

**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