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Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2025

Croswell Early Childhood Center

Called to Order	6:03 p.m. Called to order by President, Rachel Eichhorst. 6 members present. 1 member (Rice) arrived late (6:05 p.m.)
Pledge of Allegiance	Led by the Board
Approved	<p>Agenda for June 23, 2025 Regular Meeting. Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Agenda Approved.</p> <p>Ms. Eichhorst read amendments to the agenda. Resolution 60a (Policy 6002) will be tabled to seek more legal advice, resolution #67 (Bond Application) was added and Item O (Closed Session) will be moved after the last public comment. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried. Amendments approved.</p>
Bulldog Spotlight	None
Presentations	<p>Mrs. Laseke Executive Director of Business Services, gave a presentation on the annual budget hearing. She shared debt fund information - the total taxable values of all properties and the levy needed to pay the debt. The sinking fund and what it can and cannot be used for was explained and the total debt levy was shared. A district overview of financials was given – the annual budget, foundation allowance per pupil and fund balance for 24/25. Changes in revenue and expenditures for 24/25 were reported. ESSER III expenditures were listed. General fund financials for 24/25 were reported and the fund equity balance is expected to be 23.63%. Original and final budgets were shared for community services & child development, book store, food services and student activity fund. Projected budget assumptions for 25/26 were given with an estimated enrollment increase and per-pupil foundation allowance was shared. The per pupil foundation allowance was explained. We are using governor's budget for projections. District leadership priorities were listed. Original budget numbers for 2025 were shared. Original budget expenditures are expected to exceed revenues and fund balance is expected to be 19.13% for 25/26. Mrs. Laseke shared a few items that will continue to be worked on going forward.</p>
Budget Hearing Public Comment	None
Approved	<p>Consent Action Items A-E. Banach moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Fund Bills (check register)• Financial Reports (summary, revenue & expense reports)• Wire Transfer report• Purchasing Card Expenditures• Minutes from Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2025

**Informational
Updates/New
Business**

Annual June Approvals:

- MHSAA Membership for 2025-26
Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- MASB Membership for 2025-26
Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Virtual Online Course Providers (GenNet, Michigan Virtual, Lincoln Learning)
Bowman moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- Pay for Participation Fees 2025-26 – Continuing the current suspension
Antoine moved. Banach supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.
- StormWater Management Consultant Annual Renewal – Arch Environmental
Banach moved. Boyer supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Eichhorst mentioned that she would like to get further clarification on the MASB Membership and perhaps it could be discussed at a future workshop.

Communications – None

Committee Reports -

Curriculum – Ms. Eichhorst gave a curriculum meeting report. Discussions took place on the 4 resolutions pertaining to curriculum. They spoke about the math pilot and the selection of 'Bridges for Mathematics' at the elementary level. RMS would like to use Illustrative 360 which is an update to the current curriculum used. No decisions have been made on the high school math. The new personal finance graduation requirement starting with 2028 graduates was discussed and how it will be implemented. They spoke regarding supplemental materials for the RHS ELA curriculum which was approved last year and looked at updates to the Student/Parent handbooks.

Safety – Ms. Bowman stated that they met Sgt. Petrykowski (WA Twp. Substation Commander) who attends the quarterly security meetings and reviews the shift reports in order to stay informed of incidents in our district. They had discussions on the relocation/reunification process and RHS Video Production students are producing videos to help with this. Follow-up discussions took place on parent outreach events. They discussed in-school violence prevention and incident notifications and the subcommittee acknowledged the need for better communication and more timely reports. A Heart Safe certification update was given and all schools are now Heart Safe certified.

Finance – Mr. Antoine stated that everything that was covered in the budget hearing presentation is what was discussed at the meeting.

Facilities – Ms. Banach gave a facilities meeting report. Barton Malow gave updates on Group 2 projects. Discussions took place regarding the need for a track storage shed. Group 3 projects were discussed and a potential turf option was discussed for the RHS courtyard project. Change order updates were reviewed, one of which is on the agenda tonight. They discussed the sinking fund and the elevator at the Admin. Building.

Superintendent's Report –

Academic Services Update - Elementary

Ms. McFarlane stated that summer skills began today and is being hosted at Indian Hills. There are 8 classrooms and all teachers are Romeo teachers.

Secondary – Ms. McFarlane stated that RHS Credit Recovery began today and that there are 2 open secondary positions which they will be hiring for – RMS Assistant Principal and Special Ed. Supervisor.

District Leadership Team Priorities – 2025-2026

Group 3 projects pertaining to Resolution 63 (K-5 Bridges in Mathematics adoption, K-12 Cycle of Interdependence and Capturing Kids Hearts) are on the agenda. The full adoption for Bridges in Mathematics will take place in the 26-27 school year. Capturing

Kids Hearts will continue to support RMS and Hamilton-Parsons and we may have a path for Amanda Moore to join as well.

Ms. Eichhorst asked if CKH has an annual fee. Ms. McFarlane stated the heavy cost is in the first year and that we are moving to a district license.

Ms. Bowman asked if it is the goal to get CKH in all the elementary schools. Dr. Robinson responded that it is not. The schools have an autonomy to choose that curriculum for themselves and some have other programs in place that they are using.

Public Comment None

Approved

Resolutions

- **Employee Services Resolution #59 – Personnel Update**

Boyer moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Ms. Eichhorst asked if they give exit surveys. Ms. Butler stated they do send them out but can't force people to complete them. Mr. Boyer requested copies of them.

- **Employee Services Resolution #60a – BOE Policy Update – Policy 6002 – *Safety and Security***

This resolution was TABLED for future consideration.

- **Employee Services Resolution #60b – BOE Policy Update – Policy 6003 – *Firearms and Other Weapons***

Bowman moved. Banach supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Employee Services Resolution #60c – BOE Policy Update – Policy 6004 – *School Crisis, Response and Closure***

Banach moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Employee Services Resolution #60d – BOE Policy Update – Policy 8002 – *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act***

Banach moved. Boyer supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #61 – FY 2025 Final Budgets**

Antoine moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #62 – FY2026 Original Budgets**

Banach moved. Boyer supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Academic Services Resolution #63a – 2025-26 District Leadership Priorities – K-5 Math Adoption**

Cichocki moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Academic Services Resolution #63b – 2025-26 District Leadership Priorities – K12 Cycle of Independence**

Bowman moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Academic Services Resolution #63c – 2025-26 District Leadership Priorities – CKH Programming**

Banach moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Academic Services Resolution #64 – 2025-26 Student & Parent Handbook**

Banach moved. Bowman supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Facilities Resolution #65 – 2021 Bond Change Order Approval – R&E Development**

Antoine moved. Banach supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #66 – Transportation Fees for 2025 – 2026**

Boyer moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

- **Business Services Resolution #67 – Application for Preliminary Qualification to the Department of Treasury**

Banach moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Board Discussion/
For the Good of
the District**

None

Public Comment

Student Thales Schimidt spoke regarding the senior parking lot painting situation and asked if they would consider alternatives to the tradition besides the painting of the rock. He asked how big the risk was of being fined and why it took so long to communicate the issue to the student body.

Student Max Elter asked questions regarding the parking lot tradition. He asked if there was any attempt to communicate the problem regarding the paint in the waterways before the decision was made to remove the tradition. He asked why the construction on the parking lot was moving so quickly as opposed to other projects such as the basketball courts.

Student Julian Hill asked the following questions regarding the parking lot tradition: Were there multiple water tests done and when did they take place? What was the reason for the water test – was it mandated by government or discretionary? If there is a viable solution, would they consider reinstating the tradition? He stated that many students are concerned at the lack of communication from the Board. He asked for the Board for better communication with the students so they what types of decisions are being made.

Student Isaac Nichol spoke regarding the tradition of painting parking spots. He stated the problem with painting a rock is that there is not enough time in the school year for all students to have a turn. It also depends on whether a rock will even be donated. He recommended the use of environmentally safe paint and using Sign-Up Genius to get a group of parents to help monitor to be sure there are no inappropriate designs. He also mentioned that designs could be approved beforehand.

Parent Ronnie Nichol stated he came for moral support for his son and the rest of the student body. He asked the board to look at alternatives as opposed to cutting this tradition that has been going on for so long and that students have looked forward to. He mentioned the rock and the logistics of the rock with having 400 students and he feels you lose the opportunity for every student to make their mark. He feels there is a community outreach that would come to supervise, support and clean up to prevent any problems.

Ms. Eichhorst stated that the decision was not made by the board.

Ms. Banach explained to the students that the reason the board members don't engage one on one is because if a topic is not something they have discussed and voted on, they can't speak as a board.

Ms. Bowman & Mr. Boyer stated the students did a great job.

Mrs. Rice encouraged the students to take their passion and come up with something – do research and share a proposal.

- **Closed Session – Collective Bargaining**

Bowman moved. Cichocki supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

7:13 p.m. into Closed Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Roll Call: 7 members present. Julia Butler and Todd Robinson were also present.

7:45 p.m. out of Closed Session. Into Open Session. Banach moved. Antoine supported. Roll call: 7 members present. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Adjournment

7:45 p.m. Banach moved. Antoine supported. 7 Ayes. 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Approved by: Katherine Rice, Secretary _____