CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

SPECIAL MEETING
March 7, 2022

PRELIMINARY

The President, Kimberley Carlesimo, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order in the Clawson Middle School Media Center at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:	Kimberley Carlesimo, Michael Frink, Angela Hamilton, Samantha Hanser Maynard, Cyndi Peltonen, Thomas Reed, Jr., and Ted Verner
Administration Present:	Tim Wilson, Kevin Taratuta, Jennifer Pintek, and Nicole McDonald
Others in Attendance:	Tad Jaworski

Mrs. Carlesimo added a discussion item, Superintendent Search Schedule.

PUBLIC FORUM

None

ACTION ITEMS

<u>Resolution for Flexibility Regarding Daily Attendance Requirements</u>

WHEREAS, Clawson Public Schools and many others across the state, have faced challenges in maintaining in-person instruction due to illness, staffing shortages, noncredible threats and inclement weather; and

WHEREAS, when our attendance rates fell below 75%, we faced the tough decision of closing for the day or facing a financial penalty; and

WHEREAS, many districts may be nearing or have already surpassed the six days that they are permitted to close, Clawson Public Schools is currently at 5 days for four buildings, and 6 days for one building; and

WHEREAS, by lowering the 75% districtwide attendance threshold for the 2021-2022 school year that is required by MCL 388.1701(3), districts will have more flexibility to maintain in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, this change would remove the financial penalty associated with offering safe in-person instruction even when presented with lower-than-average attendance; and

WHEREAS, this flexibility would also help schools avoid extending their academic calendars into mid-to-late June creating more challenges for families; and

WHEREAS, if current trends continue and flexibility is not given, more than a third of Michigan's school districts will be forced to make up school days by extending the school year; and

WHEREAS, while the calendar year is only beginning, the school year is nearly halfway over, so eliminating this policy that disincentivizes in-person instruction is a matter of great urgency; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clawson Public Schools Board of Education urges the Legislature to act now to provide flexibility for districts and adjust the 75% attendance requirement found in MCL 388.1701(3); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be shared with the Representatives and Senators for Clawson Public Schools.

MOVED BY:	Mrs. Peltonen
SUPPORTED BY:	Mr. Reed

After discussion, Mrs. Carlesimo moved and Mr. Frink supported the following amended motion:

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WHEREAS, when our attendance rates fell below 75%, we faced the tough decision of closing for the day or facing a financial penalty; and

*WHEREAS, many districts may be nearing or have already surpassed the six days that they are permitted to close, Clawson Public Schools is currently at **6** days for four buildings, and **7** days for one building; and*

WHEREAS, by lowering the 75% districtwide attendance threshold for the 2021-2022 school year that is required by MCL 388.1701(3), districts will have more flexibility to maintain in-person instruction; and

WHEREAS, this change would remove the financial penalty associated with offering safe in-person instruction even when presented with lower-than-average attendance; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be shared with the Representatives and Senators for Clawson Public Schools.

ROLL CALL:	Amendment	ROLL CALL:	Amended Motion
Mr. Frink	Yes	Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes	Mrs. Peltonen	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes	Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mrs. Peltonen	Yes	Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Reed	Yes	Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes	Mr. Frink	Yes
Mrs. Carlesimo	Yes	Mrs. Carlesimo	Yes
MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED:	Unanimously	AMENDED MOTION CARRIED:	Unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Survey Results of School Resource Officer

The board discussed the survey results. The board chose to table this item until the board workshop in July.

2021-2022 Budget Amendment

The Board of Education approved the 2021/22 budgets in June of 2021. These budgets were developed based on the best assumptions available for each major variable at the time of approval.

The General Fund experienced an increase in budgeted revenues of approximately $625,000 and an increase in expenditures of approximately $117,000.

This will be an Action Item at the March 21 board meeting.

ESSER III Update

Mr. Taratuta gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding ESSER III funds. The presentation included the Meaningful Consultation with Stakeholders requirement, the purpose, timeline, Meaningful Consultations, and the planned use of funds. This presentation was followed by public comment.

Public Comment

None

Curriculum Update

Nicole McDonald and Jenny Pintek gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Literacy Curriculum Grades 3-5, the NGSS Flow, and the Grades 6-8 Science Curriculum.

Natural Gas Contract

Under Michigan's Natural Gas Customer Choice Program, the supply of heating gas is open to competitive suppliers while the distribution pipelines remain under the control of Consumers Energy. The district currently utilizes this program by purchasing natural gas through Constellation Newenergy - Gas Division, LLC at a lower rate that expires December 31, 2022.

The district utilizes the services of Executive Energy to manage natural gas purchases with a client base that includes 52 school districts as well as industrial, commercial and retail clients. Executive Energy manages approximately $42 million in natural gas purchases annually, providing an opportunity for lower costs through bulk purchasing. Gas prices are increasing and our consultant recommends that the board approve the agreement now as there is no guarantee that prices will remain at this rate and approving now mitigates risk to the budget.

After discussion, Mr. Frink moved and Mr. Verner supported the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education approves the Natural Gas Transaction Confirmation with Constellation Newenergy - Gas Division, LLC. and authorizes the Superintendent or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement, as presented.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mrs. Peltonen	Yes
Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Mrs. Carlesimo	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

MASB – Superintendent Search Schedule

There will be a special board meeting Monday, March 14 at 7:00 p.m. for planning purposes.

There will be a special board meeting Thursday, April 7, 2022 at 6 p.m. for recruitment/ interview. This will replace the board workshop that was scheduled for April 4, 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Reed, Jr., Secretary
Clawson Board of Education

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