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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, March 15, 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, Vance Thoreson, Beth Rarick, Molly Paulsrud, Toscha Larson and Scott Swanson were present. Jayne Nesvig was present by phone. Superintendent Michael Underwood was present remotely from home. K-12 Principal Dave Rufsvold and Business Office Manager Karen Johnson were also present. Teachers Brendon Mitzel, Kris Spaeth, and Brittany Gast were present.

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

Molly moved, Vance seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the February 24, 2021 regular meeting were approved with corrections that Jayne Nesvig was not present and the meeting did not include anything related to the annual executive meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- **Committee Reports**
 - **Negotiations Committee** - The committee met after the February monthly meeting and is waiting for the CEA to request negotiations to open. The committee discussed the hiring of an additional Science teacher and its impact on the district budget and in addition will be looking at non-certified staff salary increases in comparison to other local districts.
- **Covid Update** - There are no new Covid cases reported in staff for students for 2021. Mitigations are being continued including masks and room cleaning.
- **Office Furniture Update** - A bid from Christianson's in Fargo is \$7183.65. The previous bid from Scholastic Equipment Wisconsin Bench was \$9,290.66. The board had requested a second bid from another company.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - Superintendent Underwood presented the following.

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- Personnel Update
 - Secondary Science position - Mr. Underwood would like to hire another science teacher for next year in addition to the current secondary science teacher. The new teacher is licensed to teach grades 5-12 and is a Tier 3 teacher.
 - Elementary teaching position - 2 candidates will be interviewed.
 - Paraprofessional/Custodia positions - No one has applied for 6 weeks. The positions are posted in the Crookston Times and the Valley Shopper.
 - Board Member Toscha asked Mr. Underwood for an on the status of Mr. Maeng, secondary Math teacher, in terms of H1B and green card status. The district's H1B certificate expires in August 2021 and Mr. Maeng's green card status is still in progress. Mr. Underwood was and will be in communication with legal counsel and update the board on the next steps needed to be taken.

K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT - A report was submitted and presented by Mr. Rufsvold. Board member Jayne asked whether MCA testing should be pushed to later dates to better prepare students. Principal Rufsvold said he would communicate with teachers and the testing coordinator to determine if this could happen. There will be the option for both distance learners and in person learners to opt out of MCA testing this year and further, that the district will not be penalized due to the Covid pandemic. Board member Beth also inquired about Summer programming and there will be updates on this in the future.

COVID PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORT - There was no formal report presented. Mr. Underwood indicated that staff are still allowed to sign up to receive vaccinations.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT - A report was submitted by Kelsey Wagner. Board member Toscha asked that in the future that board meetings be scheduled around sports play-off games as they have been in the past so student athletes can be supported by administration and board members. Toscha also thanked Mr. Rufsvold for his attendance at a weekend girls basketball game in Fisher and the impact that support from administration has on student athletes. There was a question about the sport of Trap Shooting, schedule, and whether the sport was MSHSL sanctioned.

Vance moved, Jayne seconded the following motion: **BE IT RESOLVED** that a payment totaling \$23,989.43 for checks #40641-#40653 for end of month bills and \$15,292.10 for checks #40654-#40670 for monthly board bills be approved as presented. There were no student fund checks. Wire payments totaled \$82,234.53 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).

Scott moved, Vance 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	February 2020	February 2021
MN Liquid Asset Fund	\$2,718,713.83	\$2,797,967.83
Checkbook Balance	\$128,452.40	\$104,576.64
Subtotal	\$2,847,166.23	\$2,902,544.47
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,847,166.23	\$2,902,544.47

OLD BUSINESS

Molly moved, seconded by Toscha the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the bid of Christianson's Business Furniture of \$7183.65 to replace/install new office furniture in the main office. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth moved, seconded by Scott the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the hiring of Katelynn Gunnafson as a Secondary Science teacher for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Beth moved, seconded by Toscha the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of Sydney Boom as elementary teacher, effective May 28, 2021. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Moved by Molly, seconded by Scott the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of the Independent School District 592, Climax-Shelly School, as follows:

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1. It is hereby found, determined and declared that it is necessary and desirable and in the best interests of Independent School District 592. Climax-Shelly School (Lessee) to acquire BBCV3310-77 Passenger Bus by entering into a Lease-Purchase Agreement dated as of March 8, 2021 and Supplement to Lease-Purchase Agreement dated as of March 8, 2021 (collectively, the "Lease") by and between Lessee and SCB Public Finance ("Lessor"). Such Lease is hereby approved substantially in the form presented to this board and on file in the office of the Business Manager.
2. The Superintendent of the Lessee is hereby authorized to execute the Lease on behalf of Lessee, and to execute such other certificates and documents as may be necessary and appropriate to effectuate the transactions contemplated by the Lease. The Lease and the related documents may contain such necessary and appropriate variations, omissions and insertions as the Superintendent shall determine to be necessary, and the execution thereof by the Superintendent shall be conclusive evidence of such determination and its approval by this Board.
3. Lessee does not reasonably anticipate that it will issue tax-exempt obligations (not including "private activity bonds" as defined in Section 141 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended) in an aggregate amount in excess of \$10 million during the calendar year in which the Lease commences. The Lease is designated as a qualified tax-exempt obligation for purposes of Section 265(b)(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, relating to deductibility of interest by financial institutions.

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

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

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Board Member Toscha gave an update on the cost to get support from MSBA for district Strategic Planning and Superintendent Evaluation Process. The cost to the district would be \$4300 and \$970 respectively. MSBA is willing to meet with the board to present what they can provide with this service. Regardless of this expense, Board Member Molly asked board members to consider what it would cost the district if they paid board members for their time to complete this process. Board members were asked to think about how to proceed for further discussion at the next board meeting.

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Molly moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 pm.
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, April 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Toscha Larson, Clerk