



**Board of Education – Regular Board Meeting  
4041 E. Mannsiding Rd., Clare, MI 48617  
July 14, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

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**RECORD OF MINUTES  
BOARD of EDUCATION MEETING**

A. Call to Order at 6:00 pm

B. Pledge of Allegiance was recited

C. Members Present  
Members Absent

Barbara Richards, Sue Murawski, and Lou Adams  
Sarah Kile and Jason Pahl

CG RESD Staff Present and via Zoom

Sheryl Presler, Deb Snyder, Shay Anderson, Josie Brooks, Beth Wood, Sandy Russell, Eric Johnson, Ken Chinavare, Rusty Govitz and Lindsey Murphy

D. Organizational Meeting – Election of Officers

For the office of President, Murawski nominated Richards. Adams supported the nomination and moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of appointing Richards President. Murawski supported the motion, which passed with a 3-0 vote.

For the office of Vice-President, Adams nominated Murawski. Richards supported the nomination and moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of appointing Murawski Vice-President. Motion supported by Adams, which passed 3-0 vote.

For the office of Secretary, Murawski nominated Adams. Richards supported the nomination and moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of appointing Adams Secretary. Murawski supported the motion, which passed with 3-0 vote.

For the office of Treasurer, Richards nominated Kile. Adams supported the nomination and moved that nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast in favor of appointing Kile Treasurer. Motion supported by Richards, which passed 3-0 vote.

- D. Consent Agenda
  - 1. Approval of the Agenda
  - 2. Approval of the May 19, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
  - 3. Approval of the May 19, 2021 Closed Session Minutes
  - 3. Approval of the June 7, 2021 Board Election Minutes
  - 4. Approval of the Bills for May 2021 – \$2,891,870.68

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams that the Board approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried 3-0 vote.

- E. Communications/Expressions from the Public
  - There were no communications from the public.

- F. G. Action Items: New Business
  - 1. Organizational Meeting
    - a. Appointment of Board Committee Members
      - 1. Personnel Committee (has been Kile and Richards)
      - 2. Clare-Gladwin Area School Board Association (has been Murawski and Pahl)
      - 3. MASB/LRN Representative (has been Murawski)

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Richards that the Board Members remain the same on each of these committees. The motion carried 3-0 vote.

- b. Board Meeting Dates, Times and Locations

It was moved by Adams and supported by Murawski that the Board Members approve the Board Meeting dates and times as presented. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in Conference Rooms A & B of the Administration Building at 6:00 pm. The exceptions are the October meeting will be held at the Magnus Center in the Agri-Science Room and the January meeting will be on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. The motion carried 3-0 vote.

- c. Appointment of Person to Assume Responsibilities on Behalf of Board Secretary and to Implement Public Notice Requirements

Adams appointed Lindsey Murphy, HR Specialist and Secretary to the Board of Education, to assume these duties.

- d. Review of Board Commitment
          - The Board Commitment was reviewed and no action was taken.

- e. Resolutions
          - 1. Establishment of Depository and Financial Institutions for All District Funds
          - 2. Authorization for the CFO and Accounting Supervisor to Perform Electronic Fund Transfers

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Richards that the Board Members support the resolutions. The Board designates PFM Management LLC, Mercantile Bank, PNC Bank, Isabella Bank, Members First Credit Union and TCF National Bank as depositories of the organization. The motion carried by 3-0 by roll call vote.

- f. Legal Representation
          - 1. Thrun Law Firm for Non-Special Education Legal Advice
          - 2. Clark Hill PLC for Special Education Legal Advice
          - 3. Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP for Universal Services Funding Legal Advice

It was moved by Adams and supported by Murawski that the Board Members support the legal representation as listed. The motion carried by 3-0 vote.

2. CTE Tuition for 2021-2022 - \$2,000.00 per student

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams that the Board Members support the CTE Tuition to \$2,000.00 per student for 2021-2022 as listed. The motion carried by 3-0 vote.

3. Hiring Recommendation - Curt (Robby) Carson, Area School Adaptive PE/Health Teacher  
(MA, Step 2, \$46,797)

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams that the Board Members support the hiring recommendation. The motion carried by 3-0 vote.

4. Contracts

- a. Public Consulting Group LLC – Medicaid Billing Agent Services for 7.5% from 2021 to 2024
- b. Summer Contracts
  1. Chris Hausbeck, Physical Therapist – up to 10 hours at \$50 per hour
  2. Tammie Glumm, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher – up to 9 days
  3. Amy Case, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant – up to 9 days
  4. Jordan Yarrington, School Social Worker – up to 15 days
- c. Early Literacy Coaches
  1. Stephanie Foote - 135 days at \$350.00 per day
  2. Linda Stachowiak – 135 days at \$375.00 per day
  3. Clare Public Schools – 180 days for \$100,000.00
  4. Midland Public Schools – 180 days for \$100,000.00
- d. Pupil Accounting Staff
  1. Mary Pitchford - \$33.75 per hour up to 80 hours
  2. Tammy Harcourt - \$18.76 per hour up to 400 hours

It was moved by Murawski and supported by Adams that the Board Members approve the contracts as listed 4. a – d. The motion carried by 3-0 vote.

5. Superintendent's 2021-2022 Conferences with Potential Overnight Stays

- a. MASA Fall Conference in Traverse City Sept. 22-24
- b. MAISA Fall Conference in Lansing Nov. 11-12
- c. MASA Winter Conference in Grand Rapids Jan. 19-21
- d. MAISA Spring Conference in Lansing March 11-12
- e. MAISA Summer Conference in Traverse City June 22-24

It was moved by Richards and supported by Murawski that the Board Members approve Superintendent conferences as listed. The motion carried by 3-0 vote.

6. Superintendent's Contract

It was moved by Adams and supported by Murawski that the Board approve Superintendent's Contract. The motion carried by 3-0 vote.

H. Administrative Information Items: Superintendent's Administrative Report

There wasn't anyone in the audience.

Superintendent Presler shared the following good news:

- Since the inception of the Imagination Library in Clare and Gladwin Counties in 2007, over 158,000 books have been mailed to over 10,000 children ages birth to five!

- Rebecca Idzikowski, SPARKS Director, was one of 20 participants statewide to work on Michigan's Out-of-School Time Quality Standards! Rebecca was the only representative from northern rural Michigan.
- The RESD received a letter, certificate, and poster from No Kid Hungry Michigan for the efforts during the past 15 months to ensure children were fed. While the certificate is for the "School Nutrition Team," the people who consistently worked to make sure meals were delivered to students at home last spring and summer include the following, and we thank them!
  - Chris Haskell, Chartwell's Food Service Person assigned to the Area School
  - Beth Wood, Area School Principal, and Mike Simon, Special Education Director
  - Dean Transportation, particularly Lisa, Theresa, and Jan
  - Brandi Warner, Early On Coordinator
- At the June Board meeting, Superintendent Presler mentioned many of the great things that happened over the course of last school year. Much of what Superintendent Presler mentioned was focused on students and public events. However, over the course of the last 15 months, there was a lot that continued "behind the scenes" that doesn't often get recognized.
  - The Business Office continued operating consistently whether work in person was prohibited or not. Paychecks were processed on time, bills were paid, and last year's financial audit received the highest opinion possible.
  - The Technology Department accommodated hundreds of new devices and made every effort to facilitate the technology necessary for online learning and meetings. And, they faced each task, many of them unexpected and unplanned, with a positive attitude.
  - The General Education Department developed online resources for teachers, helped teachers migrate from in-person to online instruction and back again, and vetted and shared numerous online resources with educators.
  - Lindsey Murphy was here every day, even when remote work was required or recommended, and took care of anything that was needed by folks and departments working remotely.
  - Rusty Govitz has been the creative force behind online awards ceremonies and printed award brochures as well as constantly updating our website with Covid information.
- The Governor signed the School Aid Budget on July 13. Ensuring each student in Michigan is worth the same per-pupil funding, \$8700, is long overdue and appreciated. I did reach out to local Representative and Speaker of the House Jason Wentworth to thank him for this accomplishment. In addition, the funding for Great Start Readiness Programs was doubled so a full-time preschool student is also worth \$8700. Hopefully this will lead to improved programming and staffing.
- Superintendent Presler reminded Board members of the upcoming Michigan Association of School Boards' virtual Summer Conference August 6-8.
- There are several open positions in the SPARKS program, and the RESD is actively searching for qualified candidates to fill those positions. The number of job openings in the region has provided opportunities for SPARKS employees to work closer to home, in

their chosen career field, and/or regular hours, thus leading to employee turnover. The 2021-22 school year is the 20<sup>th</sup> year of SPARKS in Clare-Gladwin RESD.

I. Board Comments

- Sue Murawski asked if local districts were going to provide online learning options for students in the fall. Superintendent Presler noted her conversations with Superintendents in June, most were not going to provide an online option for K-8 but would have something available for high school students.
- Lou Adams wondered about the status of the Technology Consortium and the process of transferring more of the technology costs to local districts. Superintendent Presler commented that we are in the process of finalizing the number of devices in each district and will then be able to share the new budget formula next week with local district Superintendents.
- Barb Richards asked about enrollment. Superintendent Presler commented that the most recent information from Superintendents is mixed. Some are seeing an influx of Schools of Choice students while others aren't. And, some are seeing larger Kindergarten numbers while others are seeing flat or smaller numbers. Superintendent Presler does not think anyone will really know until school starts in August.
- Lou Adams inquired about COVID guidelines for the fall, and Superintendent Presler shared that everything so far from the state and local health department has been recommended and not required with the exception of everyone wearing masks on school buses. That is a requirement at this time.
- Lou Adams brought up and discussed what has taken place regarding additional certification options in the CTE Health Occupations class. He also mentioned a partnership between schools and MRS to do CNA training.

J. Adjournment was at 6:51 pm.

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

Date

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

Date