



# Comstock Board of Education

June 22, 2020

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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](http://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. Recognitions**

1. Comstock Celebrations

**IV. Presentations**

**V. Changes to Agenda**

**VI. Approval of Agenda - (Action - Roll Call)**

**VII. Call to the Audience**

**VIII. Consent Agenda (Action - (Roll Call))**

1. Approve Minutes of the June 8, 2020 Regular (Virtual) Meeting
2. Approval of Disbursement of General Funds and Bills Payable for April 2020

**IX. Communications**

1. Superintendent's Update
2. May Financial Report  
Ms. Darnell will review the Board's May financial report.  
Presenter: Ms. Michelle Darnell, Director of Finance
3. Committee Reports
  - a. Facilities Committee - Chairperson Saralyn Brown
  - b. Finance Committee - Chairperson Paul Lamphear
  - c. Policy Committee - Chairperson Matt Schreiner
4. Board Member Comments

**X. Regular Agenda ~ Discussion and/or Action Items**

1. Dissolve Agreement with NEOLA and Move to Thrun Policy Services (Action - Roll Call)  
The Superintendent recommends the Board approve Thrun Law as our Board policy provider. This will ensure that the creation and revision of district policies and administrative guidelines align with the

legal advice and expertise of the Board's law firm. Additionally, Thrun Law takes a more active role in posting the policies on the district's website allowing the updating process to proceed in an efficient and more responsive manner. The Policy Committee reviewed information provided by Thrun Law on the policy services they provide and supports the Superintendent in bringing it to the Board for consideration. The Board will be asked to approve the change at the June 22, 2020, regular board meeting.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

2. Final Budget Amendment for 2019-2020 - (Action - Roll Call)

It is recommended the Board approve the final budget amendment for the 2019-2020 school year.

Presenter: Ms. Michelle Darnell, Director of Finance

3. Preliminary Budget for 2020-2021 - (Action - Roll Call)

It is recommended the preliminary budget for the 2020-2021 school year is adopted as presented at the public budget hearing prior to the regular meeting.

Presenter: Ms. Michelle Darnell, Director of Finance

4. State Aid Note Resolution - (Action - Roll Call)

The State Aid Note is an annual short-term borrowing for school districts who experience a cash flow shortage during the fiscal year due to the timing of revenues received, expenses paid out, and/or the absence of State Aid revenue in September. This note must be repaid within 12 months.

Presenter: Ms. Michelle Darnell, Director of Finance

5. Resolution in Support of the Kalamazoo RESA 202-2021 Budget - (Action - Roll Call)

At the May 26, 2020 meeting of the Board, the Board expressed disapproval of the KRESA General Fund Budget due to a proposed 2% increase in salaries. Since that time, the KRESA Administration has reversed course and will not be offering the increase. Given that this issue was our Board's only objection to the KRESA budget, The superintendent recommends the Board reconsider its previous disapproval and vote to support KRESA's budget.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

6. Revised Policy #7250 - Commemoration and Naming of School Facilities for First Reading (Action - Roll Call)

The Policy Committee reviewed the policy and supports the recommendation of the superintendent to make the changes.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

7. CHS Fire Alarm Bids - (Action - Roll Call)

The Facilities Committee met and reviewed the bids and is in support of the Superintendent's recommendation to award the bid for the high school fire alarm system to Feyen Zylstra.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

8. Comstock Middle School Carpet Bid - (Action - Roll Call)

Bids were accepted for the installation of carpet at Comstock Middle School and reviewed by the Facilities Committee. It is the recommendation of the Superintendent to award the bid to Battle Creek Tile and Mosaic Company.

Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

9. Repair of STEM Academy Library Parapet - (Action - Roll Call)

After review of the project and the bids by the Facilities Subcommittee, Superintendent Thoenes recommends approval of Ostrander Roofing for the repair of the STEM Academy library parapet

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Presenter: Superintendent Thoenes

10. Ratify Superintendent Thoenes' 2020-2023 Contract - (Action - Roll Call)

Presenter: President Dickinson

**XI. 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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