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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 Wednesday, January 22 starting at 5:30 pm in the Climax-Shelly School Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Board Chairman Vance Thorsen. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Scott Swanson, Vance Thoreson, Brad Erickson, Jayne Nesvig, Debra Dale and Molly Paulsrud. Toscha Larson was absent. Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Manager Carolyn Skiles, Principal Lucas Soine, teachers Alexis Peterson and Taylor Huewe were present at the meeting. Community member, Erlene Erickson joined us later in the meeting.

There were no visitor comments or requests to be placed on the agenda prior to the meeting.

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

School Board President: Nominations were held. Brad and Scott were nominated for the position. Scott moved to nominate Brad, Vance seconded. Board members Paulsrud and Dale opposed the motion, while Nesvig, Swenson, Thoresen voted in favor. Motion passed.

School Board Vice President: Nominations were held. Vance was nominated for the position. Scott moved to nominate Vance, Jayne seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Clerk: Nominations were held. Toscha was nominated for the position. Jayne moved to nominate Toscha, Vance seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board Treasurer: Nominations were held. Scott was nominated for the position. Vance moved to nominate Scott, Debra seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

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FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS

Payments totaling \$68,311.00 for checks #42968-#43005 for end of month bills and \$8,593.50 for checks #43006-#43017 for monthly board bills to be approved as presented. Wire payments totaled \$295,441.00 for the month. There was one voided check. The board report is for checks listed for Fund 1 (General Fund), Fund 2 (Hot Lunch), Fund 7 (Debt Redemption) and Fund 21 (Student Activity).

TREASURER'S REPORT BY SCOTT SWANSON

Financial Information	December 2023	December 2024
MN Liquid Asset Fund	\$2,690,430.78	\$2,583,935.96
Checkbook Balance	\$97,400.48	\$101,773.99
Subtotal	\$2,787,831.25	\$2,685,709.95
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,787,831.25	\$2,685,709.95

DISCUSSION ITEMS-None

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT - Mr. Dalchow presented his submitted report. Discussed opening of tech position and upcoming interview. Updated on car insurance update needed for additional medical coverage. Shared learning of revenue updates at regional superintendent meeting.

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – Mr. Soine shared a verbal report. Enrollment is at 160. Updated on students of the month and class of the month. Informed that 10 students are doing dual credit classes. The ag teacher has applied and received two grants for updating the class. Upcoming dates: 29-31-gone to principal conference, 2-5-ski trip, 2-12-vocal ensemble and 2-13-parent/teacher conferences.

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

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations:

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Vance moved, seconded by Jayne the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.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:

Donor: Climax Community Club
Item: \$2500.00
Designated Purpose: Ski trip

Donor: Shelly Community Club
Item: \$329.76
Designated Purpose: Instruments for music program

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:
Those in favor: Brad, Scott, Vance, Jayne, Debra and Molly
Those against: None
Those absent: Toscha

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

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Committee assignments: A list of assignments was presented by Sup. Dalchow.

Molly moved, Scott seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the committee assignments as presented and updated for 2025. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Official Newspaper: Reviewed what we have been using. Currently using Crookston Times.

Vance moved, Jayne seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the official newspaper as the Crookston Times. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Official Depository: Reviewed what we have been using. Currently using FCCU.

Jayne moved, Debra seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that FCCU be named the official bank depository for 2025.. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Investments: Authorization of who can conduct investment business.

A motion was made by Molly, and seconded by Vance: BE IT RESOLVED that Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Manager Carolyn Skiles and the Treasurer of the Board, Scott Swanson 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 Carolyn Skiles, and the Treasurer of the Board, Scott Swenson are also authorized to make wire transfers of school district funds.

Official Law Firm(s): Reviewed who we have used historically. Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney; Kennedy and Graven were the law firms for 2024.

A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Jayne, BE IT RESOLVED that Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney; Kennedy and Graven be named the official law Firms for 2025.

Resolution directing administration to make recommendations in program and positions and reason therefore:

Member Molly introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: (Roll call vote)

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

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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 Jayne and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: _Brad, Scott, Vance, Debra, Molly and Jayne.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Member absent: Toscha Larson

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Set board meeting times: Discussion surrounding date and times.

A motion was made by Molly and seconded by Scott; 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 2025. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 19 at 5:30pm.

Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:05pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Respectfully submitted,
Molly Paulsrud