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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, May 5, 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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Persons monitoring this meeting from a remote location may submit a comment by sending the question via email to: [schoolboardquestions@isd592.org](mailto:schoolboardquestions@isd592.org)

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, Vance Thoreson, Jayne Nesvig, Beth Rarick, and Molly Paulsrud were present. Superintendent Michael Underwood and K-12 Principal Art Meyer were present. Teacher Karen Thoreson was present.

Beth moved, Molly 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.

- Graduation
- Maeng Sponsorship

Mr. Underwood outlined the retainer fee agreement that the district has committed to with Mr. Goldfarb, the attorney supporting the immigration sponsorship of Mr. Maeng. The estimated fees for the process are \$6000. There was a delay in the approval of the wage determination filing and the job will have to be posted again to meet the requirements of this first step in the process. This first step has not proceeded as expected and was started at the beginning of the 2018 school year when Mr. Maeng was hired by previous Superintendent Bill Walters. There will be an expense of approximately \$675 to post the ad in a regional newspaper, the Grand Forks Herald, as required. The board asked Mr. Underwood to contact Mr. Goldfarb for clarification on why the process has taken longer than expected and if there will be any additional fees associated with the process other than the \$6000 already expected. A Google Meet virtual meeting was to be setup with Mr. Underwood, Mr. Maeng, CEA President Karen Thoreson, and school board member Toscha Larson.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Toscha moved, seconded by Jayne the following motion: BE IT RESOLVED the School Board of Independent School District 592 adopts the following resolution:

Due to the current federal and state emergency declarations and guidance regarding the limit of person-to-person contact due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic, by action of the School Board of Independent School District 592, Climax-Shelly School, the 2019-2020 School Calendar is being amended. The result of the amendment moves the date of graduation from May 16, 2020 to May 30, 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 6:54 pm. A roll call vote was taken and all board members were in favor. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Climax-Shelly School Board is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Toscha Larson, Clerk