

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING  
Administration Building  
October 23, 2023**

President Kenneth Pearl called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present: Members Aquino, Gura, King, Pearl, Sobah, Wade and Wojtowicz  
Absent: None  
Also, Present: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sederlund, Dr. Blanchard, Dr. Brosky, Mr. Sibley,  
Dr. Langlands, Ms. Blain, Ms. Monnier-White and Ms. Adlam

Roll Call taken.

Board President Kenneth Pearl read new rules all attendees must follow when attending Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education meetings. These new rules are in place to ensure an orderly meeting takes place, and that attendees feel safe.

**MOTION #10/10/23** – Moved by Member King and supported by Member Gura to approve the agenda. **Motion passes 6-1 with Member Wojtowicz voting against.**

**Presentation/Recognitions**

- Chippewa Valley High Schools students performed a special preview of *SpongeBob the Musical* under the direction of choir teacher, Mr. James Pecar and piano accompanist, Ms. Olivia Ferguson.

**MOTION #10/11/23** – Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Sobah to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 09, 2023.
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$1,531,227.26.
- Approve Wire Transfers, ACH and Payments Report in the amount of \$9,584,195.93.
- Approve 2018 Building and Site Check Register in the amount of \$463,431.87.
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$121,845.05.
- Approve Personnel Transactions.

**Motion passes 6-1 with Member Wojtowicz voting against.**

**MOTION #10/12/23** – Moved by Member Sobah and supported by Member Gura that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education take a ten (10) minute recess in order for retirement attendees to leave. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

**MOTION #10/13/23** – Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Gura that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the 2018 Bond Issue Change Order Summary Report for the month of September 2023. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

**MOTION #10/14/23** – Moved by Member Gura and supported Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education award contracts totaling \$4,894,634.00 to the following contractors for the summer 2024 renovation and sitework projects at various buildings throughout the district.

<b><u>Bid Category</u></b>	<b><u>Contractor</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
Moving Services	Palmer Moving Services	\$50,470
General Trades	BJ Construction Services Inc	\$219,006
Roofing Work	Superior Services RSH, Inc	\$325,051
Flooring Work (w/o Track)	Floor Craft Floor Covering	\$685,009
Indoor Running Track	Dynamic Sports Construction	\$182,705
Fixed Audience Seating	Irwin Seating Company	\$234,700
Conveying Systems	Lardner Elevator Co	\$158,928
Mechanical Work	Contrast Mechanical	\$2,190,000
Electrical Work	DeHondt Electric	\$89,085
Site Work	T&M Asphalt	<u>\$759,680</u>
		\$4,894,634

**Ayes all, Motion carried.**

**MOTION #10/15/23** – Moved by Member Sobah and supported Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt a resolution recognizing October 2023 as Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month. **Ayes all, Motion carried.**



## Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education

### Resolution for Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month

**WHEREAS**, energetic and inspiring school leadership is essential to Michigan's schools in order to prepare students for success, both during their PreK-12 years and beyond; and,

**WHEREAS**, principals/assistant principals are entrusted with the educational development of young people and serve as educational visionaries, instructional leaders, assessment experts, community builders, facility managers, special programs administrators, and guardians of various legal, contractual, and policy mandates and initiatives; and,

**WHEREAS**, principals/assistant principals set the academic tone for their schools and work collaboratively with teachers and parents to develop and implement a clear mission, high curriculum standards, and performance goals; and,

**WHEREAS**, principals/assistant principals play a vital role in the success of students by creating school environments that facilitate great teaching and learning, as well as continuous school improvement; and,

**WHEREAS**, principals/assistant principals make significant contributions to the success of PreK-12 students by acting as the liaison between the school and the community it serves, ensuring that parents and the community are aware of student and school achievements; and,

**WHEREAS**, the celebration of Principals/Assistant Principals Month honors elementary, middle, and high school principals and recognizes the importance of school leadership in ensuring every child has access to a high-quality education; and,

**WHEREAS**, during this month, we join educators, parents, and students throughout Michigan to raise awareness of the importance of educational leadership and recognize and thank the hard-working principals/assistant principals in Michigan schools who set exemplary standards of service;

**NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED**, that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education recognized the month of October 2023 as Principals Month; and honors the contributions of principals in the elementary, middle, and high schools of Chippewa Valley Schools.

*Kenneth Pearl*

Kenneth Pearl, Board of Education President  
Chippewa Valley Schools

*Ron Roberts*

Ron Roberts, Superintendent  
Chippewa Valley Schools

**Union Communications** - None

**Curriculum Updates** – None

**Administrative Reports**

- Mr. Scott Sederlund (Asst. Superintendent, Business & Operations) provided the Board of Education an update of the electric savings for the 2022/23 school year by participating in the electric choice program with MISEC. (Michigan’s Schools Energy Cooperative).
- Dr. Donald Brosky (Asst. Superintendent Educational Services) and Mr. Paul Sibley (Exec. Director, Secondary Education) provided an in-depth presentation entitled, *Ensuring Student Success*.

**From the Community**

- Public Comments/audience participation

**Of and By Board Members**

- Member Wojtowicz thanked the CVHS students who performed at the board meeting. He also referenced a resolution he wanted to bring forward, as well as his desire to discuss bullying. Member Wojtowicz expressed concerns about lawsuits if issues are not addressed.
- Member Gura thanked Dr. Brosky and Mr. Sibley for their presentation. Mr. Gura mentioned that he and the other board members attended the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Be Aware of Youth Suicide 5K/Walk, and how this was a well-attended and successful event.
- Member Pearl reported on the football game between CVHS and Bear Creek (Canadian team).

- Member Aquino recognized the students who came to perform music from *SpongeBob the Musical* and thanked the teachers who lead these students everyday in school. Ms. Aquino also emphasized how the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports) philosophy works best in our schools and appreciated the thorough presentation by Mr. Sibley and Dr. Brosky.
- Member Wade addressed the audience on the board’s commitment to listen to the community. He also indicated an excerpt of a book read at the last meeting was not from a book in our media centers.
- Member King addressed a sign displayed by a member of the audience. He indicated it should say, “Save All the Children.” He also disagreed with another board member who indicated he was not receiving information from the district.

**MOTION #10/16/23** - Moved by Member Sobah and supported by Member King to adjourn the meeting. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sobah, Secretary  
Board of Education