

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**REGULAR MEETING  
December 18, 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 7:00 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, Dr. Jackie Johnston, Bianca Sines, and Nicole McDonald

Recording Secretary: Linda Gould

Others in Attendance: Christopher King, Steven Snead, Dr. Trone, Melissa Long, Lori Karam, Cole Karam, Megan Meisel, Raven Drew-Hundley, Nicole Seals, George Nason, Jacqueline Stanley, and Michael Fenton

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

Mr. Frink made some minor adjustments to the Agenda. Public Forum will be moved to occur after Recognition of Accomplishment. Also, "negotiations" will be added to Closed Session.

**THIRD GRADE ELA M STEP SCORES**

This fall, we were informed that Clawson Public Schools 3rd Grade Students had the most ELA MStep Growth year over year from 2022 to 2023! Additionally, our students had the second highest growth in ELA MStep from 2019 to 2023. This is certainly something to be proud of and it reinforces the work that we do as educators every single day.

Nicole McDonald introduced Steven Snead from Oakland Schools who gave a short presentation with the data regarding Clawson's great achievement in the 3rd Grade ELA M Step scores.

Our Elementary Curriculum Director, Nicole McDonald, has led the charge with our new reading curriculum and has been integral in the success of our students. We have four Reading Interventionists who work very hard with our students to grow them and ensure they are improving and getting the support they need: Ashley Jones, Liz Barrow Erin Michalak, and Christine Wade.

### **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

Teachers Raven Drew-Hundley, Lori Karam, Megan Meisel, and Miranda Kokeny gave a presentation on a day in kindergarten. The presentation included the morning message, CKLA knowledge/skills, fine motor skills, brain break, small group, play, math, recess, field trips, pack up, and specials.

### **RECOGNITION OF ACCOMPLISHMENT**

Recognized tonight were Steven Lemke, teacher, and Amy Hatto, Occupational Therapist. They are the November 2023 celebrities of the month.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

The following individuals addressed the board regarding the sale of Schalm Elementary:

- Ginny Schalm, 1046 W. Selfridge, Clawson
- Ron McCaulley, 1008 Selfridge, Clawson
- Linda Hale, 940 W. Selfridge, Clawson

### **BOARD CANDIDATE SELECTION PROCESS**

Four individuals applied for the vacant board trustee position. The following board candidates were present: Michael Fenton, George Nason, Nicole Seals, and Jacqueline Stanley

Mr. Frink explained the candidate selection process.

They were each asked a series of 6 questions in a round-robin format that focused on their strengths and qualifications.

After consideration, the board members individually announced their first and second choices (first = 3 points and second = 2 points), and the results were tallied as follows:

	Michael Fenton	George Nason	Nicole Seals	Jacqueline Stanley
Mr. Ewald			2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Mr. Frink			1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
Mrs. Hamilton			2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Ms. Hanser Maynard			1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
Mr. Savel			2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Mr. Verner			1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
TOTAL			15	15

A 7<sup>th</sup> question was asked of Mrs. Seals and Mrs. Stanley due to there being a tie vote.

	Nicole Seals	Jacqueline Stanley
Mr. Ewald	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Mr. Frink	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
Mrs. Hamilton	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Ms. Hanser Maynard	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Mr. Savel	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points
Mr. Verner	1 <sup>st</sup> = 3 points	2 <sup>nd</sup> = 2 points
TOTAL	14	<b>16</b>

After discussion, Mr. Frink offered and Mr. Ewald supported the following motion:

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education nominates Jacqueline Stanley as the candidate to be appointed as board trustee.

## ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

Mrs. Gould administered the Oath of Office to JACQUELINE STANLEY.

## BOARD MEMBER ITEMS

### A. BOARD CORRESPONDENCE:

None

### 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 board will be adopting 5 policies tonight that were reviewed by the policy review committee meeting on November 27, 2023.
- c. Government Relations Committee: Mr. Frink reported that there was no OCSBA GRC committee meeting this month. At the OCSBA joint meeting, the Oakland County School Board Association awarded five (5) five-hundred-dollar (\$500) Trustee scholarships (of which Clawson was one) to the 2024 National School Boards Association (NSBA) Advocacy Institute, January 28-30, 2024 in Washington, DC. A District must have attended at least 50% of the OCSBA Government Relations Committee (GRC) meetings held during calendar year 2023 to be eligible for the drawing.
- d. Facility Committee: Mr. Verner again 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.  
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## BOARD ROUNDTABLE

- Mrs. Hamilton: Mrs. Hamilton gave an update on the Kenwood, MS, and HS PTO/PTSA meetings.
- Mr. Verner Mr. Verner gave a sports update. He also gave an update on AV24 scholarships and increasing his donation to \$25,000.
- Mr. Savel Early Childhood PTO did not meet.
- Mr. Ewald: Schalm PTO did not meet.
- Mrs. Stanley: None
- 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 swim team.

## 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 November 20, 2023, as presented.
  - b. Approves the Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting held on November 27, 2023, as presented.
  - c. Approves the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on December 4, 2023, as presented.
3. Approves the expenditures for the month of December 2023 in the sum of \$836,418.94.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Verner

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**B. Acceptance of Audit**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education accepts the Clawson Public Schools Financial Statements and Single Audit Report dated June 30, 2023, as presented.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**C. Approval of New CES Classroom Audio**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education approves the purchase of New CES Classroom Audio with previously allocated bond dollars from the REMC State Bid Cooperative from the vendor, Data Image, in the approximate amount of \$64,565.00, as presented.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Ewald

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**D. Approval of New CES Classroom AV**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education approves the purchase of New CES Classroom AV with previously allocated bond dollars from an Oakland Schools Cooperative Bid from the vendor, VSC, in the approximate amount of \$249,896.00, as presented.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**E. Approval of New CES Public Address**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education approves the purchase of New CES Public Address 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, as presented.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard  
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Verner

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**F. Approval of 8th Grade Washington D.C. Field Trip**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education approves the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Washington D.C. trip scheduled May 6, 2024 through May 9, 2024, as presented.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner  
SUPPORTED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**G. Approval of 7th Grade Chicago Field Trip**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education approves the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chicago trip scheduled for May 9, 2024 through May 10, 2024, as presented.

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

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes



Mr. Savel Yes  
Mrs. Stanley Yes  
Mr. Verner Yes  
Mr. Frink Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**H. Adoption of NEOLA Policies**

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education adopts the following NEOLA board policies, as presented:

1540	Administrative Staff Reductions/Recalls
2370.01	Online/Blended Learning Program
7540.03	Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety
8305	Information Security
8531	Free and Reduced-Price Meals

MOVED BY: Mr. Frink  
SUPPORTED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

**I. Resolution of Cooperation with the City of Clawson**

WHEREAS, Clawson Public Schools and the City of Clawson recognize the importance of a harmonious and collaborative relationship between the administrations of the school district and city; and

WHEREAS, both bodies have agreed to meet regularly to foster this partnership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clawson and Clawson Public Schools wish to adopt a Proclamation Recognizing Our Renewed Relationship in the near future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education approves the language of the Proclamation Recognizing Our Renewed Relationship as presented and will officially adopt the proclamation at a future joint meeting of the city council and school board.

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

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

### A. Board Officers, Representatives, and Delegates for 2024

The board discussed positions for which they would like to volunteer. These positions will be appointed at the organizational meeting in January.

### B. Oakland Schools County-Wide Enhancement Millage

We had significant conversation in our OCSA meeting Friday about the Oakland County Enhancement Millage. Our ISD is doing a significant amount of diligence to figure out whether or not to put it on the ballot next year. They did a survey and got results back that show “yes” at around 60% in preliminary polls that were conducted via phone. The county group is split related to Board support, and they want an answer from each district in our January meeting whether or not our boards support putting it on the ballot. If it goes on the ballot, that means we have to actively campaign for it from the Superintendent’s perspective. It will be a 1.5 or 1.75 mill increase if passed. Both Macomb and Wayne Counties have passed theirs in recent years.

The board was in consensus that it was not a good time to support placing it on the ballot.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Supt. Shellenbarger gave a report on the following items:

- Saturdays in the high school gymnasium
- Fun Friday at Baker
- MLK Day partnership
- Unified Basketball Update

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

None

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Board Workshop – January 8, 2024
- B. Joint Meeting with the City
- C. Organizational Meeting – January 22, 2024

## **CLOSED SESSION**

### **Adjourn to a Closed Session**

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education adjourns to a closed session for the purpose of negotiations and the superintendent's evaluation.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner  
SUPPORTED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Savel	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes

