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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 a special meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 6:00 pm via a Google Meet virtual meeting.

Board Chair Brad Erickson called the meeting to order. The following was read at the beginning of the meeting.

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations, the Minnesota directive to residents to stay at home, and guidance about limiting person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, this meeting of the Climax-Shelly School Board is being conducted in accordance with Minnesota Statutes 13D.021— Meetings by Telephone or Other Electronic Means.

Due to the health pandemic, the school board has determined that it is not feasible for at least one board member, the superintendent, or the school district's legal counsel to be physically present at the regular meeting location and that it is not feasible for the public to attend this meeting at the regular meeting location due to the health pandemic.

Persons may monitor this meeting from a remote location by accessing the Climax-Shelly YouTube channel.

School board members are reminded to mute their microphone or phone when they are not speaking.

School board members wishing to speak should use the chat feature via the Google Meet platform, then wait to be recognized by the Chair.

The chair will determine the order in which board members wishing to speak will be recognized. When recognized, the board member should unmute the microphone or phone, speak, and then mute their device.

All votes will be conducted by roll call. Each school board member should wait until their name is called before voting.

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This meeting is being recorded. Access to the recording will be made available on the district's website ([www.isd592.org](http://www.isd592.org)) as soon as is reasonably possible.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Erickson, Toscha Larson, Jayne Nesvig, Beth Rarick, Molly Paulsrud, Vance Thoreson and Kylee Chandler were present. Superintendent Michael Underwood and K-12 Principal Art Meyer were present. Teachers Karen Thoreson, Shana Williams, Kris Spaeth, and Becky Hanson were present. Business Office Manager Karen Johnson was present.

Toscha moved, Vance seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Agenda be approved as presented. A roll call vote was taken and all board members were in favor. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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

- Principal Position - K-12 Principal Art Meyer has submitted his resignation. The resignation letter was read as presented. The position has been posted and there were 6 applicants. A committee consisting of the Superintendent, teachers and school board members will be created to possibly virtually interview candidates later this week. School board members Toscha Larson, Jayne Nesvig, and Beth Rarick will review applicant materials and decide with Superintendent Underwood which applicants will be interviewed. It is the hope to hire and approve a new principal by the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020. Meeting attendees thanked Mr. Meyer for his contributions to the district over the past 3 years.
  
- Draft/Discussion of Safe Return to School Plan - Superintendent Underwood shared that return to school plans will be determined based on case numbers in Polk County on a biweekly basis. The committee that was developed earlier this summer and consisting of administration, faculty, and staff is working closely with Polk County Public Health to determine the safest option for returning to school. Parent survey results from 62 responses received were shared and indicated that the majority of parents want children in school or a part of a hybrid learning option. Elementary and Secondary teachers presented possible options including in-person, hybrid, and distance learning. There was varied input from school

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board members on what option is best. Final plans will be created and presented to the board at the next regularly scheduled board meeting on Monday, August 17, 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the resignation of K-12 Principal, Art Meyer, to be effective August 14, 2020. A roll call vote was taken and all board members were in favor. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Molly moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. A roll call vote was taken and all board members were in favor. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toscha Larson, Clerk