

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
Administration Building
October 21, 2024**

President Pearl called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

Present: Members Aquino, Gura, King, Pearl, Wade and Wojtowicz
Absent: Member Sobah (Excused)
Also, Present: Mr. Roberts, Mr. Sederlund, Dr. Brosky, Dr. Blanchard, Mr. Sibley,
Ms. Blain, Ms. Licari, Dr. Langlands, Mr. Kava, Ms. Monnier-White
and Ms. Adlam

Roll Call taken.

MOTION #10/01/24 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino to approve the agenda. **Yes all, motion carried.**

Presentations/Recognitions

- Superintendent Roberts recognized Macomb County College (MCC) instructor, Ms. Amy Garrison, who attended the board meeting with twenty-five students from Macomb Community College.
- Mr. James Pecar (CVHS Choir Director) and Ms. Olivia Ferguson (Piano Accompanist) presented a preview of the Chippewa Valley High School production of Cinderella. Students Julia Johnson and McKenzie Martin who both will be portraying Cinderella, performed musical numbers from the production. Tickets available at: www.cvhsmusicals.org

MOTION #10/02/24 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Wade to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Regular Meeting Minutes held on September 30, 2024.
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$2,744,159.41.
- Approve Debt Fund Check Register in the amount of \$6,411,298.33.
- Approve Wire Transfers, ACH, and Payments Report in the amount of \$7,867,893.62.
- Approve 2018 Building and Site Check Register in the amount of \$503,103.00.
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$137,961.93.
- Approve Personnel Transactions.

Motion passes 5-1 with Member Wojtowicz voting against.

Old Business – None

MOTION #10/03/24 – 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 2024. **Yes all, motion carried.**

MOTION #10/04/24 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Wade that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt a resolution recognizing October 2024 as Principal/Assistant Principal Appreciation Month. **Yes 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 2024 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

MOTION #10/05/24 – Moved by Member Aquino and supported by Member Gura that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt the following Board Policies and that the reading of these polices be waived:

Policy Number	Policy Name	Updated/New
2105	Mission of the District	Updated
2112	Parents and Family Engagement	Updated
2210	Curriculum Development-Approved Courses	Updated
2261	Title 1 Services	Updated
2261.01	Parent and Family Member Participation in Title 1	Updated
2265	Child Care Center Staff and Volunteers	New Policy
2270	Religion in the Curriculum	Updated
2271	Post Secondary (Dual) Enrollment Option Program	New Policy
2411	Guidance and Counseling	New Policy
2412	Homebound Instruction Program	Updated
2414	Reproductive Health	Updated
2416	Student Privacy and Parent Access to Information	New Policy
2623	Student Assessment	New Policy
2628	State Aid Incentives	New Policy

Motion passes 5-1 with Member Wojtowicz voting against.

Union Communications – None

Curriculum Updates

Superintendent Roberts discussed the following:

- Educational Services presentation to the Curriculum Sub-Committee during the sub-committee's meeting and how informative and well done it was. It was suggested by the Curriculum Sub-Committee that this presentation be given to the full board at a future meeting.
- Presented a first edition article from the Michigan Department of Education's newsletter, English Learners, in which (Chippewa Valley Schools) is highlighted.

Administrative Reports – None

Member Ken Pearl read the following statement:

At the September 30, 2024, Board meeting, transparency was addressed during the public comment section of the meeting. Section 18 of the State School Aid Act requires specific information to be provided on the district's website in order to provide transparency to the public. Such information includes, but is not limited to, collective bargaining agreements, employee salary information, costs of health benefits, and annual audits.

As part of the district's transparency obligations, the district's auditor presented the audited financial statements at the September 30, 2024, meeting. The audit presented was considered a "clean audit" and demonstrated the district added to its fund balance. Moreover, the District's finance department was praised for the financial health of the district.

Several individual District expenditures were mentioned during public comment of the September 30, 2024, Board meeting. Statements were made that transparency is a huge issue and the community has a right to know where the district's money is going. Clearly, the community can see where money is being spent based on the district's check register. The individual expenditures that were questioned ranged in amounts from \$825.00 dollars to \$134,000.00 dollars. The District operates a budget of over \$200,000,000 dollars. Such a budget includes thousands of individual expenditures. It is impossible to provide detailed information to the community regarding each expenditure. This is precisely why the legislature requires information to be provided on the district's website. Moreover, it is why the district provides more information than is required by statute by including details of the check register that is approved after every Board meeting. The district's website where the check register is available in the Board of Education section addresses such transparency and desire to provide information to the public, and states as follows:

In our ongoing efforts to provide our community with information about our schools, we have created this easy-to-read Online Check Register. The CVS General Fund Check Register allows our taxpayers to see how the district spends its money on products and services. Checks are listed by date by the vendor and may include several payments for various purchase orders and/or check requests.

The Board is proud of the district's financial health and the management of the district's huge budget by a great finance team and central office staff that accounts for expenses which are approximately 2% lower than the state average for such expenses in other school districts. For Chippewa Valley, this amounts to roughly \$4,000,000.00 dollars that can otherwise be spent in the classroom.

The Board is committed to transparency and will continue to meet its obligations to provide information to the public. We always welcome comments at our Board meetings and wanted to provide this information in response to statements at previous meetings.

End of statement.

From the Community

- Public Comments/audience participation

Of and By Board Members

Member Gura addressed the following:

- Thanked the Chippewa Valley High School students who performed music from the production of Cinderella this evening and complimented Mr. James Pecar on how much he does for the CVHS.
- Thanked Stephanie Lange and Dr. Charlene McGunn for putting on a great 16th annual *Be Aware 5K Walk/Run to Raise Awareness for Youth Suicide Prevention* event, and complimented Member Shannon King who was one of the speakers.

Member Wojtowicz addressed the following:

- Complimented Mr. James Pecar and his team for the CVHS musical production performance of Cinderella. He encouraged everyone to see this performance.

Member King addressed the following:

- Coalition sponsored 5K walk/run for youth suicide awareness and how incredible this event was and the great message this event promoted.
- He encouraged everyone to focus on positive things in our district and our community. We need to celebrate and bring everyone and everything together. This district has great administrators, programs, and families and thinks everyone should be using positive energy to focus on all the great things this district has.
- Spoke of attending the Battle of the Bands event at CVHS. He recognized the Booster parents and volunteers who put in time and effort to coordinate the event.

Member Aquino addressed the following:

- The 16th Annual Be Aware 5K Walk/Run for Youth Suicide Prevention was a wonderfully successful event with so many people telling their message of acceptance, love, and inclusion.
- The Educational Services Department did a phenomenal job presenting to the Curriculum Sub-Committee on the guidance and support they provide for staff and students. The sub-committee recommended that they make this presentation to the full board.
- Questioned the validity of some comments made in *From the Community*, from those who are not district residents nor students.

Member Wade addressed the following:

- The Annual 5K walk/run for youth suicide prevention was a successful event and wanted to recognize the young people who participated and volunteered and how this special event recognized the need to help those in crisis. Thank you to all who participated. Also, thanks to Member King for bringing all the donuts to this event.

Member Pearl addressed the following:

- He, along with Member King, attended the CVHS volleyball game before they went to the Battle of the Bands. Both events were great.

MOTION #10/06/24 - Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member King that the meeting be adjourned into Executive Session (*8.c. – Negotiations*).

A roll call vote was taken. Member Gura, yes; Member Wojtowicz, yes; Member Wade, yes; Member King, yes; Member Aquino, yes and Member Pearl, yes.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 8:26 p.m.

MOTION #10/06/24 - Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Wojtowicz to adjourn the meeting. **Yes all, motion carried.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon King, Secretary
Chippewa Valley Schools