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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #592, Climax, Minnesota held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Climax-Shelly School.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Brad Erickson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Erickson, Beth Rarick, Vance Thoreson, Jayne Nesvig, Molly Paulsrud, Toscha Larson, and Scott Swanson were present. Superintendent Michael Underwood, K-12 Principal Dave Rufsvold and Business Office Manager Karen Johnson were also present. Teachers Deb Dale, Brendon Mitzel, and Michelle Karst were present. Guest Erllene Erickson was also present.

Beth moved, Toscha seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be approved as presented with the addition of guest Erllene Erickson asking to speak. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Erllene Erickson addressed the board and shared 2 articles related to white supremacy and systemic racism and impacts on education and concerns about potential changes to the teaching of American heritage in social studies.

Brendon Mitzel, President of the CEA, also asked to address the board and acknowledge the efforts of Ms. Dale and Ms. Klevin in the state testing that took place in April. He also indicated that the Math scores for grades 7-11 were much improved.

Beth moved, Molly seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the April 19, 2021 regular meeting were approved. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- Ehlers Operating Levy Extension - representative from Ehlers was unable to join the meeting virtually so discussed her handout over the phone and answered questions. The decision about continuing the operating referendum needs to be made by August 20, 2021.

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- Employee sponsorship - Mr. Underwood responded to the audit of the Labor Condition Application. He indicated that there was nothing more for the district to do at this point. Brad Erickson requested the board review email communication that occurred between administration and Mr. Maeng.
- 2021-2023 Certified Contracts - Karen Johnson would like to know if extracurriculars should be included on the contracts or if separate notices of assignments would be created as was discussed in the past.
- Meal Policy review - a draft policy was created. Next year school lunches will continue to be free.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Superintendent Underwood presented the following.

- Pay Equity Report - submitted to the state every 3 years
- 2021-2022 Property Insurance renewal - the renewal terms were shared
- 2021-2022 Calendar change

**K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** - A report was submitted and presented by Mr. Rufsvold.

**COVID PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT** - A report was submitted by Mason Grimes.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT** - A report was submitted by Kelsey Wagner.

Molly moved, Toscha seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that a payment totaling \$20,440.38 for checks #40728-#40742 for end of month bills and \$46,674.13 for checks #40743-#40767 for monthly board bills to be approved as presented. There were no student fund checks. Wire payments totaled \$81,532.90 for the month. There were no voided checks. The board report is for checks listed for Fund 1 (General Fund), Fund 2 (Hot Lunch), Fund 21 (Student Activity). Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

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**TREASURER'S REPORT BY BETH RARICK**

Financial Information	March 2020	March 2021
MN Liquid Asset Fund	\$2,946,851.87	\$2,900,358.66
Checkbook Balance	\$32,650.43	\$75,648.98
Subtotal	<b>\$2,979,502.30</b>	<b>\$2,976,007.64</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,979,502.30</b>	<b>\$2,976,007.64</b>

OLD BUSINESS - None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Jayne moved, seconded by Scott the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report for 2021 as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Beth moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the hiring of Signey Oslund as secondary math teacher for 2020-2021 school year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Beth moved, seconded by Toscha the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to amend the 2021-2022 school calendar by changing February 14, 2022 to February 21, 2022 as the observance of Presidents Day as a scheduled non-school day for students and staff.. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Molly moved, seconded by Scott the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Kelsey Wagner as Athletic Director and Volleyball coach effective June 30, 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

There was considerable discussion on tenure status of Mr. Maeng. Approval of teacher tenure status will be moved to the June meeting agenda.

Moved by Jayne, seconded by Scott.

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

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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: Daniel and Helen Bernhardsen  
Item: \$500 Designated  
Purpose: Delinquent lunch accounts

Donor: Free Will Donations at Prom  
Item: \$90  
Designated Purpose: Class of 2022

Donor: Dr. David and Lola Monson  
Item: \$40,000.00  
Designated Purpose: Year Two of Five Year Technology Plan

Donor: CoBank  
Item: \$500 Designated  
Purpose: FFA

Donor: Katsuko Hansbrough  
Item: \$100 Designated  
Purpose: 5th & 6th grade class trip student activity fund

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 pm.  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting was changed and scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toscha Larson, Clerk