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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Climax-Shelly ISD #592 - Climax, MN 56523

The Board of Education of Independent School District #592, Climax, Minnesota held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Climax-Shelly School.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Brad Erickson.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Erickson, Vance Thoreson, Beth Rarick, Jayne Nesvig, and Scott Swanson were present. Toscha Larson and Molly Paulsrud were present through Google Meet. Superintendent Michael Underwood, K-12 Principal Dave Rufsvold and Business Office Manager Karen Johnson were also present. Teachers Terry Ruud, Deb Dale, and Sue LaPlante were present.

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

Beth moved, Jayne seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the March 15, 2021 regular meeting were approved. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - Superintendent Underwood brought up the following for discussion.

- Operating Revenue Expiration - Expires in 2023, discussion about whether to extend it, the board requested to meet with Ehlers to review and determine how to proceed. If the board would choose to extend, a question and vote could take place at the Nov. 2021 special election needed for the school board position.
- Employee Update - The district completed an extension application for H1B status because it expires August 2021. This will remain on the agenda for further discussion at the next meeting.
- On-Site Covid Student Vaccine Administration - a survey will be sent to parents to determine if there is interest in doing this for students ages 16-18.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Superintendent Underwood presented the following.

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- ESSER II Update - Mr. Underwood and Karen Johnson spoke about this Covid funding. This funding cannot be used to supplement the cost of the roof and unlikely toward the new bus as was previously presented. ESSER I needs to be completely spent before ESSER II. The district will be receiving approximately \$93,000, possibly \$113,000. 20% of this funding is to be used to counteract lost learning time due to Covid.
- Staffing - Ag teacher opening, possible changes in elementary still to come, resignation of Kelsey Wagner for both Athletic Director and Head Volleyball Coach positions.
- Monson Donation - The Monson family has generously indicated that they will donate another \$40,000 to be used toward technology in the district.
- Insurance Bid - NW Service Co-op, same provider, 2.5% increase.
- Superintendent Resignation - Mr. Underwood submitted his resignation effective May 14, 2021. A Superintendent search committee consisting of Toscha, Beth, and Jayne with Vance as an alternate was created.

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - A report was submitted and presented by Mr. Rufsvold. Contactless graduation ceremony plans are being worked on. The class scheduled for next year has been completed pending teacher review. Plans are also being made for a Senior Class trip, trying to determine the best locations, etc., taking Covid precautions and bus driver availability into consideration. Seven children are participating in the after school program.

COVID PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT - A report was submitted by Mason Grimes that outlined the current case rates in Polk county and the positive cases and subsequent quarantining that occurred in the district. A reminder was sent to parents to keep students home if they are sick.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT - Track Coach Tim Brooks resigned.

Jayne moved, Vance seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that a payment totaling \$26,292.05 for checks #40671-#40685 for end of month bills and \$59,010.89 for checks #40686-#40727 for monthly board bills be approved as presented. There were no student fund checks. Wire payments totaled \$100,455.66 for the

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month. There were no voided checks. The board report is for checks listed for Fund 1 (General Fund) and Fund 2 (Hot Lunch).

Jayne moved, Scott seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT BY BETH RARICK

Financial Information	March 2020	March 2021
MN Liquid Asset Fund	\$2,861,289.38	\$2,853,358.96
Checkbook Balance	\$48,657.64	\$67,053.13
Subtotal	\$2,909,947.02	\$2,920,412.09
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,909,947.02	\$2,920,412.09

OLD BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the resignation of Sherri Thune as PreK paraprofessional, effective May 27, 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vance moved, seconded by Beth the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Peter Hendrickx, effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Scott moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the hiring of Alison Stene as Elementary Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Toscha moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the hiring of Katelyn Gunnafson as Paraprofessional/Substitute teacher effective April 26, 2021 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Beth moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the hiring of Dalton Harris as the Ag Education teacher for the 2021- 2022 school year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Scott moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Beth moved, seconded by Toscha the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Michael Underwood as Superintendent, effective May 14, 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Moved by Vance, seconded by Jayne.

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:

Donor: Eldred Grain Elevator

Item: \$500

Designated Purpose: FFA

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Those in favor: Toscha, Vance, Molly, Brad, Scott, Jayne and Beth. Those against: None. Those absent: None.

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

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Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting was changed and scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm,
prior to Superintendent Underwood's last day of employment.

Respectfully submitted,
Toscha Larson, Clerk