

NOVEMBER 1, 2023

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OF SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
DISTRICT #63-240 COUNTIES OF  
OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON, AND WASHTENAW

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Abbate called the November 1, 2023 Study Session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Anthony Abbate, Daniel Schwegler, Martin Leftwich, Jennifer Urtel, Patrick Maguire,  
Teresa Laszlo  
**Absent:** Ann Rimanelli

**Others Present:** Steven Archibald (Superintendent)  
Lisa Kudwa (Assistant Superintendent)  
Kristin Weber (Director of Secondary Education)  
Jackie Bury (Principal, CMS)  
Kelly Gallagher (Principal, MMS)

**Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

Mr. Archibald explained the purpose of the Study Session was to discuss Middle School Electives and how to make improvements in the course offerings at the middle school level.

Mrs. Bury and Mrs. Gallagher stated that we had previously overhauled electives at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade level, and the classes have been very successful. They would like to expand it to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade levels. Mrs. Bury and Mrs. Gallagher shared a presentation detailing information regarding classes and options. They discussed how the shift would include removing the trimester model for the mandatory 6<sup>th</sup> grade rotation. These courses would be reconfigured as a semester course.

They shared the proposed changes for next 2 school years and answered questions from the Board Members.

Mrs. Bury and Mrs. Gallagher shared that middle school teachers and administrators will work with high school staff as they reconfigure course selections.

Mr. Archibald asked the Board to send any comments or questions to Mrs. Kudwa and to cc Mr. Archibald.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Dr. Laszlo to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

**Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Urtel  
Secretary