

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

Date: July 11, 2011
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
Mr. Trent Piper
Mrs. Betsy Reichert
Mrs. Susan Reichert
Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen

Members Absent

Mrs. Marian Lodes

Other School Personnel Present

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

3. Election of Officers

President

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen to nominate **Mrs. Sue Reichert**, as President of the Climax-Scotts Schools Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Vice President

Miss Cooper **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to nominate **Mrs. Betsy Reichert**, as Vice President of the Climax-Scotts Schools Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Secretary/Treasurer

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mr. Tom Doan to nominate **Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen**, as Secretary/Treasurer of the Climax-Scotts Schools Board of Education. **Motion carried 6-0.**

4. **Public Forum**

None

5. **Agenda Modifications**

None

6. **Consent Calendar Items**

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented. **Motion carried 6-0.**

7. **Superintendent's Report**

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

8. **Organizational Meeting Resolution**

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to approve the organizational meeting resolution setting the 2011/2012 Board meeting dates as recommended.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TYPE OF MEETING</u>	<u>PLACE</u>
August 15, 2011	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Band Room
September 19, 2011	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
October 8, 2011	Board Retreat @ 8:00 a.m.	Location TBD
October 17, 2011	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
November 21, 2011	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
December 19, 2011	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
January 16, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
February 20, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
March 19, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
April 16, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
May 21, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
June 11, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Library
June 25, 2012	Public Hearing @ 6:30 p.m.	Jr./Sr. HS Band Room
June 25, 2012	Regular Meeting	Jr./Sr. HS Band Room

The 2012-2013 Organizational Meeting will be held on July 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School Band Room.

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

Resolution approved 6-0.

9. Board Compensation Resolution

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Doan to approve the Board Compensation Resolution for the 2011/2012 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; Mr. Piper, yes; Mrs. Betsy Reichert, yes; Mrs. Sue Reichert, yes; Mrs. VandeGiessen, yes. **Motion carried 6-0.**

10. Liability Agreements

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

11. Designation of Depositories

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to approve Sturgis Bank & Trust, Cadre Financial Services, Inc. and Fifth Third Bank as the 2011/2012 depositories for Climax-Scotts Community Schools. **Motion carried 6-0.**

12. Check Signature Authorizations

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to accept the authorized check signers for the 2011/2012 school year as recommended. **Motion carried 6-0.**

- 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.

13. Appointment of Recording Secretary

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to retain **Renee Bush** as the C-S Board of Education Recording Secretary for 2011/2012 school year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

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

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to retain **Renee Bush** as the designated person to post the public notices of C-S Board of Education meetings during the 2011/2012 school year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

15. Delegation of Election Duties

Miss Cooper **moved**, supported by Mr. Doan to appoint **Renee Bush** as the individual designated to handle election duties for the 2011/2012 school year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

16. Approval of Legal Representation

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mr. Piper to retain Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP as the 2011/2012 legal representatives for Climax-Scotts Community Schools. **Motion carried 6-0.**

17. Appointment of Legislative Representative

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to retain **Mr. Doan** as the 2011/2012 legislative representative for the Climax-Scotts Board of Education. **Motion carried 5-0.**

18. Appointment of Standing Committees

Standing committees for the 2011/2012 school year were formed as indicated below. Committee meetings will be scheduled on an as needed basis throughout the year. **Bold italics type indicates Chairperson.**

Standing Committees

Executive/Personnel/Finance – Sue Reichert, Betsy Reichert, Terri VandeGiessen

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. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mr. Doan to retain Mr. Piper as the K/RESA Voting Delegate for the 2011/2012 school year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

20. Appointment of MASB Voting Delegate

Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to appoint Miss Cooper as the MASB Voting Delegate for the 2011/2012 school year. **Motion carried 6-0.**

21. 2001 Bond Refunding Resolution

The Board previously approved a resolution authorizing the refunding of our bonds in order to save taxpayers money. However, the bond interest rates changed at that time so we deferred refunding until the rates improved. Currently we have a verbal quote from Bank of America (private offering) that will save nearly \$70,000. Because this is a private offering the Board needs to change the resolution. The Board can either pass an addendum authorizing private bidding and then hold a special meeting to approve the rate or the board can pass the resolution authorizing the Superintendent to approve the rate.

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to approve the School Bond Loan Refunding Resolution delegating signing authority to the Superintendent.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

22. L4029 Approval

Mr. Piper **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to approve the L4029 as presented by Mrs. Wade, Business Manager. **Motion carried 6-0.**

23. School Bond Loan Activity Resolution

The annual repayment worksheet for 2011 was completed using our 2011 Taxable Valuation of \$109,368,394 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 2008 Debt Retirement Funds, as well as principal and interest due for the 2011-2012 school year. The purpose of the worksheet was to determine the amount that could be repaid to the School Loan Revolving Fund in May of 2012.

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 2011): 7.2 Mills
Estimated Amount to Repay the School Bond Loan Fund: \$191,490
Estimated Accrued Interest at .05176: \$71,632
Estimated Combined Ending Balance the SBLF as of June 30, 2012: \$1,264,058

Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to approve the School Bond Loan Activity Resolution as presented.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

24. Adjournment

Miss Cooper **moved**, supported by Mrs. Betsy Reichert to adjourn the July 11, 2011 Organizational Meeting of the Board. **Motion carried 6-0.**

Approved on August 15, 2011 by:


Susan Reichert, C-S Board President


Terri VandeGiessen, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer