

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION – REGULAR MEETING
Administration Building
September 11, 2023**

President Kenneth Pearl called the meeting to order at 6:33 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, Ms. Licari, Dr. Langlands, Ms. Blain, Ms. Monnier-White and Ms. Adlam

Roll Call taken.

MOTION #09/01/23 - Moved by Member Wojtowicz and supported by Member Wade to add an item to the agenda. Discussion followed.

MOTION #09/02/23 - A motion was made by Member Wojtowicz and supported by Member Wade to remove said item from the agenda. Discussion followed. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

MOTION #09/03/23 – Moved by Member Sobah and supported by Member Gura to approve the agenda. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

Presentation/Recognitions

- Superintendent Ron Roberts recognized the 3,000 people who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. A moment of silence was given to honor those people.

MOTION #09/04/23 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino to approve the General Consent Agenda to:

- Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on August 14, 2023.
- Approve General Fund, Food Service, IAM, Childcare, Camps/Clinics Check Register in the amount of \$2,748,839.01.
- Approve 2018 Building and Site Check Register in the amount of \$337,273.65.
- Approve Building Activity Check Register in the amount of \$103,259.73.
- Approve Personnel Transactions.

Motion passes 6-1 with Member Wojtowicz voting against.

Old Business - None

MOTION #09/05/23 – Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Aquino that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education approve the 2018 Bond Issue Change Order Summary Report for the month of July 2023. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

MOTION #09/06/23 – Moved by Member Sobah and supported Member King that the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education adopt a resolution to promote the safe and secure storage of firearms.

**CHIPPEWA VALLEY SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION ON SAFE AND SECURE STORAGE OF FIREARMS**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education (the “Board”) of Chippewa Valley Schools (the “District”), County of Macomb, State of Michigan, was held on the 11th day of September, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Present: Members: Aquino, Gura, King, Pearl, Sobah, Wade and Wojtowicz

Absent: Members: None

The following preamble and resolution were offered by Member Sobah and supported by Member King:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, in partnership with stakeholders is committed to the safety and well-being of all students, families, and staff.

WHEREAS, in the United States, gun violence is the leading cause of death in children and teens; and

WHEREAS, as estimated 4.6million children in the United States live in households with at least one loaded, unlocked firearm; and

WHEREAS, evidence strongly suggests that secure firearm storage is an essential component to any effective strategy to keep schools and students safe; and

WHEREAS, research shows that secure firearm storage practices are associated with up to an 85 percent reduction in the risk of unintentional firearm injuries among children and teens, and

WHEREAS, the United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center recommends the importance of appropriate storage of weapons because many school attackers used firearms acquired from their homes, and

WHEREAS, across the country, lawmakers, community members, and local leaders are working together to implement public awareness campaigns such as the Be SMART program, which is endorsed by the National PTA, and which encourages secure gun storage practices and highlights the public safety risks of unsecured guns; and

WHEREAS, school districts across the country have begun to proactively send materials home to parents and guardians informing them of the applicable firearm storage laws and firearm secure storage best practices; and

WHEREAS, keeping students, families, and staff safe from the threat of gun violence should be the responsibility of all adult stakeholders across the district; and

WHEREAS, in order to continue with preventive measures to increase the safety of students, families, and staff we must act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chippewa Valley Schools will utilize available resources to communicate information about the importance of the safe and secure storage of firearms to parents and guardians across the district, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Chippewa Valley Schools will continue to work with local law enforcement agencies, health agencies, and non-profits to collaborate and increase efforts to inform District parents and guardians about safe and secure storage of firearms in their homes.

AYES: Members: Aquino, Gura, King, Pearl, Sobah, Wade and Wojtowicz

NAYS: Members: None

Resolution declared adopted.

George Sobah

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Board of Education, Secretary
Chippewa Valley Schools

Ayes all, Motion carried.

Union Communications - None

Curriculum Updates – None

Administrative Reports

- Superintendent Ron Roberts presented an informational PowerPoint regarding the opening of the 2023-2024 school year. He recognized those who made the start of school so successful.
- Assistant Superintendent Dr. Donald Brosky presented the 2023-2024 Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan , as required by law. This plan will be posted on the district website and will need to be reported on every six months.

From the Community

- Public Comments/audience participation

Of and By Board Members

- Member Wojtowicz expressed his thoughts regarding the district covering fingerprinting costs for employees. He also addressed a product for medical emergencies.
- Member King expressed the need to discuss background checks for board members. Mr. King also suggested we keep Ottawa Elementary as a standing discussion point at board meetings.
- Member Wade thanked the speaker who shared her story about being a gun violence survivor.
- Member Gura thanked Barton Malow for the Board of Education district bus tour to view summer projects. Mr. Gura also commented on the quality of the Ottawa modular unit.
- Member Aquino commented on the speaker who spoke of gun violence and it's affect on her family. Ms. Aquino also recognized the student speaker from Shawnee Elementary.

MOTION #09/07/23 - Moved by Member Gura and supported by Member Wade to adjourn the meeting. **Ayes all, motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

George Sobah, Secretary
Board of Education