APPROVED MINUTES

CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Date: September 20, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High Library

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Board President, Mrs. Susan Reichert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roll Call

Members Present
Miss Racquel Cooper
Mr. Tom Doan
Mr. Trent Piper
Mrs. Betsy Reichert
Mrs. Susan Reichert
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen
Mrs. Doreen Weaver (7:05 p.m.)

Members Absent

Other School Personnel Present
Mrs. Judy Longman, Human Resources Administrator
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent
Mrs. Lou Wade, Business Manager

3. Public Forum

None

4. Agenda Modifications

None

5. Consent Calendar Items

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved,** supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

6. Administrative Reports

Mrs. Lee noted that a parapro has been hired to help with the ten enrolled Spanish students at the Elementary, some of which have been brought back to the District from KPS' Lincoln International School. The parapro will be available for conferences and will assist in communication with parents who do not speak English. Mrs. Betsy Reichert commented that she would like to see Spanish offered to students at the Elementary.

In addition to the Jr./Sr. High School report that was included in the Board's packet, a discussion took place in regards to the new web based Pinnacle Student Information Software that the District is now using. Mr. Ehlers noted that there are still issues surrounding the Parent Viewer and Gradebook.

7. Superintendent's Report

The Superintendent's report was included in the Board's information packet.

Additional notes:

- **Budget/Finance:** There may be a possibility of receiving additional Federal revenue under the Edujobs Bill. Action is anticipated by the House & Senate by October 1, 2010. It is estimated that Climax-Scotts will receive an additional $180 per student.

- **Instruction/Assessment:** The Pinnacle Attendance and Gradebook module will interface with the curriculum/assessment module, which will allow teachers to align lesson plans with State standards.

- **Consolidation of Services:** The Transportation Software that K/RESA's transportation committee is recommending will result in a onetime cost of $8,700 to the District, with an on-going maintenance fee of $143 annually. The goal was to have districts on board by February 2011; however, Mr. Newington will discuss the possibility of having Climax-Scotts join in July 2011 for budgeting purposes.

8. Items for Action/Discussion

a. Enrollment Update

Enrollment projections for budgeting purposes are about where we estimated. General Education is down; however, Alternative Education is projected to be up by approximately the same number that General Education is down. Mr. Newington indicated that the District should be promoting very small class sizes. Pre-School numbers for 2010-2011 are the largest in years; which will possibly have a positive effect on next year's Kindergarten enrollment.

b. Committee Updates

Policy: Section 4000 will be completed by October 8 and will be available for a final reading at the October 18 Board meeting. Section 5000 will be reviewed at the next Policy Committee meeting still to be scheduled.

Building and Grounds: The next meeting is scheduled for September 28 at 6 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office. Discussion will take place regarding the track, HVAC, custodial staffing, and a work order system.

Budget/Finance Committee: The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 5 at 6 p.m. in the Superintendent's Office to discuss how to spend the anticipated EduJobs Federal Revenue, as well as parameters on Educational Plans. Discussion is needed on tuition reimbursement and the type of classes that should be approved for reimbursement.

c. **Transportation Contract**

Mrs. Longman noted that a copy of the new contract would be included in the next Board packet. Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved,** supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to approve the one-year bus driver contract as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

d. **Debt Refunding**

Mrs. Wade included an information sheet in the Board's packet; which outlined the savings, which is estimated at approximately $75,000, should the Board move forward with refinancing the 2001 Debt Retirement bonds as recommended by the school's financial advisors, Stauder, Barch & Associates. The interest rate on the bonds will go from 4.80% to 3.14%. An authorizing resolution will be placed on the agenda for the October Board meeting.

e. **Closed Session – Negotiations**

At 8:00 p.m., Miss Cooper **moved,** supported by Mr. Piper to enter into Closed Session for discussing Negotiations. **Motion carried 7-0.**

At 8:22 p.m., Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved,** supported by Miss Cooper to resume the open session of the Board meeting. **Motion carried 7-0.**

9. <u>Adjournment</u>

At 8:48 p.m., Miss Cooper **moved,** supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to adjourn the September 20, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Approved on October 18, 2010 by:

Susan R. Reichert

Mrs. Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

Terri R. VandeGiessen

Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer