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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #592, Climax, Minnesota held their monthly meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Climax-Shelly School.

The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Erickson, Jayne Nesvig, Vance Thoreson, Toscha Larson, and Molly Paulsrud. Beth Rarick was absent. Scott Swanson was present via interactive technology due to illness at 32066 390th Ave. SW, Climax, MN 56523. Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Office Manager Karen Johnson, Principal Dave Rufsvold, teachers Kris Spaeth, Katie Kleven, Sue Laplante, and Chad Christianson were also present.

Molly moved, Jayne seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be approved as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Board President - Molly nominated Toscha. Vance nominated Brad. Brad abstained from voting and was elected as Board President with a 4 to 1 vote.

Board Vice President - Scott nominated Vance. Vance was elected as Board Vice President with a unanimous vote.

Board Clerk - Vance nominated Toscha. Toscha was elected as Board Clerk with a unanimous vote.

Board Treasurer - Jayne nominated Scott. Scott was elected as Board Treasurer with a unanimous vote.

Toscha moved, Vance seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to name Jayne Nesvig, Molly Paulsrud, and Beth Rarick as Board Directors.

It was noted that there is upcoming training provided by MSBA for specific training for Board officers.

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Vance moved, Jayne seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The Consent Agenda consisted of approval of Meeting Minutes, Financial Reports and Claims Against the District, and the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS**

Payments totaling \$43,122.20 for checks #41141-#41160 for end of month bills and \$21,557.91 for checks #41161-#41182 for monthly board bills to be approved as presented. Wire payments totaled \$90,713.82 for the month. There were no voided checks. The board report is for checks listed for Fund 1 (General Fund), Fund 2 (Hot Lunch), and Fund 21 (Student Activity).

**TREASURER'S REPORT BY BETH RARICK**

Financial Information	December 2020	December 2021
MN Liquid Asset Fund	\$2,738,786.20	\$2,484,216.70
Checkbook Balance	\$20,436.26	\$299,480.73
Subtotal	<b>\$2,756,222.46</b>	<b>\$2,783,697.43</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,756,222.46</b>	<b>\$2,783,697.43</b>

COMMUNICATION - None.

DISCUSSION ITEMS -

- 2022-2023 School Calendar options were shared. Staff will review and the board will approve at the next monthly meeting.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Mr. Dalchow presented his submitted report.

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - Mr. Rufsvold presented about recent Staff Development, that counseling staff has been busy meeting with students, that the Knowledge Bowl team placed 5th at a recent competition, and that enrollment is at 198.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT - Report was submitted by Mr. Grimes for board members to review.

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COVID PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT - No report. Toscha asked the question about the policy for contract tracing for Covid as other schools in the area are no longer contact tracing. Superintendent Dalchow indicated we could put this on the next meeting agenda and that the Covid Safety Plan would have to be reviewed and changed to discontinue contact tracing.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT - No report.

OLD BUSINESS - None.

Vance noted when he was at the MSBA annual meeting that he was told that the air purification/ionization system we had considered purchasing has been found to not be that effective to use with old HVAC systems.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Toscha moved, Molly seconded the following resolution.

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 1238.02, Sub. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full."; and

WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Climax-Shelly, ISD #592, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

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Donor: Climax Community Club

Item: \$1000.00

Designated Purpose: Knights in Need Grant

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Those in favor: Scott, Toscha, Vance, Jayne, Brad, Molly

Those against: None

Those absent: Beth

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Vance moved, seconded by Toscha the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the following committee members for 2022. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Region 8 MSHSL School Board Representative - Molly Paulsrud

MSBA Legislative Representative - Vance Thoreson

Continuing Education Committee - Jayne Nesvig

Negotiations Committee - Toscha Larson, Beth Rarick, Scott Swanson

Annual Report on World's Best Workforce - Toscha Larson, Jayne Nesvig

Transportation Committee - Vance Thoreson, Brad Erickson, and Scott Swanson

Technology/NW Links Representatives - Molly Paulsrud, Jayne Nesvig

Sports Co-op Committee - Beth Rarick, Molly Paulsrud, Toscha Larson

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Building Committee - Toscha Larson, Beth Rarick, Vance Thoreson

Hot Lunch Review Officer – Brad Erickson

Additional committees this year:

Policy Review Committee – Scott Swanson

Meet and Confer Committee – Molly Paulsrud

Curriculum Committee - Jayne Nesvig, Molly Paulsrud

Vance moved, seconded by Molly the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Crookston Times be named the official newspaper for 2022. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vance moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that First Community Credit Union be named the official bank depository for 2022. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Molly moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Manager Karen Johnson, and the Treasurer of the Board be authorized to invest available cash on hand from operating funds and the capital expenditure and debt redemption funds as excess cash flow limitations allow.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the investments be limited to passbook savings and time investments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Manager Karen Johnson, and the Treasurer of the Board are also authorized to make wire transfers of school district funds.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Toscha moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney; Kennedy and Graven be named the official law firms for 2022. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Member Vance introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REDUCTIONS IN PROGRAMS AND POSITIONS AND REASONS THEREFORE:**

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the school district dictates that the school board may have to reduce expenditures, and

WHEREAS, there may be a reduction in state aid payments, and,

WHEREAS, this reduction in expenditure and decrease in state aid revenue must include discontinuance of positions and discontinuance or curtailment of programs, and

WHEREAS, a determination must be made as to which teachers' contracts must be terminated and not renewed and which teachers may be placed on unrequested leave of absence without pay or fringe benefits in effecting discontinuance of positions,

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Independent School District No. 592, as follows: That the School Board hereby directs the Superintendent of Schools and administration to consider the discontinuance of programs or positions to effectuate economies in the school district and reduce expenditures and, as a result of enrollment, make recommendations to the school board for the discontinuance of programs, curtailment of programs, discontinuance of positions or curtailment of positions.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Member Toscha and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Brad, Toscha, Molly, Vance, Jayne, Scott

And the following voted against the same: None.

Absent: Beth

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

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Jayne moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Climax-Shelly Regular School Board Meetings will be held on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6 PM in the Climax-Shelly Board room for 2022, with the exceptions of January and February due to holidays and no school scheduled on those dates. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Toscha moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the 3rd reading of policies 206 and 214 reviewed by the Policy Subcommittee and requiring 3 readings. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vance moved, seconded by Toscha the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve upon first reading the following policies: 201, 202, 203, 203.2, 204, 205, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Toscha moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the review but no change for the following policies: 203.6, 203.1. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

something about fixing minutes from november

Jayne moved, Vance seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to amend the November regular board meeting minutes to include that Brian Opsahl from Brady Martz presented to the board. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next regular board meeting will be scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 2022 at 6 pm because there is no school scheduled for Monday, February 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toscha Larson, Clerk