

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

October 05, 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, 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 - None

From the Community

1. Mr. Richard Werner (district parent) is disappointed in decision to send kids back to school. He does not think it is the right time.
2. Ms. Angela Gerrard (district parent) thanked the Board of Education for the votes to bring kids back to the buildings. She asked the Board of Education to consider no masks while students are at their desk. Ms. Gerrard also wants to move ahead and return grades 6-12 to the buildings.
3. Ms. Pamela Simone (district parent) is asking that students not wear masks at desks.
4. Mr. Bill Pulkovski (district parent) thanked teachers for what they are doing and feels his children are doing very well virtually and thinks we are opening too soon based on current information.

MOTION #10/08/20 – Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member Pyden to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 01, 2020
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$273,339.86
- Approve 2018 Building & Site Payments Report in the amount of \$1,067,246.00
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$31,978.12
- Approve Personnel Transactions

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

Old Business – None

MOTION #10/09/20 - Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Pyden that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the Resolution for the Chippewa Valley School District to observe October 2020 as Red Ribbon Month.

Chippewa Valley Schools
**RED RIBBON/SUBSTANCE
ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**



RESOLUTION

WHEREAS Youth use of alcohol, marijuana, other drugs, vaping, and prescription drug abuse is a serious problem across our nation,

WHEREAS October 2019 is "Red Ribbon Month", a national celebration to promote a drug-free America,

WHEREAS Chippewa Valley Schools recognizes that the combined efforts of parents, students, school, and community are needed to address the alcohol, marijuana, other drug use, vaping, and prescription drug abuse of our students,

WHEREAS the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families, a school-community coalition, is working to support Chippewa Valley School's on-going drug prevention efforts,

**THEREFORE,
BE IT RESOLVED** that October 2019 will be celebrated in Chippewa Valley Schools as "*Red Ribbon Month*". Red Ribbon Month will be dedicated to educating our students, staff, parents, and community about the dangers of youth use of alcohol, marijuana, other drugs, vaping, and prescription drug abuse and to promote safe, healthy, and drug-free youth,

**BE IT FURTHER
RESOLVED** that this resolution, having been adopted by the Chippewa Valley Board of Education on October 7, 2019 be announced to the public, and be made a permanent part of the records of the Chippewa Valley Board of Education.

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

MOTION #10/10/20 - Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Sobah that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve SEHI Computer Products, Inc., for the purchase of 9,300 student computer systems at the cost of \$5,347,500.

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

Union Communication - None

Administration Reports

Superintendent Roberts reported on the following:

- Recognized retirees, Cyndi Emmi, Robert Newvine and Mark Faoro as exemplary district employees and congratulated them on their retirement.
- Commended the work the Chippewa Valley Coalition for Youth and Families has done for our district under the direction of Dr. Charlene McGunn. He also recognized the Coalition Teen Councils. The coalition is sponsoring many remote activities to bring attention to the importance of keeping our youth drug and alcohol free.
- Discussed supporting facial coverings (masks) for Chippewa Valley Schools and the need to promote safety for students and staff. The requirement to wear facial coverings and follow social distancing guidelines was described in the CVS COVID-19 Return to School Requirements which was approved by the Board of Education last week. Clear information about masks is detailed in our Return to School Guidelines. As of today, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is also recommending wearing facial coverings. The Chippewa Valley Schools will require face masks for all students K-12.

- Superintendent Roberts discussed some of information occurring since the announcement of a return to school for K-5 students as well as special needs students. In August, parents were asked to decide to participate in the Chippewa Valley Virtual Academy (CVVA) or not. Currently, some parents would like to make a change to leave the CVVA and go hybrid or not go hybrid and join the CVVA. Setting up the schedules for all CVS students and staff is very complex. Moving students in and out of teaching formats will be extremely disruptive. At the secondary level will be even more difficult. The district is currently making lists and will give serious consideration to all requests. Medical reasons to switch to hybrid will be given top priority.

Curriculum Reports

Dr. Donald Brosky (Asst. Superintendent Educational Services) along with the Educational Services team presented a proposed learning plan for secondary instruction to go hybrid. Some of the topics of discussion included:

- Proposed schedules
- Returning students in phases
- Facial coverings
- Hybrid preparations
- Cafeteria social distancing
- Classroom social distancing

A proposed return date for secondary students to go hybrid is November 9, 2020.

Of and by Board Members

- Member DeMuynck Zech inquired about food services for district students and the future Board of Education meeting formats.
- Member Cardamone suggested bringing secondary students into hybrid format in phases with middle school students returning first.
- Board of Education members discussed returning to an in-person meeting format for the October 19th Board of Education meeting.

MOTION #10/11/20 – Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Aquino to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cardamone, Secretary
Board of Education