

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING  
November 20, 2023**

**PRELIMINARY**

The President, Michael Frink, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order in the Media Center at Clawson High School at 7:03 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Daniel Ewald, Jr., Michael Frink, Angela Hamilton, Samantha Hanser Maynard, Joseph Savel, Thomas Reed, Jr., and Ted Verner

Administration Present: Billy Shellenbarger, Dr. Jackie Johnston, Bianca Sines, and Kimberly Olson

Recording Secretary: Linda Gould

Others in Attendance: Christopher King, Kristen Ruud, Amy Maglio, Toby Nemyer, Ashley Jones, Jacob Sopczynski, and Liam Koenig

The Pledge of Allegiance was given and the Mission Statement was recited.

**ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

Kristen Ruud gave a presentation on the Clawson Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade team. The presentation was titled, "The Life of a 6<sup>th</sup> Grader at Clawson Middle School." It gave a snapshot of elementary school life, 6<sup>th</sup> grade expectations, the transition for parents and students, 6<sup>th</sup> grade life science, math, geography, and English language arts.

**RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Recognized tonight were Amy Maglio, school psychologist, and Toby Nemyer, Facilities Director. They are the October 2023 celebrities of the month.

## BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

### A. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

The board received an invitation from Oakland County Youth Assistance Coordinating Council for their annual meeting and sponsor appreciation breakfast.

### B. BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Finance Committee: The finance committee met immediately before this board meeting. They discussed the monthly financial reports and audit.
- b. Policy Review Committee: The next policy review committee meeting will be held November 27, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. at Baker Administrative Offices in the second floor conference room.
- c. Government Relations Committee: Mr. Frink reported that the OCSBA GRC committee met on November 1. They discussed:

#### Senate Education:

MPERS as default selection for new employees (HB 5021). Passed House (56-54). Reported by Senate Education Committee on party lines; Senate Floor; OS Supports

#### House Education:

Evaluations bills moved; Charter School Transparency – hearing only; Inclusion of education management organization and authorizer on all materials going forward; HBs 5231-5234 (H-1 subs for all); posting teacher/support staff salary information online - HB 5269

#### House Energy, Communications, and Technology:

Mandate renewable alternate sources by 2035 - SB 271; previously passed Senate (20-18); reported from Committee (10-7)

#### Supplemental Budgets - SB 174 - School Aid; and HB 4292:

General Fund. Conference Committees; Pontiac City School District debt forgiveness included (\$18.36 million) from General Fund supplemental

#### House Labor:

Minimum staffing levels within a bargaining unit; make a mandatory subject of bargaining; HB 4688; expected to carve out schools from the legislation

#### Moving on Floor or Elsewhere:

- Three year deadline extension for the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue interim teaching certificates (ITC) for special education (SB 518); Passed Senate (38-0). House Education Committee; OS Supports

- Prohibit employers and labor organizations from requesting or maintaining a record of certain information about an applicant's criminal history. ([HB 4960](#)) - Passed House (57-53).
- Prohibit high school student athletes from being prevented from receiving compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness rights. ([HB 4816](#)) Passed the House with [H-5](#) (66-43). Senate Oversight Committee. No position.
- Prohibit youth employment waivers for working between midnight and 5 am, and for occupation that is hazardous or injurious. ([HB 4932](#)). OS Supports. House Floor. [Fast Fact](#).
- Increase allowable time in work-based learning experience toward pupil instruction and codify in the School Aid Act ([SB 23](#)). OS Supports. S-1 reported to Senate Floor (18-1).
- Mandates the dental oral assessment program ([SB 280](#)). Passed Senate 30-6; Passed House 85-24; returned to House upon request. OS Opposes [Fast Fact](#)
- [SB 169](#) would require contact information of new employees to be given to the appropriate collective bargaining representative. House Floor.
- Educator/Administrator evaluations (SB 395, H-2 and SB 396). New substitute removed the questionable misconduct definition change, and still adds an arbitration piece but instead of MERC it will use AAA. OS Opposes. Position paper. Passed the House 56-54.
- FAFSA form requirement for high school diploma (SB 463). Reported by Senate Education Committee. OS Opposes. Expected to move on Senate Floor 11-2-23. [Fast Fact](#).

Signed into Law:

- Creates retiree employment allowance with cap at \$15,100 during initial 6 months and superintendents carved out of allowance. ([HB 4752](#)). Signed – Public Act 147 of 2023. [In depth documents](#); school/child care safe water management plans. [HBs 4341](#) and [4342](#) were signed into law (Public Acts 154 and 155, respectively) and [SB 88](#) was signed into law.

- d. Facility Committee: Mr. Verner reported that the committee met virtually on November 15. There was a bond update. There was also discussion regarding change orders, the sale of Baker and Schalm, an update on walkie-talkies, impact resistant window film, district fobs, and an update on the baseball/softball field.

## BOARD ROUNDTABLE

- Mr. Ewald: Mr. Ewald gave a report about the Schalm PTO meeting.
- Mr. Savel Mr. Savel gave a report about the Early Childhood PTO meeting.

- Mr. Reed: None
- Mrs. Hamilton: Mrs. Hamilton gave an update on the Kenwood and MS PTO meetings.
- Mr. Verner Mr. Verner gave a sports update.
- Ms. Hanser Maynard Ms. Hanser Maynard gave an update on the Performing Arts Boosters and Clawson Youth Assistance.
- Mr. Frink: Mr. Frink gave an update on the Athletic Boosters and HS PTSA meeting.

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

Liam Koenig, 320 Gargantua, Clawson, addressed the board on suicide prevention.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. Consent Agenda Resolution**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education:

1. Approves the Agenda as presented.
2.
  - a. Approves the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2023, as presented.
  - b. Approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on November 6, 2023, as presented.
  - c. Approves the Minutes of the Closed Session held on November 6, 2023, as presented.
3. Approves the expenditures for the month of November 2023 in the sum of \$3,589,519.16.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard  
SUPPORTED BY: Mrs. Hamilton

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**B. Approval of PAC Parent Representative as OSPAC**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education approves the appointment of Nickie Aumack as the Clawson parent representative to OSPAC for an additional three years, as presented.

MOVED BY: Mrs. Hamilton  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Verner

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**C. Second Semester 23-24 Schools of Choice Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Clawson Board of Education has the option permitted by Section 105 of the State School Aide Act of 1979, as amended by Public Act 300 of 1998; and

WHEREAS, it has the option, for the purpose of Section 105, to accept applications of nonresident students from outside the District, who reside in the Oakland Intermediate School District, which this district is a constituent district for the enrollment in our district for the 2023-2024 school year; and

WHEREAS, the Clawson Board of Education has the option to operate a Schools of Choice Program for the second semester in compliance with the statutory requirements of Section 105; and

WHEREAS, the Clawson Board of Education has outstanding school programs and there may be room for students from other districts to participate in these high-quality schools.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Clawson Public Schools chooses to participate in the aforementioned Schools of Choice Program for the second semester of 2023-2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Clawson Public Schools will accept applications for the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year for Grades TK through 10 for the two-week period beginning Monday, January 8, 2024 through Friday, January 19, 2024.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard  
SUPPORTED BY: Mrs. Hamilton

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Audit Presentation

Jacob Sopczynski from Yeo & Yeo presented the highlights of this year's financial statements. Their findings include a "clean" opinion of the financial statements.

The Board will vote to accept the Clawson Public Schools Financial Statements and Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2023 at its December 18 regular board meeting.

**B. Literacy/Coaching Update**

Ashley Jones presented a Literacy/Coaching Update. The literacy update included summer pop-up literacy labs, CKLA training, DPPD, and grade level meetings. The coaching update included literacy essentials areas of focus, coaching responsibilities, and a survey for the board to participate in. She also talked about things that will be coming up this year including winter data meetings, CKLA training, March reading month, layered literacy lab, and family literacy night.

**C. Bond Legal Representation**

Dr. Johnston explained that public school districts who utilize bond funds for construction require a Bond attorney. This attorney addresses the legal issues surrounding the sale of bonds as well as the numerous legal issues as the bond proceeds are used throughout construction. As the District moves towards the sale of the 2024 bonds, administration is recommending Miller Canfield as the legal firm to represent the District. Their expertise in Michigan Public School bond finance will serve the district extremely well with our existing and upcoming bond.

**Resolution Amending Bond Resolution – 2023 School Building and Site Bonds**

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted its Bond Resolution 2023 School Building and Site Bonds, dated August 21, 2023 (the “Authorizing Resolution”) authorizing the issuance of its 2024 School Building and Site and Refunding Bonds (the “Bonds”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that it is in the best interests of the School District to appoint a new firm as Bond Counsel (as defined in the Authorizing Resolution) for the issuance of the Bonds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Amendment to Authorizing Resolution. Section 17 of the Authorizing Resolution is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

“Retention of Bond Counsel. The law firm of Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. is hereby appointed as bond counsel for the School District with reference to the issuance of the Bonds authorized by this Resolution (“Bond Counsel”). The representation of the School District by Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. as bond counsel is hereby approved, notwithstanding Miller Canfield’s periodic representation in unrelated matters of the Underwriter, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, and other potential parties to the transactions contemplated by this Resolution.”

2. Conflicts. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as they conflict with the provisions of this Resolution be and the same hereby are rescinded. Except as set forth in this Resolution, the Authorizing Resolution remains in full force and effect.

MOVED BY: Mr. Frink  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Reed

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Savel	Yes
Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Abstain
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: 6 yes, 1 abstain

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Supt. Shellenbarger gave a report on the following items:

- Update on Schalm/Baker RFI
- Change to central office moving plan
- Acknowledgement of work of Athletic Director, Kelly Horne

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS/REPORTS**

Mr. Reed announced his resignation as a board trustee.

### **Acceptance of Resignation of Board Trustee, Thomas Reed, Jr.**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education accepts the resignation of board trustee, Thomas Reed, Jr., effective November 20, 2023.

MOVED BY: Mr. Frink  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Verner



ROLL CALL:

Mr. Reed	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

The board members and superintendent gave their thoughts and thanked Mr. Reed for his service.

### **DISCUSSION OF BOARD MEMBER VACANCY**

The process was discussed as represented in the Board Bylaws and Board Operating Procedures Manual.

An Announcement of Vacancy on the School Board will be posted.

The deadline to apply for the open seat will be Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Noon.

Interviews will be held at the December 18, 2023 regular board meeting.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. NEOLA Policy Committee Meeting – November 27, 2023
- B. Board Member Vacancy Interview – December 18
- C. Election of Board Secretary – December 18
- D. Board Delegate and Representative Replacement Due to Board Vacancy – December 18
- E. Acceptance of Audit
- F. Suicide Prevention – Discussion – December

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Reed, Jr., Secretary  
Clawson Board of Education

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