



CLARE-GLADWIN
REGIONAL EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT
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**Board of Education – Regular Board Meeting
4041 E. Mannsiding Rd., Clare, MI 48617
April 21, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Participants also via Zoom due to COVID-19 Emergency Orders –
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RECORD OF PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 pm by President Barbara Richards
- B. Presentation of Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for May 2021
- C. Questions from Board and Community Members on Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan
 - No questions from the Public. Murawski asked if there will be a choice in the Fall and Superintendent Presler noted that some students may be virtual.
- D. Adjournment at 6:02 pm

RECORD OF MINUTES
BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING

- A. Call to Order at 6:02 pm
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited
- C. Members Present
 - Barbara Richards, Sarah Kile
Sue Murawski, Lou Adams, and Jason Pahl

 - CG RESD Staff Present and via Zoom Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Mike Simon, Shay Anderson, Sandy Russell, Eric Johnson Katie Knapp-Wyman, Rusty Govitz and Lindsey Murphy
- D. Consent Agenda
 - 1. Approval of the Agenda
 - 2. Approval of the March 17, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

3. Approval of the April 7, 2021 Board Workshop Minutes
4. Approval of the Bills for March 2021 – \$1,436,611.81

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Kile that the Board approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 5-0 vote.

E. Communications/Expressions from the Public

The Gladwin High School SPARKS Newspaper and Echo Yearbook staff sent a thank you note for the RESD's advertising contribution to their publications.

F. District Presentations:

1. Preliminary Budget for 2021-2022 – Shay Anderson, Chief Financial Officer:

Shay prepared and shared detailed assumption sheets. The preliminary budgets indicate a small deficit in both the General Fund and the Special Education Fund while the CTE Fund is showing a small surplus. We will see a decrease in our millage rates for 2021-2022, due to increasing property values. It is not likely that the state will have approved budget by the time our Board adopts our budget in June, so another amendment will be necessary this fall.

2. Talking is Teaching – Kendra Curtiss-Tomaski, Early Childhood and Family Services Director and Amy Pratt, Great Start Collaborative Coordinator:

Kendra and Amy provided an overview of the activities they have been conducting with parents of young children in our two counties to encourage talking, reading, and singing as teaching and learning experiences at home. Because of the pandemic, the Early Childhood staff has found ways to connect with parents and children via Zoom, and pictures were shared. The successful grant writing of the Early Childhood team has allowed for many resources that support this work to be purchased, and many of those resources were shared with the Board. The grants will also help sustain these efforts over time.

G. Action Items: New Business

1. Reconfirmation of Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for May 2021

It was moved by Kile and supported by Pahl that the Board reconfirm the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan for May 2021. The motion carried by vote of 5-0.

2. Policy 5210 – GPS Tracking Device with Audio Surveillance Capabilities

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams that the Board adopt Policy 5210. The motion carried by a vote of 5-0.

3. Hiring Recommendation – Eric Johnson, CTE Director as of July 1, 2021 @ \$88,000

It was moved by Pahl and supported by Adams that the Board approve promoting Eric Johnson to CTE Director, effective July 1st 2021. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

4. Contract Recommendations

- a. Engineering/Management/Commissioning of New HVAC System at Area School – SiteLogIQ for \$68,200

It was moved by Pahl and supported by Murawski that the Board approve Site LogIQ contract. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

- b. New Fire/Burglar System for Office Building – Allied Universal Technology Services for \$39,750

It was moved by Kile and supported by Adams that the Board approve Allied Universal Technology Services contract. Motion carried by 5-0 vote.

F. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report

Superintendent Presler recognized Therese Haley, Harrison Board Member, and Rachel Jones, Area School Teacher, who were in the audience.

Superintendent Presler reported the following Good News:

- The CTE Ag Science greenhouse is nearly in full bloom with hanging flower baskets, veggies, herbs, flowers, and a fodder system of wheat!
- Upcoming FFA competitions for Ag Science students include floriculture, vet science, poultry judging, and meat rabbits. We'll anxiously await those results!
- CTE Culinary Arts students Selena Bumerich of Harrison and Jassmine Warner of Farwell placed 3rd in the statewide Tabletop Design competition and will be receiving scholarships!
- Jassmine Warner (mentioned above) also received a Breaking Traditions Certificate of Recognition after being nominated by Culinary Arts Instructor, Heidi Rocha!
- Superintendent Presler shared a magnet made by the CTE Digital Media class with its new laser engraver!

Superintendent Presler shared the following informational items:

- CTE enrollment for 2021-2022 is at 266 currently. This is lower than we would like it, but many juniors and seniors have not passed core classes this year and don't have room in their fall schedules for CTE. We're hoping some of them take advantage of credit recovery opportunities over the summer so they can enroll in CTE.
- The Office of Retirement Services is conducting an audit of school districts' and ISDs' third-party contracted employees to determine if those contracted employees meet the definition of being direct employees. If they do, districts and ISDs may have to employ them directly and pay associated retirement costs. This is an interesting development since districts and ISDs were encouraged and even incentivized monetarily to save costs by outsourcing non-core services during Governor Snyder's administration. Shay is working with the local district Business Managers to complete the audit, and we will continue to monitor this situation carefully.
- The Board was provided with the results of the employee and stakeholder surveys. The completion rate was quite high with 99 of about 160 employees completing the survey and 31 of the 40+ stakeholders (Superintendents, Principals, Special Ed Coordinators, Business Managers, Counselors, and Instructional Coaches) completing it as well.

- Superintendent Presler shared the date and times of the CTE Awards Assemblies (May 13, 9:00 and 1:00) with the Board as well as the date of the Area School Graduation (May 21).

I. Board Comments

- Lou Adams asked about the Adulting 101 online series for high school students that addresses topics young adults will need to know about as they enter adulthood. Sandy Russell provided some information about the program. (If you haven't seen it, Google it. It looks to be a good overview of things young adults may or may not learn in school or from their parents.)
- Lou also let the Board know he would be out-of-state on the date of the May meeting.
- Sue Murawski gave kudos to the organizers, Sarah McCurdy and Amy Pratt, of the cupcake fundraiser for Child Abuse and Awareness Month. She enjoyed her first batch and is looking forward to the second batch being delivered soon!
- Jason Pahl expressed appreciation and praise for Rusty Govitz's work to create charts, graphs, narrative, video, and pictures to educate the Beaverton community prior to the May 4 bond vote. Jason specifically pointed out the graphic that shows Beaverton at the bottom of the pack in terms of mills levied; Beaverton currently levies 1.25 mills. As a comparison, Harrison levies 4.3 mills, and our other local districts fall in between. The question to the voters on May 4 is whether they will support an additional 2 mills for safety and security upgrades as well as technology to increase academic opportunities. Rusty has shared his communication skills with other local districts for previous bond issues.
- Barb Richards noted that Harrison's building project at Larson Elementary is moving along.

The Board voted to go into closed session to discuss upcoming negotiations at 7:01 pm. After closed session, the Board returned to open session and adjourned without any further action.

J. Adjournment was at 7:26 pm.

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

Date

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

Date