

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

**Date:** October 17, 2011  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Climax- Scotts Jr./Sr. High School 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  
 Mrs. Marian Lodes  
 Mr. Trent Piper  
 Mrs. Betsy Reichert  
 Mrs. Susan Reichert  
 Mrs. Terri VandeGiessen

**Members Absent**

**Other School Personnel Present**

Ms. Molly Fisher, Special Education Supervisor  
 Ms. Kimberly Kirshman, Jr./Sr. High School Principal  
 Mr. Doug Newington, Superintendent  
 Ms. Teri Peters, Elementary Principal  
 Mrs. Lou Ellen Wade, Business Manager

**3. Public Forum**

None

**4. Agenda Modifications**

None

**5. Consent Calendar Items**

Miss Cooper **moved**, supported by Mrs. VandeGiessen to approve the Consent Calendar Items as presented. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**6. Administrative Reports**

Reports from Ms. Peters, Elementary Principal and Ms. Kirshman, Jr./Sr. High School Principal were included in the Board's packet

**7. Superintendent's Report**

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

**8. Items for Action / Discussion****a) Proposed Senate Bills**

**Senate Bill 618** (Allows for the expansion in the number and location of charter schools)

**Senate Bill 619** (Eliminates Restrictions on Statewide Cyber Schools)

**Senate Bill 620** (Allows for converting a school building from being under the control of a school district to being under the control of a Board of Directors and authorized by an educational institution)

**Senate Bill 621** (Extends the geographic area that covers which school districts and public school academies may offer instruction in non-public schools)

**Senate Bill 622** (Allows non-public schools students to dual enroll in college courses. It also eliminates requirements for testing and moves up the age eligibility for dual enrollment)

**Senate Bill 623** (Allows high school students to simultaneously take college courses earlier than under current law. It also eliminates some of the testing requirements)

**Senate Bill 624** (Requires school districts to determine whether they have the capacity to enroll out-of-district students, and if they do have the capacity, to enroll them in the grades and number of slots available)

Superintendent Newington indicated that this appeared to be a “Republican Push” to privatize public education. Many of the proposals will have an adverse affect on public education by diluting the K-12 School Aid Fund.

**b) School Funding (PPT)**

Mr. Newington provided the Board of Education with a Memorandum by the House Fiscal Agency regarding the impact that Personal Property Tax Elimination would have on School Funding. The loss in funding to Climax-Scotts is estimated to be approximately \$100,000. It would affect the following areas of funding:

- Operating Millage (18 Mills)
- Debt Service Millage (7.2 Mills)
- ISD Special Education Millage
- ISD Enhancement Millage
- State Education Tax (6 Mills) Collected by the State

**9. Adjournment**

At 8:20 p.m., Mrs. Betsy Reichert **moved**, supported by Miss Cooper to adjourn the October 17, 2011 regular meeting of the Climax-Scotts Community Schools Board of Education. **Motion carried 7-0.**

**Approved on November 21, 2011 by:**



Susan Reichert, C-S Board President



Terri VandeGiessen, C-S Board Secretary/Treasurer