

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

October 19, 2020

President Bednard called the meeting to order at 6:30 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

Effective October 16, 2020, Governor Gretchen Whitmer signed Senate Bill 1108 amending the Open Meetings Act (OMA) to allow public bodies to conduct electronic “virtual” meetings with remote participation for any reason through the end of 2020, and in 2021 under specific circumstances. This amendment applies retroactively to March 18, 2020.

Additions/Deletions - None

Recognition/Presentations

- Plante Moran representatives, Ms. Jennifer Chambers and Mr. Kevin Taratuta, presented their report of the district’s financial statements for fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Per Plante Moran, the district had a successful audit with clean opinions, which is an outstanding accomplishment.
- Dr. Donald Brosky (Asst. Superintendent Educational Services) along with the Educational Services team presented an overview of the preparations in place for the transition of the secondary level to hybrid instruction.
- Superintendent Roberts discussed COVID-19 data as it relates to the safe opening of our secondary schools.
- Superintendent Robert introduced Ms. Amanda Snider, recommended the candidate for the position of Dietitian/Food Coordinator.

From the Community

1. Ms. Angela Gerrard (district parent) continues to support hybrid learning. Encourages moving forward to bring back middle and high school. She has concerns with mask wearing for small children.
2. Mr. Mason Barrett (student) indicated he wants to go back to school. He feels computer learning is not working. Mason asks that the district open all the schools.
3. Ms. Kim Johnston (teacher) has concerns returning to hybrid instruction. Wants nothing more than going back to school to be with students. Returning to the classroom now would be a disservice to the students. Ms. Johnston believes failure rates would rise.
4. Ms. Khanam Setara (student) is very concerned about returning to in-person learning and feels it's risking her safety and the safety of her loved ones.
5. Ms. Yasmin Michalowicz (district parent) encourages the transition to hybrid learning. She feels her son is spending too much time in front of the computer and that it's causing stress for her son.
6. Ms. Terrylynn Steele (district parent) feels this is an impossible task and thinks the kids need to be back to in-person learning. Doesn't want her son or any other students to fall behind. Ms. Steele wants school to go back face-to-face.
7. Mr. Tom Sokol (district parent) complimented the efforts of the administration with regards to all the planning involved in bringing kids back to the buildings. Mr. Sokol addressed some Facebook concerns he has with Chippewa Valley Schools. He also indicated he would like to see all schools go back full-time face-to-face and feels it can be done since other school districts are making it happen.
8. Mr. Stephen Gaitens (community member/educator for neighboring district) indicated he feels students will be put at risk by going back to in-person instruction. Feels masks should be worn because it protects the person next to you.
9. Ms. Andrea Granata (district parent) has concerns with the hybrid plan at the high school level, specifically, how the district will be quarantining students. She feels the proposed hybrid plan is a step backwards and thinks 5 days of instruction if best for kids.
10. Ms. Angi Simon(district parent) thanked the Board of Education and Superintendent at last board meeting. Ms. Simon wants middle school students back to in-person learning, in front of teachers.
11. Ms. Jena Shannon (parent of IAM student/nurse) has concerns with the health affects on young people returning to in-person learning. Based on her experience, she believes we should remain in remote learning. Her 11th grade son fears returning to the classroom. She thinks by keeping kids at home it will save lives.

MOTION #10/12/20 – Moved by Member DeMuyck Zech and supported by Member Pyden to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Special Meeting held on October 05, 2020
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$387,035.41
- Approve Deb Fund Check Register in the amount of \$7,149,308.63
- Approve 2018 Building & Site Payments Report in the amount of \$1,127,169.42
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$36,965.57
- Approve Personnel Transactions

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

**Note: Member Patzert was experiencing audio issues during this roll call.*

Old Business – None

MOTION #10/13/20 - Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the appointment of Ms. Amanda Snider to the position of Dietitian/Food Coordinator. Effective start date is October 26, 2020.

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

MOTION #10/14/20 - Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Sobah that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the 2018 Bond Issue Change Order Summary Report for the month of September 2020.

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

MOTION #10/15/20 - Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education award contracts totaling \$202,996.00 for water bottle fill stations district-wide to the following contractors:

<u>Bid Category</u>	<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total</u>
Mechanical	Watson Brothers	\$147,800.00
Electrical	Shoreview Electric	\$55,196.00

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.**

MOTION #10/16/20 - Moved by Member Pyden and supported by Member Cardamone that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt new Board Policy 2266 – Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Sex in District Programs or Activities, and the reading of the policy be waived.

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

MOTION #10/17/20 - Moved by Member DeMuyck Zech and supported by Member Patzert that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve returning students in grades 6-12 to school for in-person instruction in a hybrid model.

The target date for return is Monday, November 9, 2020.

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

Union Communication - None

Administration Reports - None

Note: Member DeMuyck Zech excused from meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Curriculum Reports - None

Of and by Board Members

- Member Aquino wants to re-look at returning students to in-person instruction at the November 2nd Board of Education Meeting. She is concerned with the safety for students and staff.

MOTION #10/18/20 – Moved by Member Cardamone and supported by Member Pyden that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session (*8.h. – Attorney/Client Privilege*).

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

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 9:55 p.m.

Note: Member DeMuyck Zech returned to meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Meeting reconvened into Open Session at 11:00 p.m.

MOTION #10/19/20 – Moved by Member Patzert and supported by Member Sobah to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Cardamone, Secretary
Board of Education