

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**October 17, 2022**

**PRELIMINARY**

The President, Kimberley Carlesimo, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order at 7:01 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Kimberley Carlesimo, Angela Hamilton, Samantha Hanser Maynard, Cyndi Peltonen, Thomas Reed, Jr. and Ted Verner

Members Absent: Michael Frink

Administration Present: Billy Shellenbarger, Kevin Taratuta, and Nicole McDonald

Recording Secretary: Linda Gould (via telephone)

Others in Attendance: Christopher King, Nikki Kerchner, Joe Luther, Matthew Scheiderer, Ashley Jones, Brittany Kalso, Penny Luebs, Sarah McGovern, and Daniel A. Ewald, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Mission Statement was recited.

**BOARD MEMBER ITEMS**

**A BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:**

Dyanne Hildebrant and Amy Hatto send a thank you letter for the recent grant award of \$12,726.00 from the Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC). "It is because of your continued support of MACC that we are able to provide our community with quality cultural events."

The Oakland County School Boards Association will hold its Biennial Orientation Dinner Meeting for newly elected and recently appointed first-time trustees on Wednesday, December 7 at 6:00 p.m. They will meet trustees and superintendents from across Oakland County.

**B. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- a. Finance Committee: Mr. Verner reported that the finance committee met immediately before this board meeting. They discussed monthly financial reports, bond financials, final 2021-2022 trial balances, and gas contract update.
- b. Policy Review Committee: The Policy Review Meeting for an update to NEOLA 37-1 will be Monday, November 14, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.
- c. Government Relations Committee: No report for October
- d. Facility Committee: Mr. Verner reported a Zoom meeting was held on September 27, 2022. There was a bid update. Discussed were the next bond effort, new middle school furniture direct purchase proposal, moving the superintendent onto the main campus, schematic plans for converting the middle school into the elementary school, new campus site circulation plan concept, campus property lines at John M., the sale of Baker and Schalm, district electric contract, soccer hallway exterior doors, purchase of dragon melt, clothes donation bins located at Schalm, district doors, keys and fobs, walkie-talkies, and the baseball/softball field.

**BOARD ROUNDTABLE**

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| Mrs. Hamilton:      | Mrs. Hamilton gave an update on the Kenwood PTO, High School and Middle School PTSA meetings, and Clawson Performing Arts Boosters meetings. |
| Mr. Verner:         | Kudos re Homecoming, tailgate, and inductees in the Clawson Hall of Fame   |
| Ms. Peltonen:       | Won't be able to attend the NEOLA Policy Committee meeting due to work.  |
| Ms. Hanser Maynard: | Ms. Hanser Maynard gave an update on the Schalm PTO meeting.   |

- Mr. Reed: Mr. Reed gave an update on fencing. The season this year will be changed from the fall to spring due to health issues.
- Mrs. Carlesimo: Mrs. Carlesimo gave a report on the Preschool PTO, Christmas in Clawson, and Clawson Youth Assistance.

## **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

### **Clawson Literacy Coach**

Teacher Ashley Jones gave a presentation on her position of DK-3 Clawson Literacy Coach. She is part of a large coaching network that is sponsored and supported by Oakland Schools called Literacy Essentials Oakland (or LEO).

The presentation demonstrated the work she has been doing with her Literacy Leadership Team and with this larger network to refine the literacy vision and focus for Clawson and to determine steps to reach these goals.

The elementary Literacy Leadership Team (LLT) has refined the literacy vision at the elementary level. In the future, they plan to collaborate with the middle and high school to hopefully establish a district-wide literacy vision.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

None

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Consent Agenda Resolution**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education:

1. Approves the Agenda as presented.
2. Approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 19, 2022 as presented.
3. Approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 3, 2022 as presented.

4. Approves the expenditures for the month of September 2022 in the sum of \$615,897.67.

MOVED BY: Mrs. Carlesimo

SUPPORTED BY: Mrs. Hamilton

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**B. Resolution of Partnership with Clawson Youth Assistance**

WHEREAS, Oakland County Youth Assistance supports parents who need to improve their parenting skills, supports youth who need mentors, recreation, skill and self-esteem building opportunities, and recognizes youth for doing positive things for their communities; and

WHEREAS, each local Youth Assistance program is co-sponsored by the courts, the school district it encompasses, and the municipalities therein; and

WHEREAS, the Courts provide the staffing for each local Youth Assistance program, and the other local sponsors provide the office and necessary clerical support to operate the counseling and community organizing components of the program; and

WHEREAS, the Clawson Board of Education would like to affirm its ongoing partnership with Clawson Youth Assistance in accordance with board policy 9560.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Clawson Public Schools will provide a space suitable for the needs of the Youth Assistance caseworker.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clawson Public Schools will provide five (5) secretarial hours each week school is in session as an in-kind sponsorship of the program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clawson Youth Assistance will provide an annual presentation to the Clawson Board of Education on the operations of Clawson Youth Assistance.

MOVED BY: Ms. Peltonen

SUPPORTED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard

Clawson Youth Assistance caseworker to the district, Brittany Kalso [[KalsoB@oakgov.gov](mailto:KalsoB@oakgov.gov), 248.655.4401], and Chairperson, Penny Luebs, addressed the board.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**C. Approval of Purchase of Middle School Furniture**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education authorizes the district to purchase furniture for the new middle school phase of the bond project for a total bid of approximately \$411,540 from the 2021 Bond Funds, as presented.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Reed

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**D. Approval of Change to Superintendent Evaluation Cycle**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education approves the change to the superintendent's evaluation cycle from fiscal year to calendar year effective January 1, 2023.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. iReady Instruction Licenses**

Mrs. McDonald addressed the board. Our 2021 and 2022 Summer School programs were designed to address learning loss and to increase student engagement. Last summer we used the already paid for licenses that students were accessing during the school year. Those licenses are expiring and need to be renewed for this year. The funding source will be the 98c grant which is designed to be used for Learning Loss activities. Purchasing licenses for our students to use during the school day and after school will allow for teachers to have access to a tool that will directly address the areas of need that have been identified by the iReady Diagnostic.

There is a proposal from Curriculum Associates that the board will vote to approve at its November regular meeting.

### **B. Bond Update**

Nikki Kerchner and Joe Luther presented the construction timeline, bidding/budget update, including the escalation forecast and building cost index, program budget of 10/17/22, and construction updates.

### **C. Michigan State Funding 98c Public Presentation**

Mr. Taratuta gave a presentation on the Michigan State Grant 98c. He reported how the district plans to utilize the funds to address learning loss.

The opportunity for public input was provided – none.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Shellenbarger reported on the following items:

- Community Forum regarding the Bond Update and Future Facilities Planning scheduled for Monday, October 24
- Clawson Public Schools and Clawson Police Department facilities access partnership scheduled for Saturday, October 22
- Staff Tailgate/Homecoming Parade – thank-yous and appreciation
- Passing of Clawson teacher, Laurie Putman

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

None

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Townhall Meeting – Monday, October 24
- B. Approval of i-Ready Instruction Licenses – November 21, 2022 Meeting
- C. Superintendent Review – November 7, 2022 Workshop
- D. NEOLA Policy Review Workshop – November 14, 2022
- E. Audit Presentation – November 7, 2022 Workshop
- F. Acceptance of Audit – December 21, 2022 Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Reed, Jr., Secretary  
Clawson Board of Education

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