

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

**Date:** March 18, 2013  
**Time:** 6:00 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 6:00 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, Recording Secretary  
Ms. Molly Fisher, Special Education Supervisor  
Ms. Kim Kirshman, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
Ms. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal  
Ms. Lou Ellen Wade, Business Manager

**3. Public Forum**

Mr. Ray Grivins  
5501 South 36<sup>th</sup> Street  
Climax, Michigan 49034

Mr. Grivins was present to request that the board look into a Soccer Cooperative Agreement with Galesburg-August Community Schools. His son, a student at Climax-Scotts Community Schools, would like an opportunity to play soccer in the fall. Mr. Newington commented that it was his understanding that Galesburg-Augusta was no longer interested in an agreement; however, if they did decide to enter into a co-op agreement with C-S, they would need to initiate it. Mr. Grivins indicated that his wife was attending the Galesburg-August Board of Education meeting to get the support of the Galesburg-Augusta Board of Education. It was noted that an agreement would require the Climax-Scotts Board to take action by adopting a resolution for joining a Cooperative Agreement with Galesburg-Augusta. The deadline for a Cooperative Program is April 15 for fall sports; therefore, there may be a need for a special meeting of the board prior to that date.

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 carried 7-0.**

6. **Administrative Reports**

Included in the board packet.

7. **Superintendent's Report**

Included in the board packet. Mr. Newington noted that he would be giving a brief power point budget overview at the April board meeting.

8. **Items for Action/Discussion**

a. **Schools of Choice Discussion**

Mr. Newington explained that Galesburg-Augusta, who opted to become Schools of Choice, has made a decision to no longer release any students to Climax-Scotts. Mr. Piper noted that he had conversations with a member of Galesburg-Augusta's board, who indicated that they were tired of losing students to Climax-Scotts due to the great athletic program. Mr. Newington would like the board to begin thinking about whether or not Climax-Scotts Community Schools want to become a School of Choice. By opting to become a School of Choice, students would be able to come and go from Climax-Scotts Schools. Currently, we are inclined to deny most release requests; however, if we opt to become Schools of Choice, the option to deny releases will be harder. By the May board meeting, the board would like to see a pro/con list of opting to become a School of Choice.

b. **Superintendent's Evaluation**

At 7:12 p.m., Mrs. Lodes **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to enter into a closed session of the Board for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's evaluation. **Motion carried 7-0.**

At 8:42 p.m., Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to resume an open session of the Board. **Motion carried 7-0.**

9. **Adjournment**

At 8:43 p.m., Mrs. VandeGiessen **moved** supported by Mrs. Lodes to adjourn the March 18, 2013 Regular Meeting of the Climax-Scotts Community Schools Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

Approved on April 15, 2013 by:



Susan Reichert, C-S Board President



Terri VandeGiessen, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer