

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

October 01, 2020

President Bednard called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was waived.

Present: Members Aquino, Bednard, Cardamone, DeMuyneck 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.

Additions/Deletions - None

Recognition/Presentations

- The Superintendent and administrators from the Educational Services Department presented a plan to bring K-5 students and those with special needs back to school with a hybrid schedule. The following information was presented:
 - Scheduling
 - Safety protocols
 - Transportation, lunch, delivery of special classes, e.g., art
 - Timeline for implementation

From the Community

1. Ms. Eleanor Coker (district parent) has concerns with children wearing masks for any length of time. She suggested the district have parents sign a waiver when kids don't wear a mask. She also asked to bring back work experience program for CLP students.
2. Ms. Angela Gerrard (district parent) encouraged the Board of Education to vote yes for hybrid K-5 plan and consider not masking young children while at their desks.

3. Ms. Sarah Broderick (district parent) had concerns with how the students will get educated when going to school only 2-3 days a week.
4. Ms. Maria Loeza (district parent) encourages children going back to school face to face and full time as long as they wear a mask all day.
5. Ms. Gretchen Vermiglio (grandparent/retired teacher) has concerns that there is no plan to bring all students back. She believes children are suffering mentally, socially and educationally.
6. Ms. Carly Miller (district parent) has concerns with the safe return to school criteria being used. Feels it's being done prematurely and that a safe return to school needs to be guided by science and core epidemiological principles.
7. Dr. Robin Paniccia (district parent) thanked everyone for what has been done so far, and votes for the return to school.
8. Ms. Bridget Blackwell (Elementary Science Teacher) concerned with her family and families in the district with prematurely opening of face to face instruction with cases on the rise. Health of students and staff should be of most concern. Continue providing remote instruction until it is truly safe.
9. Mr. Richard Werner (district parent) has concerns with sending his son back to school right now. He feels this is not the right time to send them back with COVID cases on the rise. Children are doing well with remote learning.
10. Ms. Andrea Biondo (district parent) has concerns with children wearing masks all day.
11. Ms. Anna Neuner (district parent) wants a return plan for upper grades. Suggested we look at private schools to see why they are successful with face to face.
12. Ms. Natalie Gail (district parent) has concerns with remote learning. She feels kids are struggling with it and all kids need to be back in school full time.
13. Ms. Melissa Rice (district parent) feels all kids should be back to school and in the classroom.
14. Ms. Lisa Radue (district parent) feels all children are ready to go back to school and doesn't understand the decision to bring elementary students back first.
15. Ms. Sondra Gerardi (district parent) expressed concerns with on-line security and safety and with the security of passwords and is concerned about cyber-bullying.

MOTION #10/01/20 – Moved by Member DeMuyneck Zech and supported by Member Pyden to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 21, 2020
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$1,974,801.91
- Approve Wire Transfers, ACH and Payments Report in the amount of \$5,434,986.72
- Approve 2018 Building & Site Payments Report in the amount of \$169,342.38
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$48,907.88
- Approve Personnel Transactions

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

Old Business – None

MOTION #10/02/20 - Moved by Member DeMuyneck Zech and supported by Member Cardamone that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the 2018 Bond Issue Change Order Summary Report for the month of August 2020.

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

MOTION #10/03/20 - Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Sobah that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve a contract award to R.E. Whittaker in the amount of \$45,337.50.

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

MOTION #10/04/20 - Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Pyden that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve a contract award to Owen Tree Service based on per unit contract costs.”

Tree Removal
\$253.24 / hour

Limb Trimming
\$180.00 / tree

Stump Grinding
\$6.76 / inch diameter

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

MOTION #10/05/20 - Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member DeMuyneck Zech that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the *Chippewa Valley Schools' Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (Section 98a) for the 2020-2021 School Year*.

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

MOTION #10/06/20 - Moved by Member DeMuyneck Zech and supported by Member Patzert that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve returning the following categories of students to school for in-person instruction. This will include the following students:

- Grades K-5 hybrid model
- ECSE (Early Childhood Special Education) traditional model
- CLP (Creative Learning Program, Grades K-12) traditional model

The target date for return is Monday, October 12, 2020

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

Union Communication - None

Administration Reports None

Curriculum Reports - None

Of and by Board Members

- Member Cardamone indicated that returning students to the classrooms was one of the most difficult decisions she has made.
- Member Patzert asked that the district provide contact information for those students and families who need to talk to someone.
- Member Sobah thanked the administration for their hard work and making sure everyone will be safe during this.
- Member Aquino emphasized she is extremely proud and thankful for the tireless work the administration has done. She also thanked all the teachers for the outstanding job they are doing to bring some normalcy to our students.
- Member DeMuynck Zech inquired about the grades 6-12 timeline and when that will be presented to the Board of Education.
- President Bednard emphasized his appreciation for everything the administration has done.

MOTION #10/07/20 – Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member Sobah to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cardamone, Secretary
Board of Education