CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Date: May 16, 2011
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High Library

1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Susan Reichert, Board President, 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 (arrived 7:05 p.m.)
Mrs. Betsy Reichert
Mrs. Susan Reichert
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen
Mrs. Doreen Weaver (arrived 7:06 p.m.)

Members Absent

Other School Personnel Present
Mrs. Renee Bush-Gerber, Board Recording Secretary
Mr. Ron Ehlers, Jr./Sr. High School Principal
Mrs. Jan Lee, Elementary Principal
Mrs. Judy Longman, HR Administrator
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent
Mrs. Lou Ellen Wade, Business Manager

3. Public Forum

None

4. Agenda Modifications

None

5. Recognitions

Mrs. Terry Wall, NHS Sponsor and James Black, NHS Member presented the following Student of the Month Awards: March: Bailee Orman; April: Sarah Bach; and May: Michael Joyal.

6. Consent Calendar Items

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

7. Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were included in the Board's packet.

Additional information presented:

Mr. Ehlers reported that High School graduation is scheduled for June 5, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Mr. Adams reported that Adult/Alternative Education graduation is scheduled for June 14, 2011 at 6 p.m. in the High School Cafetorium.

Board members interested in handing out diplomas at either event should contact Mr. Ehlers or Mr. Adams.

8. Superintendent's Report

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

9. Items for Action / Discussion

a) Wrestling Cooperative Presentation

Mr. Kevin Langs, Athletic Director presented the Board with his request to the MHSAA to form a wrestling co-op between Athens Community Schools and Climax-Scotts Community Schools. The goal is to keep the wrestling program alive and thriving for both Class D schools. Both districts have experienced a drop in participation in the wrestling program, if a cooperative team were formed, both districts would be able to keep their students involved in the wrestling program.

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved,** supported by Mr. Doan to approve the resolution to MHSAA confirming their approval to form and support a cooperative program between Athens Public Schools and Climax-Scotts Community Schools. **Resolution adopted 7-0.**

b) Personnel

Mrs. Teri Peters was unanimously chosen by the interview committee as the new Elementary principal. Mr. Newington requested the Board formally approve the hiring. Mrs. Weaver **moved,** supported by Miss Cooper to approve the hiring of Mrs. Teri Peters as the new Elementary School principal. **Motion carried 7-0.**

c) **Board Policy Manual Final Approval**

Mrs. Weaver **moved** supported by Mr. Piper to approve all sections of the Climax-Scotts Board of Education Policy Manual in their entirety. **Motion carried** 7-0.

d) **K/RESA Budget Resolution**

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved,** supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to approve the K/RESA General Fund Operating Budget for the 2011-2012 school year.

Roll Call Voting: Miss Cooper, yes; Mr. Doan, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mrs. Betsy Reichert, yes; Mrs. Sue Reichert, yes; Mrs. VandeGiessen, yes; Mrs. Weaver, yes.

Resolution declared adopted 7-0.

e) **K/RESA Biennial Election Resolution**

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved,** supported by Mr. Piper to designate **Mr. Trent Piper** as the Climax-Scotts District's representative and directs him to vote on behalf of the Board for Incumbents Gary P Brown and Virgil "Skip" Knowles.

Roll Call Voting: Miss Cooper, yes; Mr. Doan, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mrs. Betsy Reichert, yes; Mrs. Sue Reichert, yes; Mrs. VandeGiessen, yes; Mrs. Weaver, yes.

Resolution declared approved 7-0.

f) **2011-2012 Budget Discussion**

Mr. Newington updated the Board on the concerns with Governor Snyder's proposed budget. Based on the current proposed budget and a range of enrollment assumptions we are looking at a deficit of approximately $700,000. A budget summary was presented to the Board that has the current year, a starting point for next year and a version that reflects proposed budget reductions. Areas for cuts have been identified; however, we still have to finalize the exact details for some of the reductions. The Board will review the proposed 2011-2012 budget at its June 13 meeting for approval before the budget is adopted June 27.

g) **Early Graduation Request**

A request for early graduation of a sophomore student was received by Mr. Newington. Both the parent and student believe that they will be ready to graduate next year if the student was to take the remaining required courses over the summer and next year. Since ACT testing has not taken place, the Board requested that the student take the ACT and then return to the Board with the request for early graduation again.

h) **Closed Session – Parental Complaint**

At **8:50 p.m.** Mrs. Weaver **moved,** supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to enter into Closed Session for the purpose of hearing a parental complaint against a school employee. **Motion carried 7-0.**

At **10:35 p.m.,** Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved,** supported by Miss Cooper to resume Open Session of the Board. **Motion carried 7-0.**

10. <u>Adjournment</u>

At **10:55 p.m.**., Miss Cooper **moved,** supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to adjourn the May 16, 2011 Regular Board Meeting. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Approved on June 13, 2011 by:

Susan R. Reichert

Mrs. Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

Terri L. VandeGiessen

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