

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

Date: July 16, 2012
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High Band Room

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

Members Absent

Other School Personnel Present

Mrs. Renee Bush-Gerber, Recording Secretary
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent
Mrs. Lou Ellen Wade, Business Manager

3. Public Forum

Danielle Gray – Running for Kalamazoo County Commissioner, just stopped in to observe.

4. Election of Officers

Due to the recent change in the length of terms for board members, the decision of the Board was to elect Board officers for an 18-month term, with re-election taking place in January 2014. At that time, the officers will be elected for a January – December term.

President

Mr. Trent Piper **moved**, supported by Mr. Doan to nominate **Mrs. Sue Reichert**, as President of the Climax-Scotts Schools Board of Education until January 2014. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Vice President

Mrs. Sue Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to nominate **Mr. Trent Piper**, as Vice President of the Climax-Scotts Schools Board of Education until January 2014.
Motion carried 7-0.

Secretary/Treasurer

Miss Cooper **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to nominate **Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen**, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Climax-Scotts Schools Board of Education until January 2014.
Motion carried 7-0.

5. Agenda Modifications

None

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. Organizational Meeting Resolution

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to approve the organizational meeting resolution setting the 2012/2013 Board meeting dates as recommended.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
August 20, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Band Room
September 17, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
October 6, 2012	Board Retreat @ 8:00 a.m.	Location TBD
October 15, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
November 19, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
December 17, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
January 21, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
February 18, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
March 18, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
April 15, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
May 20, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
June 10, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
June 24, 2013	Public Hearing @ 6:30 p.m.	Jr./Sr. HS Band Room
June 24, 2013	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Band Room

The 2013-2014 Organizational Meeting will be held on July 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Band Room.

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

Resolution approved 7-0.

8. Board Compensation Resolution

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mrs. Lodes to approve the Board Compensation Resolution for the 2012-2013 school year at \$30.00 per meeting night, with a maximum payout of 12 meetings (\$360.00).

Roll Call Voting: Miss Cooper, yes; Mr. Doan, yes; Mrs. Lodes, yes; Mr. Piper, yes; Mrs. Betsy Reichert, yes; Mrs. Sue Reichert, yes; Mrs. VandeGiessen, yes. **Motion carried 7-0.**

9. Liability Agreements

Each Board member signed their liability agreement and turned it into the Board Recording Secretary, Renee Bush.

10. Designation of Depositories

Mr. Doan **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to approve Sturgis Bank & Trust, Cadre Financial Services, Inc. and Fifth Third Bank as the 2012-2013 depositories for Climax-Scotts Community Schools. **Motion carried 7-0.**

11. Check Signature Authorizations

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to accept the authorized check signers for the 2012-2013 school year as recommended with the exception that Mr. Eric Adams be removed effective with his termination date of August 10, 2012. **Motion carried 7-0.**

- a) **All accounts:** Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent; Mrs. Lou Wade, Business Manager; Board President; Board Vice President; and Board Secretary/Treasurer.
- b) **Activity and Athletic Fund accounts:** Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent; Mrs. Lou Wade, Business Manager; Jr./Sr. High Principal and Mr. Kevin Langs, Athletic Director.
- c) **Adult/Alternative Education account:** Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent; Mrs. Lou Wade, Business Manager; and Mr. Eric Adams, Adult & Alternative Education Director (to be removed upon his termination of August 10, 2012).

12. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Mrs. Sue Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to retain **Renee Bush** as the C-S Board of Education Recording Secretary for 2012-2013 school year. **Motion carried 7-0.**

13. Designation of Person to Post Public Notices of Board Meetings

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Doan to retain **Renee Bush** as the designated person to post the public notices of C-S Board of Education meetings during the 2012-2013 school year. **Motion carried 7-0.**

14. Delegation of Election Duties

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. Lodes to appoint **Lou Wade** as the individual designated to handle election duties for the 2012-2013 school year. **Motion carried 7-0.**

15. Approval of Legal Representation

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Mrs. Lodes to retain Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP as the 2012-2013 legal representatives for Climax-Scotts Community Schools. **Motion carried 7-0.**

16. Approval Auditing Firm Services by Seber Tans PLC from June 2012 – June 2014

Mrs. Lodes **moved** supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to approve the three year contract (June 2012- June 2014) for auditing services provided by Seber Tans PLC. **Motion carried 7-0.**

17. Appointment of Legislative Representative

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to retain **Mr. Doan** as the 2012-2013 legislative representative for the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

18. Appointment of Standing Committees

Mrs. Lodes **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to extend the existing standing committees until January 2013. At that time, new committees will be formed. Committee meetings will be scheduled on an as needed basis throughout the year.
Motion carried 7-0.

Standing Committees (Bold italics type indicates Chairperson)

Executive/Personnel/Finance – Board President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer

Negotiating Team – Sue Reichert, Trent Piper, Terri VandeGiessen (Sub: Betsy Reichert)

Buildings/Grounds – Trent Piper, Racquel Cooper, Terri VandeGiessen

Policy – Betsy Reichert, Marian Lodes, Tom Doan

Public Relations Committee (PRC) – Racquel Cooper, Tom Doan, Sue Reichert (Sub: Terri VandeGiessen)

19. Appointment of K/RESA Voting Delegate

Mrs. Sue Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to retain Mr. Piper as the K/RESA Voting Delegate for the 2012-2013 school year. **Motion carried 7-0.**

20. Appointment of MASB Voting Delegate

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mr. Doan to appoint Mrs. Lodes as the MASB Voting Delegate for the 2012-2013 school year. **Motion carried 7-0.**

21. L4029 Approval

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to approve the L4029 as presented by Mrs. Wade, Business Manager. **Motion carried 7-0.**

22. School Bond Loan Activity Resolution

The annual repayment worksheet for 2012 was completed using our 2012 Taxable Valuation of \$111,446,429 to determine the amount of revenue the 7.2 mills levied for Debt Retirement would generate in taxes. This worksheet also included the reconciled debt fund balances for the 2001 and 2011 Debt Retirement Funds, as well as principal and interest due for the 2012-2013 school year. The purpose of the worksheet was to determine the estimated amount to be repaid to the School Loan Revolving Fund in May of 2013.

A Resolution was presented to the Board stating that the District approved the estimated amount to be repaid to the School Bond Loan Program, and certified the amount of the qualified debt millage to be levied in accordance with the following:

Qualified Bond Debt Millage (Tax Year 2012): 7.2 Mills (generating \$802,414 in tax revenue)
 Estimated Amount to Repay the School Bond Loan Fund: \$230,808
 Estimated Accrued Interest at .05: \$64,856
 Estimated Combined Ending Balance the SBLF as of June 30, 2013: \$1,131,168

Mrs. Lodes **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to approve the School Bond Loan Activity Resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried 7-0.

23. Schedule Committee Meetings

Policy Committee – will meet sometime the week of August 20, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Newington will send out an email verifying the selected date/time once determined.

Buildings/Grounds Committee – able to meet on Tuesdays or Thursdays, at 7:00 p.m.

Negotiating Committee – Meeting scheduled to take place on Monday, July 23 at 6 pm in the Jr./Sr. High School Band Room

24. Personnel Update

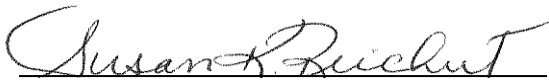
Due to Mr. Adams resignation, Mr. Newington recommended that Mr. Kevin Langs take over the duties of Dean of Students during the afternoon and still teach two sixth grade social studies classes and one advanced physical education class in the morning. That would require hiring a part-time social studies teacher to take on Mr. Langs' afternoon classes. Mr. Newington also suggested that he take the Adult/Alternative program director responsibilities over, with Sheri Cooley assisting with the day-to-day operations. This would be a cost savings to the district.

Coach Forrester, Defensive Coordinator for C-S Varsity Football, is leaving the program. Mr. Langs is suggesting that Tyler Langs take on this position. Due to the current Nepotism Policy, the District is unable to pay him for this position. Mr. Newington is requesting the Board make an exception to the policy and allow Tyler to receive compensation. After discussion, the board indicated that they would like to see the open position posted; this would allow others an opportunity to bid on the position. If, after all applicants are screened and interviewed, and Tyler is still the most qualified, then the Board would agree to compensate him for the position.

25. **Adjournment**

Miss Cooper **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to adjourn the July 16, 2012 Organizational Meeting of the Board. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Approved on August 20, 2012 by:


Susan Reichert, C-S Board President


Terri VandeGiessen, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer