

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

April 13, 2020

President Bednard called the meeting to order at 6:51p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

Remotely Present: Members, Aquino, Bednard, Cardamone, DeMuyneck Zech, Patzert, Pyden and Sobah
Absent: None
Also, Remotely Present: Mr. Roberts, Dr. Brosky, Mr. Sederlund, Dr. Blanchard, Mr. Sibley, Ms. Licari, Mr. Kozlowski, Ms. Blain and Ms. Adlam
Also, Remotely Present: Ms. Koch (Dir., Special Services), Ms. Monnier-White (Dir., Technology), Mr. Jeff Atkins (Barton Malow), Mr. Brian Smilnak (Wakely),

Note: Due to Governor Whitmer instituting Michigan Executive Directive 2020-02 – Public Meetings of State of Michigan Public Bodies During the COVID-19 Emergency, the board of education meeting was conducted virtually via Skype.

Additions and Deletions - None

Recognition/Presentations – None

From the Community – None

MOTION #04/01/20 – Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Aquino to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 16, 2020
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics (Includes payroll) Check Register in the amount of \$1,884,667.91
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$28,773.96

Ayes, All. Motion carried.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Union Communications – Ms. Maryanne Levine (MEA, Local 1) thanked administration for working on the Continuity of Learning Plan (COL) and the constructive conversations.

Administration Reports –

- Superintendent Ron Roberts reported on the following:
 - Review the timeline of events from March 10th until the present.

The district closed all buildings and closed all playgrounds on district property and will be putting signs up across the district.

Ms. Diane Blain (Dir. Community Relations) has been very helpful fielding many questions and inquiries. There have been numerous communications with parents, students and staff. Materials have been sent out for those needing emotional support. Almost 1500 computers going out to students and families, hotspots being distributed, and professional development for staff being arranged.
 - Recognized Ms. Cindy VanWormer and Ms. Emily DeArmit and the food services department employees for coming in every day to prepare breakfast and lunch for our students and families in need. Also thanked the food service drivers for getting the food to the four distribution sites and helping with the distribution of meals.
 - Indicated the Macomb ISD has been extremely supportive and has been very helpful in organizing the county.
 - Recognized the Educational Services Department for its support of students, families and staff.

Curriculum Reports –

- Dr. Donald Brosky (Ass't Superintendent Educational Services) gave an introduction to the Continuity of Learning Plan developed by the Educational Services Department.
- Mr. Paul Sibley (Exec. Dir. Secondary Education) presented the plan for both middle and high schools. Mr. Sibley indicated that a communication is going out this week to parents with regards to grading. Seniors will not be hurt by the building closures and the district will be focusing on helping all kids experience success.
- Ms. Marina Licari (Exec. Dir., Elementary Education) discussed the commitment by teachers and families to ensure elementary teachers, students and parents are getting the proper support from the appropriate staff. Emphasizing less is more is a theme throughout and focusing on what's important. Teachers are working together along with technology. Support staff (paras, reading aides, etc.) have been asked to be part of the process.

- Mr. Walt Kozlowski (Exec. Dir., Innovation and Learning) discussed that due to family situations and time constraints in the home, the team was focusing on most essential things, on essential skills and standards. Discussed the support for teachers with resources, availability and professional learning opportunities and collaboration.
- Ms. Tara Koch (Dir., Special Services) discussed compassion over compliance. Special Services has been continuing to do virtual IEPs and staff meetings with ancillary staff. She discussed the specifically designed instruction and professional development using technology.
- Ms. Sarah Monnier-White (Dir., Technology) discussed the support being provided to teachers and how they are supporting students and families. In March, provided over 20 hours of live webinars and videos in Schoology. All teachers will have access. The Technology Department is taking aggressive action to prepare both students and staff for distance learning. Ms. Monnier-White expressed much pride in the work of her department.

Of and by Board Members

- Member Bednard emphasized his pride in all the work being done to support our students during this health crisis.
- Member Pyden indicated when needing volunteers to notify board members to help with distribution of meals, computers, etc.

MOTION #04/03/20 – Moved by Member DeMuyck Zech and supported by Member Pyden that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session - (*8.k. – To Consider Security Planning*). A roll call vote was taken. Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member DeMuyck Zech, yes; Member Pyden, yes, Member Sobah; yes, and Member Patzert; yes.

Motion carried.

Note: Member Sobah was excused at 8:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:25 p.m.

MOTION #04/04/20 – Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member DeMuyneck Zech to adjourn the meeting. **Ayes, all. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cardamone, Secretary
Board of Education

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