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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Board of Education of Independent School District #592, Climax, Minnesota held their rescheduled monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 6:00 pm due to Martin Luther King Day in the Climax-Shelly School Board Room.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Vance Thoreson and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken with the following members present: Brad Erickson, Vance Thoreson, Toscha Larson, Molly Paulsrud, and Scott Swanson were present. Beth Rarick and Jayne Nesvig were absent. Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Office Manager Karen Johnson, teachers Brenda Slyt and Alexis Peterson were also present.

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

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

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Toscha moved, Molly seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to cast a unanimous ballot for all officers to remain the same as 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Board President - Brad Erickson

Board Vice President - Vance Thoreson

Board Clerk - Toscha Larson

Board Treasurer - Scott Swanson

Jayne Nesvig, Molly Paulsrud, and Beth Rarick are named Board Directors.

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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.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CLAIMS**

Payments totaling \$59,531.17 for checks #42375-#42418 for end of month bills and \$17,499.36 for checks #42419-#42437 for monthly board bills to be approved as presented. Wire payments totaled \$84,941.10 for the month. There were no voided checks. The board report is for checks listed for Fund 1 (General Fund), Fund 2 (Hot Lunch), and Fund 21 (Student Activity).

**TREASURER'S REPORT BY SCOTT SWANSON**

Financial Information	December 2022	December 2023
MN Liquid Asset Fund	\$2,600,253.30	\$2,690,430.78
Checkbook Balance	\$30,391.86	\$97,400.48
Subtotal	\$2,630,645.16	\$2,787,831.26
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,630,645.16</b>	<b>\$2,787,831.26</b>

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- MREA and what it provides for our district was discussed
- Preliminary 2024-2025 School Calendar - lining up with Fisher when possible - 4 options will be posted for teachers to review

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT** - Mr. Dalchow presented his submitted report.

**K-12 PRINCIPAL'S REPORT** - A report was submitted by Mr. Soine for board members to review.

**ATHLETIC DIRECTOR REPORT** - A report was submitted by Mr. Grimes for board members to review. Mr. Dalchow will bring items from the Sports Committee that need board approval to the next board meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Vance moved, seconded by Scott the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to appoint the following committee members for 2023. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Region 8 MSHSL School Board Representative - Molly Paulsrud

MSBA Legislative Representative - Vance Thoreson

Continuing Education Committee - Jayne Nesvig

Negotiations Committee - Toscha Larson, Scott Swanson, Molly Paulsrud

Annual Report on World's Best Workforce - Toscha Larson, Jayne Nesvig

Transportation Committee - Vance Thoreson, Brad Erickson, and Scott Swanson

Technology/NW Links Representatives - Molly Paulsrud, Jayne Nesvig

Sports Co-op Committee - Vance Thoreson, Toscha Larson, Molly Paulsrud

Building Committee - Toscha Larson, Vance Thoreson, Brad Erickson

Hot Lunch Review Officer – Brad Erickson

Policy Review Committee – Scott Swanson

Meet and Confer Committee – Molly Paulsrud

Curriculum Committee - Jayne Nesvig, Molly Paulsrud

Toscha moved, seconded by Molly the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that the Crookston Times be named the official newspaper for 2024. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Vance moved, seconded by Scott the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that First Community Credit Union be named the official bank depository for 2024. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Vance moved, seconded by Scott the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that Superintendent Dan Dalchow, Business Manager Karen Johnson, 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 Karen Johnson, and the Treasurer of the Board Scott Swanson are also authorized to make wire transfers of school district funds.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Toscha moved, seconded by Molly the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED that Ratwik, Roszak and Maloney; Kennedy and Graven be named the official law firms for 2024. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Member Toscha introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

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

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

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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 Scott and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Brad, Toscha, Molly, Vance, Scott.

And the following voted against the same: None.

Absent: Jayne and Beth

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted.

Scott moved, seconded by Molly the following motion: 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 2024, with the exceptions of January and February due to holidays and no school scheduled on those dates. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Scott moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to accept the quit claim deed from Harlow K. Grove and Peggy Grove. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Molly moved, seconded by Toscha 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

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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: Anonymous  
Item: \$14  
Designated Purpose: Junior Class

Donor: Harlow and Peggy Grove  
Item: Quit Claim Deed  
Designated Purpose: Donate land to school

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

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

Vance moved, Scott seconded the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to approve the Pay Equity Implementation Report. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Molly requested an Esports presentation from Esports Coach Joe Hyde.

Molly moved, seconded by Vance the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 pm. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The next board meeting was rescheduled due to President's Day for Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toscha Larson, Clerk