site Coordinator at Gladwin High School
 - d. Ed Hubel, CTE Work-Based Learning Coordinator (BA+15, Step 18)
 - e. Ashton Poet, Speech Language Pathologist (MA+30, Step 1)

**It was moved by Adams and supported by Kile that all hiring recommendations are approved.
Motion carried 4-0**

2. Purchase Recommendations from State-Wide Bid
 - a. Tilmann Hardware for Agri-Science Tractor with Instructor Seat (MDARD Grant) - \$35,900.00
 - b. Snap-On Equipment for Gladwin High School Auto Lab (Marshall Plan Grant)
 1. Build-A-Bay - \$125,249.52
 2. Big Set Orange Toolbox with Tools - \$34,132.52
 - c. Snap-On Equipment for Magnus Center Auto Lab (Marshall Plan Grant)
 1. Build-A-Bay - \$161,630.00
 2. Big Set Orange Toolbox with Tools - \$34,132.52
 3. Precision Measurement Instrument Certification Kit - \$31,404.72
 4. 14K Scissor Lift - \$27,965.55

It was moved by Kile and supported by Pahl that all purchase recommendations from State-Wide Bid are approved. Motion carried 4-0

3. Contracts
 - a. Hi-Tec - \$81,492.00 to include Harrison City Market and Magnus Auto Lab
 - b. Addendum to SPARKS Site Coordinators' Contracts for Mentoring
 1. Kayleigh Hudson, Meridian Elementary – 5 additional days @ \$194.57 per day
 2. Ann Coon, Beaverton High School – 8 additional days @ \$194.57 per day
 - c. Soliant Health – Teacher Consultant for Deaf and Hard of Hearing - \$47,215

It was moved by Adams and supported by Kile for all contracts to be approved. Motion carried 4-0

4. Delegate and Alternate for MASB Assembly – Friday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 at the Grand Traverse

It was moved by Kile and supported by Pahl for Lou Adams to be selected as the Delegate for the MASB Assembly. Sarah Kile was selected as the Alternate. Motion carried 4-0

H. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report

Superintendent Presler shared the following Good News with the Board:

- Since installing the energy efficient lights in the parking lots and on the exterior of the office building and Area School, \$20,000 has been saved in electrical costs.
- The two most recently hired Technology Repair Technicians are graduates of our CTE Digital Media program!
- CGRESD was highlighted twice in the 2018 Annual Report for the Middle Michigan Development Corporation, once for the open house of the Construction Trades facility and again for securing the Marshall Plan for Talent grant for the Auto labs.
- Vincent Nelson, CTE Welding student from Harrison, received the Witbeck Scholarship that covers tuition, fees, and books for 12 credit hours! Vincent is enrolled at Mid.
- Deb Snyder and Mike Simon organized professional development on the topic of Restorative Practices for all CGRESD districts – nearly 700 people! All went well thanks to the hard work of many others in the General Education and Special Education Departments. Now that the topic has been introduced, it's up to the local districts to implement strategies and curriculum. The "Mental Health for General Education Students" grant will pay for additional training, curriculum materials, and another interventionist among four of our five districts. Clare Public Schools wrote their own grant plan which was also funded.
- Superintendent Presler recognized Sue Murawski's birthday!

Superintendent Presler shared the following informational items with the Board:

- The Beaverton Board of Education interviewed five candidates and voted unanimously to hire Joe Passalacqua as its Superintendent. Joe was formerly a Teacher, Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, and Principal at Beaverton HS. Once a contract is successfully negotiated, a start date will be determined.

- CGRESD has fewer unfilled job openings to start the year compared to last August. In addition to the three Sign Language Interpreter positions, there are various SPARKS positions and three Paraeducator positions – Early Childhood Special Education, Agri-Science, and Culinary Arts – open.
- At the time of the Board meeting, details for a plan to fill Jill Radosta's Special Education Supervisor/Monitor position were in process. Superintendent Presler informed the Board she would make a recommendation at the September 25 Board meeting with retroactivity.
- There were several programs that moved this summer:
 - ECSE moved from Gladwin Elementary to Verna's House to Farwell Elementary
 - Office staff cleaned out the garage at the Area School, the white barn at the Magnus Center, and the Central Office storage area
 - Culinary Arts moved out of Mid and into the Harrison City Market, with some equipment in storage at the Magnus Center
 - The Auto program at Gladwin HS moved into a storage trailer and will be moved back into the lab after all inspections are completed and we have been cleared for occupancy
 - The Auto lab at Mid moved out of Mid, into the Construction Trades lab, and is now being moved into the new Auto lab at the Magnus Center
 - All furniture in the CTE classrooms and offices at Mid was moved out into the hallways and then moved back in the classrooms to accommodate carpet cleaning

ALL staff members who helped with these moves deserve thanks and recognition. Special thanks go to Eric Johnson, Mike Simon, Sandy Russell, Jacob Sullivan, Joe Trommater, and Wade O'Dell for their extra time and muscle.

- Superintendent Presler provided an update on the construction projects at the Magnus Center Auto Lab and the Gladwin HS Auto Lab as of the date of the Board meeting.
 - The Magnus Center lab passed its final inspection, and CTE and Mid auto classes were on schedule to begin using the lab the following week.
 - The Gladwin HS lab was scheduled to have its final inspection on Tuesday, August 27.
 - Snap-On's logistics were a nightmare for both labs with trucks and shipments delayed, showing up unannounced, delivering damaged equipment, etc.
 - An Open House for the Magnus Center lab is scheduled for Tuesday, September 24, and the October 16 Board meeting will be held there as well.
 - An Open House will also be scheduled for the Gladwin HS lab, probably sometime in October.
- The construction of a storage building and greenhouse at the Magnus Center is in the beginning stages of development. Right now, there are three storage containers on site, and we will purchase temporary storage for the Ag tractor and the skid steer that will be repurposed as an animal shelter for the Ag program later. This fall, we will have a topographic survey completed where the storage building and greenhouse are to be placed, and we'll solicit bids from a new engineering/architectural firm since both buildings have to meet Michigan's School Building Code requirements. The goal is for the Construction Trades class to build the majority of the building during the 2020-2021 school year. Funding for the greenhouse will be covered with the Ag grant secured through the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development last year.
- Clare Public Schools is considering chartering a cyber school. The Clare Board of Education has heard from a person promoting this arrangement. Superintendent Presler has shared her concerns with Jim Walter, Clare Superintendent, about the potential impact on the RESD's Special Education and Pupil Accounting services as well as the potential impact on regional collaboration. She has asked to be invited to a meeting with Jim and the promoter so these topics can be discussed in detail.
- The Board was provided with the Letter of Engagement from Weinlander-Fitzhugh, the accounting firm contracted to perform our annual financial audit. Superintendent Presler encouraged the Board to be informed about the audit process as well as the RESD's financial status by asking questions.
- The Board was reminded that they requested a Workshop be scheduled this fall. An email will be sent to the Board with potential dates, and an agenda will need to be determined. Suggested Topics suggested include: CTE future planning, the state of the organization, and goalsetting beyond 2021.

- The Board was reminded of Opening Day the following day and was given an overview of the agenda. Superintendent Presler also shared Barb Richards' greetings and thank you for the flowers.

I. Board Comments:

- Jason commented that based on individual Administrator's Board Reports and my comments it's been a busy and productive summer.
- Sue expressed her appreciation to everyone for all that was accomplished during the summer.

J. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Lou Adams

9/25/19

Lou Adams, Board of Education Secretary
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District

Date

Lindsey Murphy

9/26/19

Lindsey Murphy, Recorder/Administrative Assistant to the
Superintendent and Board of Education/HR Specialist
Clare-Gladwin Regional Education Service District

Date