

**CLIMAX-SCOTTS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING**

**Date:** February 18, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High School Library

**1. Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**2. Roll Call**

**Members Present**

Mr. Tom Doan  
Mrs. Marian Lodes  
Mr. Tom Nabozny  
Mr. Trent Piper  
Mrs. Betsy Reichert  
Mrs. Susan Reichert  
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen

**Members Absent**

**Other School Personnel Present**

Ms. Renee Bush, Board Recording Secretary  
Ms. Molly Fisher, Special Education Supervisor  
Ms. Kim Kirshman, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Ms. Teri Peters, Elementary School Principal  
Mrs. Lou Wade, Business Manager

**3. Public Forum**

None

**4. Agenda Modifications**

None

**5. Consent Calendar Items**

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

**6. Student of the Month Presentation**

Mr. Doug Robinson, National Honor Society Sponsor, presented Student of the Month Awards as follows:

- December ..... Nichole DeVries (nominated by Mr. Leep & Mr. Simms)
- January ..... Taylor Piper (nominated by Mr. Kirk & Mr. Robinson)
- February ..... Ryan Hiscock (nominated by Mrs. Murphy)

**7. Administrative Reports**

Building reports were included in the board packets.

**8. Superintendent's Report**

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

Mr. Newington noted that a Special Board Work Session would be held on March 2, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Library to review student assessment data.

The Board meeting scheduled for March 18, 2013 will be modified to start at 6:00 p.m. in order to have time to conduct the Superintendent's evaluation. Mike Washburn will be present to orchestrate the evaluation in a closed session of the Board.

**9. Items for Action/Discussion**

**a. Facilities/Transportation Update**

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on February 14, 2013 with Mr. Bridges, Transportation Supervisor and Mr. Yerby, Maintenance & Custodial Supervisor.

**Recommended Items:**

***Bus Purchase Plan***

There is a need for three special education buses. Two of the buses need to have wheel chair lifts and at least one should have air conditioning. Currently, there have been two engines replaced in our existing special education buses, one of which has a wheel chair lift. There is now a need to replace the third bus, which is the only one that contains a wheel chair lift and air conditioning. Last October, the Board authorized the Superintendent to begin looking for a new bus; however, since that time, a \$27,000 engine was replaced. The committee is recommending that we purchase and finance a used special education bus for approximately \$70,000. Mr. Newington noted that for special education purchases the District receives a 70% reimbursement based on the previous year's transportation expenses. The Board would like to see what options the District has in terms of possibly using a specially equipped van for special education transportation. Mr. Newington commented that he does not believe the District can legally transport special education students in a van; however, he would check again.

The committee is also recommending the replacement of an engine in one of the District's regular education busses this spring/summer. If Mr. Bridges does the work, the cost for a new crate engine is approximately \$20K - \$22K. It would give the District an additional five years of life on the bus. Mr. Piper **moved** supported by Mr. Doan, to approve the purchase of a crate engine for the general education bus and to have Mr. Bridges complete the installation of said engine. **Motion carried 7-0.**

***Sidewalk/Parking Lot Repair***

Last fall, the District looked at replacing the steps by the Alternative Education (Library) entrance due to severe erosion. The bids obtained indicated that the cost to repair the steps would be substantial. Since then, we have been using the double door entrance located just down from the Alternative Education entrance and it has been working out well. Mr. Yerby suggested that we no longer use the Alternative Education entrance and remove the steps, planting grass in their place. The doors would still function as an emergency exit. The Board agreed and concluded that the removal process should be handled internally. Mr. Piper noted that he would assist with the removal project.

***Building Security***

Secant Technologies and EPS have reviewed our building entrances and will be sending quotes this week for what they recommend in order to make our entrances safer and more secure. At this time, both companies are suggesting the installation of an Aiphone. The Aiphone is a video and intercom system that would allow the doors to remain locked. For visitors to gain access to the building, they would need to be 'buzzed' in by someone in the main office. Community members have voiced that they would like to see such a system put into place at both buildings. The committee will continue to gather information. Eventually, Mr. Newington would like to present the findings to the community at a Public Forum.

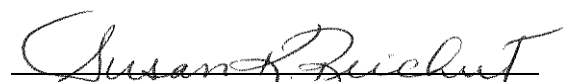
***Miscellaneous Projects***

Currently, when a light bulb in the parking lot needs to be replaced, the District has to call on Burkett Signs to bring out their lift truck in order to reach the bulbs. There is a cost associated with the use of their equipment. Mr. Nabozny is looking into the possible purchase of a lift for replacing the parking lot light bulbs. This would enable the District to replace bulbs as they burn out, rather than waiting and then calling for someone from Burkett Signs to come out. Mr. Nabozny is also checking on a door part for the Jr./Sr. High School's wheelchair entrance that is not functioning at this time, looking at replacing light bulbs in the gymnasium and repairing the gym curtain.

**10. Adjournment**

**At 8:35 p.m., Mrs. VandeGiessen moved** supported by Mrs. Lodes to adjourn the February 18, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Climax-Scotts Community Schools Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approved on March 18, 2013 by:**

  
Susan Reichert, C-S Board President

  
Terri VandeGiessen, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer