

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

SPECIAL MEETING

December 4, 2023

PRELIMINARY

The President, Michael Frink, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order in the Clawson High School Media Center at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

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

Administration Present: Billy Shellenbarger

Recording Secretary: Linda Gould

Others in Attendance: Stephen Melchor and Nikki Kerchner

Added for discussion will be:

- Meeting with Billy Shellenbarger, Michael Frink, Clawson Mayor, and Clawson City Manager; and
- Administration Structure

PUBLIC FORUM

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bond Update

Nikki Kerchner presented the construction timeline, bidding and procurement update, budget, and construction and closeout updates.

New CES Classroom Audio

Stephen Melchor, Technology Director, reported that New Classroom Audio Enhancement Systems will be needed for the new elementary classrooms. These systems allow the teacher to use a handheld or lapel microphone to enhance their speech so that all students in the class can hear them loud and clearly. These systems will also connect to the interactive flat panel so students can also clearly hear teacher presentations and associated media. The classroom audio systems from the old middle school were reused at the new middle school since these were a recent purchase. The existing classroom audio systems in the current elementary schools are beyond end of life.

The board will vote to approve the purchase at its December 18, 2023 board meeting with previously allocated bond dollars from the REMC State Bid Cooperative from the vendor, Data Image, in the approximate amount of \$64,565.00.

New CES Classroom AV

Stephen Melchor, Technology Director, reported that in April of 2021, the Clawson Technology Bond Planning Committee recommended that interactive flat panels are required for our classrooms to further interact with students, provide a means for more creative and technology focused instruction in the classroom, and to aid in teaching lessons. The Smart Boards that are currently in our elementary classrooms were purchased with the Tech Bond over a decade ago, are end of life. The new interactive flat panels provide teachers with much more capability to be creative with their lessons, and to better keep students engaged. These interactive flat panels will truly provide a 21st Century classroom experience. We plan for an additional PD for these panels for all staff this spring. The goal is to have these installed in the new elementary classrooms for the start of school in the fall of 2024.

The board will vote to approve the purchase at its December 18, 2023 board meeting with previously allocated bond dollars from an Oakland Schools Cooperative Bid from the vendor, VSC, in the approximate amount of \$249,896.00.

New CES Public Address

Stephen Melchor, Technology Director, reported that with the consistent need for school building safety and security, the new Clawson Elementary School will require new public address speakers and cabling in every classroom, hallway, common area, and exterior.

This will allow building-wide announcements to be heard in every location. The aging speakers and cabling from the old middle school were removed as part of the remodel. However, we will be able to reuse the systems backend from Schalm Elementary ultimately saving cost as that system is not near its end of life. This purchase will include all new speakers, cabling, installation, and training for the staff.

The board will vote to approve the purchase at its December 18, 2023 board meeting with previously allocated bond dollars from the REMC State Bid Cooperative from the vendor, Digital Age Technologies in the approximate amount of \$49,852.98.

Suicide Prevention Discussion

The board discussed slides shared by student, Liam Koenig, that included knowing the warning signs, risk factors, crisis support lines, prevention mission and vision, statistics, and professionals who can support you, and what to do when you suspect impending suicide. They also discussed therapy dogs and the ancillary staff that has been working since COVID with ESSER funds.

8th Grade Washington D.C. Field Trip

Mr. Shellenbarger reported that the 8th Grade Washington D.C. is scheduled for May 6, 2024 through May 9, 2024.

The board will vote on this at its December 18, 2023 regular meeting.

7th Grade Chicago Field Trip

Mr. Shellenbarger reported that the 7th Grade Chicago trip is scheduled for May 9, 2024 through May 10, 2024.

The board will vote on this at its December 18, 2023 regular meeting.

Discussion of NEOLA Policy Committee

Mr. Frink talked about NEOLA policies being reviewed more frequently.

They also discussed reviewing Policy 9700, Relationships With Special Interest Groups.

Meeting Between Schools and City

Billy Shellenbarger, Michael Frink, Clawson Mayor Paula Millan, and Clawson City Manager, Joe Rheker met. The goal of the meeting was to discuss a plan for the two entities to work collaboratively to market our city and school district to bring more families to Clawson. We want to start by putting together a written collaboration plan that shows our commitment to one another then start to plan some initiatives. They again discussed a property swap.

The board discussed a joint meeting with the city.

Administration Structure

Supt. Shellenbarger discussed with the board the potential administration structure moving forward.

Linda Gould reported that there will be an election for two (2) six-year terms on the Oakland Schools Board of Education. It will be held on Monday, June 3, 2024. Oakland Schools board members are elected by an electoral body composed of one person designated by the board of each constituent school district; Ms. Hanser Maynard is our delegate. Additional information will be forwarded to me as the election timeline progresses.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hamilton, Acting Secretary
Clawson Board of Education

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