



Comstock Board of Education

April 27, 2020

6:00 PM

Regular Meeting - Live Streaming www.youtube.com/comstockps/live

Comstock Educational Service Center

269-250-8907

Welcome to the virtual meeting of the Comstock Board of Education. In response to Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders to combat the spread of the coronavirus pandemic while at the same time adhering to, and honoring both the spirit and intent of Michigan's Open Meetings Act, tonight's meeting will be conducted virtually. The members of the Board of Education and Superintendent's Team will be using Google Hangout Meet and its auto-captioning feature to conduct the business of the Board. Moreover, we will be live streaming this meeting on our district's Youtube channel, www.youtube.com/comstockps/live. Community members will have an opportunity to make comments during the "Call to the Audience." The posted notice of this meeting and information regarding how to access the live stream have been posted in the same manner as all other previous meetings of this Board. As is our standard practice, the agenda for tonight's meeting may be found on our website. Anyone who would like to participate in the "call to audience Public Comment" portion of the meeting please register before the meeting starts using this form <https://bit.ly/ColtComments>

I. Call Regular Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Call to the Audience

IV. Changes to Agenda

V. Approval of Agenda - (Action - Roll Call)

VI. Presentations

1. Auditorium Update

Presenter: Mrs. Sue Duncan, Auditorium Manager

2. Strategic Plan Goal #5 - Communications and Community Involvement

Superintendent Thoenes will review the past five years of the district's strategic plan Goal #5 - Communicators and Community Involvement

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

VII. Consent Agenda (Action- Roll Call)

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Approval of Disbursement of General Funds and Bills Payable

3. Personnel

VIII. Communications

1. Superintendent's Update

2. March Budget Update

Presenter: Ms. Michelle Darnell, Director of Finance

3. Board Member Comments

IX. Regular Agenda ~ Discussion and/or Action Items

1. Resolution in Support of Placing Enhancement Millage Vote on the August 4, 2020 Primary Election Ballot - (Action - Roll Call Vote)

In case voters do not approve a renewal of the Kalamazoo County Enhancement Millage on May 5, Superintendent Thoenes recommends that the Comstock Board approve a new resolution of support

for KRESA's Board to place the Enhancement Millage on the August ballot. According to the County Clerk, KRESA's Board of Education must approve a new ballot resolution by no later than May 11 to meet the statutory requirements and qualify for the August election. KRESA's Board needs county school boards to approve this resolution now to have sufficient support to do so. Given our schedule for Board meetings, tonight is the only available opportunity for our Board to both review and move this resolution to action.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

2. Recommendation to Change Auditors (**Discussion**)

Financial Director Darnell recommends the Board approve Plante Moran as the district's new auditing firm. Ms. Darnell has extensive connections with Plante Moran having worked with them during her tenure in another district. The Board will be asked to approve the change at the May 11, 2020 regular meeting.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

3. Continuity of Learning Plans (COLP) - (**Review - No Action**)

Per Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-35, the Board of Education is to review the district's Continuity of Learning Plans.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

4. Facilities Committee Membership - (**Informational**)

At the January organizational meeting the following trustees were assigned to the facilities committee: Karen Howes, Dori Scholly and Saralyn Brown. President Dickinson would like to review the charge and purpose of the committee.

Presenter: President Dickinson

5. Comstock Elementary Remodel and Comstock Middle School Gym Bid - (**Information**)

As part of the CES remodel and CMS Gym addition RFPs have been sought. At the May 11, 2020, regular meeting vendor responses will be presented to the Board for approval.

Presenter: Mr. Mark Peeters, Director of Technology

X. Adjournment

The mission of the Comstock Public Schools is to serve our community by supporting, inspiring, and challenging every person within the school district to reach their full potential through education.

The vision of the Comstock Public Schools is to be an educational community where every person is empowered to reach their full potential.

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