Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education looks to fill vacant spot

District observes growing local COVID-19 cases

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CLINTON TOWNSHIP/MACOMB TOWNSHIP — The plan was for candidates to be interviewed this week to fill a seat on the Chippewa Valley Schools Board of Education.

A vacancy on the board was discussed at its Oct. 4 meeting. The vacancy was created after Jolene Andriaschko resigned as a trustee. Andriaschko was elected to the board last year.

Frank Bednard, board president, said 24 applications were received to fill the vacancy.

The appointment would begin this month, ending Dec. 31, 2022. Bednard said it would be preferred if the appointee ran for election in November 2022.

Due to the number of applicants, he noted the board won't be able to accommodate twenty-four 20-minute interviews. Rather, an electronic questionnaire was sent to applicants.

Upon return of the questionnaires, the board was scheduled to hold a special public meeting Oct. 12, after press time, to rank the top six candidates. Then, those candidates would be interviewed Oct. 14.

Also at the Oct. 4 meeting, in a COVID-19 update, district superintendent Ron Roberts said for Macomb and Clinton townships, there has been a steady increase in cases since July.

Data presented at the meeting reveals that, in Clinton Township, cases went from 103 in July to 629 in September. In Macomb Township, those numbers went from 163 to 769, respectively.

At press time, the seven-day rolling average was 265 cases a day in Macomb County. The positivity rate was around 9% at the end of September.

Roberts said for the high schools, a far greater number of students were in quarantine last spring compared to now.

He noted that the last week of September, the Macomb County Health Department adjusted its guidelines for schools, reducing the number of feet between people from six to three.

The Health Department testing protocols state a student must quarantine at home but can take a COVID-19 test on day five to return to school after a seven-day quarantine, or a student can remain in school but must test daily for seven days with negative results on each test.