

**CLAWSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

SPECIAL MEETING

June 9, 2025

PRELIMINARY

The President, Michael Frink, called the meeting of the Clawson Board of Education to order in the Clawson Middle School, Room 110 at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Daniel Ewald, Jr., Michael Frink, Angela Hamilton, Samantha Hanser Maynard, Jacqueline Stanley, and Ted Verner

Members Present: Joseph Savel

Recording Secretary Linda Gould

Administration Present: Billy Shellenbarger and Dr. Jackie Johnston

Others in Attendance: Tad Jaworski

PUBLIC FORUM

None

ACTION ITEM

Approval of Ratification of COSPA Contract

RESOLVED that the Clawson Board of Education approves the ratification of the Clawson Office Support Personnel Association (COSPA) Contract through June 30, 2026, as presented.

MOVED BY: Mr. Verner
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Ewald

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Ewald Yes

Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Bank Depositories for 2025-2026

The district maintains numerous bank accounts to manage the financial activity for each of the District's Funds. The district utilizes the services of Diversified Members Credit Union (DMCU) and two Michigan Liquid Asset Fund (MILAF) accounts holding the 2021 and 2023 Series 1 bond investments.

The board will vote to approve these bank depositories at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

Legal Firms for 2025-2026

The district utilizes legal services to address a multitude of issues in relation to labor and negotiations, interpretation and compliance with state and federal laws, student and family concerns, bond and construction issues and other areas as deemed necessary to provide quality service to our students and minimize risk. The district currently uses the following legal firms:

1. Clark Hill, P.C. – Services are primarily negotiations, labor and special education issues as well as other general issues that arise.
2. Miller Canfield, P.C. – Services are primarily for bond and construction issues.
3. Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex & Morley, P.C. – Services are for the Adair Class Action Lawsuit.

The board will vote to appoint these legal firms at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

Property/Casualty and Worker's Compensation Insurance for 2025-2026

The District participates in the MASB-SEG Property/Casualty Pool and the SEG Self-Insurer Workers' Compensation Fund to cover the property, casualty and workers compensation risks of the district.

The District has been involved with the MASB Property/Casualty Pool since 1992. Currently over 500 public school districts in Michigan participate in the Pool. This insurance covers the district's property, equipment, auto, and educator legal and commercial general liability. Excess funds from the Pool are distributed back to participants annually to offset the cost of coverage.

The District has been involved with the MASB SEG Self-Insurer Workers' Compensation Fund since fiscal year 2012/13. Dividends are provided to districts based on the districts' years of participation in the pool and are used to offset the premium.

SETSEG performs a tri-annual property appraisal to ensure the District is appropriately covered in the event of a total loss. This appraisal was performed over the spring of 2023. The appraised value of district property increased 50% year over year which significantly increased the anticipated insurance premium charge. Because of this, SETSEG's board approved smoothing out premium increases for affected districts and Clawson was included.

The board will vote to approve this at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

Transportation Services

The district currently contracts through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Troy Schools to provide transportation services via First Student, a third-party transportation company. The district first entered into an IGA with Troy in January 2020 through June 30, 2022. The current IGA with Troy Public Schools began July 1, 2022 and expired on June 30, 2024 with two, one-year options to renew.

The current recommendation is to implement the first of the one-year extension options covering the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

The board will vote to approve the second one-year extension of the IGA at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

Custodial, Maintenance & Grounds Contract

Clawson utilized the services of a third-party contract for custodial, maintenance and grounds work with ABM Industry Groups originally as an Intergovernmental Agreement with Ferndale Public Schools. The Intergovernmental Agreement included sharing a Facilities Director. In 2022/23 the District directly contracted with ABM for all of these services. This contract commenced on July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 with an option to renew the contract for two years on a year by year basis. In June of 2023, a First Amendment to this agreement was executed to incorporate contract changes including the reduction in staffing. On May 20, 2024, a Second Amendment to this agreement was executed to incorporate contract changes for staffing and fees with an overall reduction in cost.

Clawson is currently in negotiations with ABM related to fee adjustments to provide competitive wages to staff and to address staffing needs with the opening of the new Early Childhood Center. It is anticipated the negotiated fee adjustments for 2025/26 will be available by mid-June.

The board will vote to extend the contract at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

Final 2024-2025 Budget Amendments

In June of 2024, administration presented the 2024/25 budgets to the Board for approval. The budgets were prepared using the best estimates at the time however there were many unknowns related to 2024/25 revenues and expenditures during the spring of 2024.

With the benefit of the audited financial statements for 2023/24, and completion of the first half of the fiscal year, a clear picture of the budget for 2024/25 became available and in February 2025 General Fund Budget Amendment #1 with expenditures in excess of revenues of (\$986,819) was approved by the Board. There were no budget updates for the remaining district funds.

Dr. Johnston explained that as the District looks towards the completion of the 2024/25 fiscal year, additional budget amendments are required for most of the district Funds.

The board will vote to approve the 24/25 final budget at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

2025 Property Tax Millage Rate

Each year districts are required to calculate and submit to the Michigan Department of Treasury the Tax Rate Request for all district millages. For Clawson Public Schools, this includes our Non-Homestead millage and our Debt millages. The Non-Homestead millage is levied as the local portion of funds necessary to receive our full per pupil Foundation Allowance as authorized by the State. Funds from the Debt millages are used to pay the annual principal and interest on outstanding debt.

On May 7, 2019, voters approved an operating millage rate of 22.0 mills. The maximum number of mills that are allowed to be levied per year is 18.0 mills. The reason for the authorized overage on the millage rate is due to anticipated millage reduction fractions under a ruling called the "Headlee Rollback." Headlee requires a local unit of government to reduce its millage when annual growth on existing property is greater than the rate of inflation. In the event the operating millage is reduced to under 18.0 mills a district would lose a portion of their foundation allowance. Annual monitoring of the authorized millage rate is performed by the business office and if needed a renewal millage would be requested for voters to approve.

For fiscal year 2024/25, the maximum authorized millage Clawson Public Schools could levy was 20.5056. The Millage Reduction Fraction for 2025 is .9767 resulting in a maximum authorized millage rate of 20.0278 for 2025/26, well in excess of the maximum levy of 18.0 mills. This excess means there will again be no loss of foundation allowance revenues for 2025/26.

The board will vote to approve the final 2025 Tax Rate Request, L-4029 at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

Preliminary 2025-2026 Budgets

The financial activity of the District is recorded in various Funds in accordance with State of Michigan accounting requirements. In June of each year the Board of Education approves the annual budgets for the District's Funds. Throughout the year the Funds are amended as needed.

Levying the millage to support tax revenues in the General Fund and Debt Service Fund are identified in the 2025 Tax Rate Request (L-4029) which is approved by the Board of Education and submitted to Clawson and Royal Oak for the collection of the taxes.

A recommended budget for each of the Districts funds; General Fund, Center Program (ASD) Fund, Child Care Fund, Food Service Fund, the Capital Project Funds, Debt Service Fund and Special Revenue – Internal Activities Fund is complete. New for

2025/26 a new budget, the Building Sales Proceeds Fund has been added to record the anticipated proceeds from the sale of district property. Dr. Johnston presented a summary for each of these funds.

The board will vote to approve the 2025/26 budget at the June 16, 2025 board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Adjourn to a Closed Session

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education adjourns to a closed session for the purpose of the superintendent's evaluation.

MOVED BY: Ms. Hanser Maynard
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Verner

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes
Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

The meeting convened to closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Reconvene the Open Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Clawson Board of Education reconvenes the open meeting.

MOVED BY: Mr. Frink
SUPPORTED BY: Mr. Verner

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Verner	Yes
Mr. Ewald	Yes

Mrs. Hamilton	Yes
Ms. Hanser Maynard	Yes
Mr. Savel	Yes
Mrs. Stanley	Yes
Mr. Frink	Yes

MOTION CARRIED: Unanimously

The meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hamilton, Secretary
Clawson Board of Education

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