

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

August 10, 2020

President Bednard called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

Present: Members Aquino, Bednard, Cardamone, DeMuyndck Zech,
Patzert, Pyden and Sobah
Absent: None
Also, Present: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sederlund, Dr. Blanchard, Dr. Brosky, Ms. Licari,
Mr. Sibley, Mr. Kozlowski, Ms. Blain, Ms. Monnier-White and Ms. Adlam

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 GoToMeeting.

Recognition/Presentations

Superintendent Ron Roberts presented a review of the process to develop our *Return to School Plan*. He reviewed both parent and staff surveys and the major findings. He also reviewed current Macomb County health data related to COVID-19. Considering that data, the recommendation was made to begin the school year with remote instruction with the goal of returning to in-person instruction when conditions are safe. District students have two options: remote learning with the flexibility of returning to the classroom and the Chippewa Valley Virtual Academy (CVVA). This option is a commitment to a full year of on-line learning with limited timeframes for a return to the classroom.

- The Educational Services Department administrators discussed the differences between the two options. Both learning plans will use Chippewa Valley Schools curriculum and the Schoology platform. Learning expectations will be the same as in-person.

MOTION #08/04/20 – Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member Aquino to amend the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Cardamone, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member DeMuyndck Zech, yes; Member Patzert, yes; Member Pyden, yes, and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #08/05/20 – Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Aquino to amend the agenda to ADD New Business Item #G.3 – Adopt Resolution for Re-Opening of Schools for the 2020-2021 School Year.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Pyden, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member DeMuyneck Zech, yes; Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

From the Community

- District teacher and parent, Ms. Stephanie Benesh thanked the administrative staff, the Board of Education for all the work they have done on back to school plan. Ms. Bennett expressed health concerns for students, staff and indicated it was a responsible decision to begin the school year with a remote learning plan.
- District parent, Mr. Nick Iannucci thanked the district for the various options available but had concerns with how often the trends will be looked at and what it will need to look like in order to go back to face-to-face learning. Mr. Iannucci also had questions about devices being provided by the district and if there was a way for a family to purchase their own device at a discount.
- District Parent, Ms. Amy Willie commended the administration and Board of Education for the remote start plan and appreciates all the considerations put forth, especially the health concerns for everyone.

MOTION #08/06/20 – Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member DeMuyneck Zech to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting held on August 03, 2020
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$317,690.28
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$14,191.50
- Approve Personnel Transactions

A roll call vote was taken. Member Pyden, yes; Member DeMuyneck Zech, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

Old Business – None

MOTION #08/07/20 - Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Cardamone that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the Chippewa Valley Schools COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan informed by the Michigan Safe Schools: Michigan's 2020-21 Return to School Roadmap.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Pyden, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member DeMuyck Zech, yes; Member Patzert, no; and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #08/08/20 - Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Pyden that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt new Board Policy # 2235 – Student Schedules, and the reading of the policy be waived.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Aquino, yes; Member Pyden, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member DeMuyck Zech; yes, Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes.–**Motion carried.**

MOTION #08/09/20 - Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt a resolution to begin the 2020-2021 school year providing remote instruction and to monitor information related to COVID-19 for a possible return to in-person instruction at a later date.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Chippewa Valley Schools has concluded that, based on current information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic, re-opening the District to in-person instruction at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year poses an unreasonable threat to the health and safety of District staff, students, and families; and,

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully considered the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic in relation to the pros and cons of re-opening school for in-person instruction given the alternatives that exist for continuing the education of District students;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED:

1. The District will not re-open for in-person instruction at the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year; and, instead, will continue the education of all District students through various means of virtual instruction;
2. The Board will carefully monitor information concerning the COVID-19 pandemic and will re-open school for in-person instruction when, in the Board's discretion, it is reasonably safe to do so; and,
3. The Chippewa Valley Virtual Academy will remain an option for District parents and students during the 2020-2021 school year.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Pyden, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member DeMuyneck Zech; no, Member Patzert, no and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

Union Communication

- Ms. MaryAnne Levine (CVEA President) thanked the Board of Education and Administration for making the decision to start school virtually.
- Ms. Kelly Geck (Chairperson, Paraprofessional Unit) thanked the Board of Education and Administration for their commitment to keeping all staff and students safe by starting the school year remotely.

Administration Reports

- Superintendent Ron Roberts expressed the need to address technology needs for the successful opening of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Ms. Sarah Monnier-White (Director, Technology) discussed district needs related to technology considering a remote start to the school year. She presented various options for Board of Education consideration.

Curriculum Reports - None

Of and by Board Members

- Member DeMuyck Zech expressed interest in supporting administration in implementing programs to address student need considering a remote start to the school year. She thought a committee process might be useful.
- Member Bednard, based on emails received, thought plans should be developed to support students with special needs.
- Member Aquino suggested Board of Education workshops as a means to review the many issues facing the district.
- Member Patzert is concerned about our students being able to focus in a remote setting for learning.

MOTION #08/10/20 – Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member Pyden that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session (*8.c. – Negotiations*).

A roll call vote was taken. Member Cardamone, yes; Member Pyden, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member DeMuynck Zech, yes; Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:30 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:36 p.m.

MOTION #08/11/20 – Moved by Member Patzert and supported by Member Cardamone to amend the agenda.

A roll call vote was taken. Member Patzert, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member DeMuynck Zech, yes; Member Pyden, yes; and Member Sobah, yes.- **Motion carried.**

MOTION #08/12/20 – Moved by Member DeMuynck Zech and supported by Member Pyden to *add* New Business Item #M.1 – Approve CVEA Contract Extension and *move* adjournment to Item #N.

A roll call vote was taken. Member DeMuynck Zech, yes; Member Pyden, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #08/13/20 – Moved by Member DeMuynck Zech and supported by Member Pyden to that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the Tentative Agreement reached on August 05, 2020, for a new contract with the CVEA. This collective bargaining agreement was ratified by the CVEA on August 10, 2020.

A roll call vote was taken. Member DeMuynck Zech, yes; Member Pyden, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

MOTION #08/14/20 – Moved by Member DeMuyck Zech and supported by Member Pyden to adjourn the meeting.

A roll call vote was taken. Member DeMuyck Zech, yes; Member Pyden, yes; Member Aquino, yes; Member Bednard, yes; Member Cardamone, yes; Member Patzert, yes and Member Sobah, yes. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cardamone, Secretary
Board of Education