

January 30, 2024

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
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 January 30, 2024 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None

**Administration Present:** Steven Archibald, Superintendent, Brian Toth, Asst. Superintendent, Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Chris Gray, Asst. Superintendent

**Administration Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board, administration and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance, led by the Salem Elementary students.

**RECOGNITION**

Mr. Toth introduced Mr. Ryan Knapp and the Salem Elementary Robotics Teams. Mr. Knapp shared some history of Salem's Robotics Team. He noted that two 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade teams were joining us tonight for a demonstration. He stated that the teams placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Regional Competition and both teams finished in the top 25 in the state of Michigan. Mr. Knapp introduced Ms. Moegling, the team's coach. Ms. Moegling had the students come up and introduce themselves. The students reported on how the team gets ready for a competition and what was expected from the team members. Both teams picked the Rock Collecting Game as their task for the competition. The teams gave a demonstration showcasing their robots. The students answered questions from the Board such as, how they were awarded points for performing certain tasks and what they enjoyed most about being on the Robotics Team. The Board complimented the students on how well they did during tonight's presentation.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The School Code provides that members of the Board shall meet to organize by electing a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

**President**

Mr. Abbate opened the floor for a nomination and support for President.

Moved by Mrs. Urtel, supported by Mr. Schwegler to nominate Mr. Abbate to continue in his role as President.

Mr. Abbate accepted the nomination to serve as President.

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

**Vice President**

Mr. Abbate opened the floor for a nomination and support for Vice President.

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Mrs. Urtel to nominate Mr. Schwegler to continue in his role as Vice President.

Mr. Schwegler accepted the nomination to serve as Vice President.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

**Secretary**

Mr. Abbate opened the floor for a nomination and support for Secretary.

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Mr. Leftwich to nominate Mrs. Urtel to continue in her role as Secretary.

Mrs. Urtel accepted the nomination to continue as Secretary.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

**Treasurer**

Mr. Abbate opened the floor for a nomination and support for Treasurer.

Moved by Mr. Schwegler, supported by Dr. Laszlo to nominate Mr. Leftwich to continue his role as Treasurer.

Mr. Leftwich accepted the nomination to serve as Treasurer.

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

**CHECK SIGNATURES**

Mr. Abbate stated that the Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance would continue to sign for payroll checks, accounts payable and bond expenditures.

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT**

Mr. Abbate noted that the SLCS Board of Education Committee assignments would carry forward with the current assignments.

- Policy Committee – Mrs. Rimanelli, Mr. Leftwich, Mr. Abbate
- Finance Committee – Mrs. Rimanelli, Mr. Schwegler, Mr. Leftwich
- Facilities Planning Committee – Mr. Maguire, Mr. Schwegler, Mrs. Urtel
- Curriculum & Communication Committee – Mr. Maguire, Dr. Laszlo, Mrs. Urtel
- Oakland County – OCSBA Legislative Committee – Mr. Leftwich
- Oakland Schools Designate – Mr. Leftwich
- South Lyon Education Foundation – Mr. Maguire

### **BANK DEPOSITORIES**

Mr. Abbate noted that the District will continue to business with the following banks:

- Bank of New York
- Chemical Bank
- Comerica Bank
- Fifth Third Bank/Fifth Third Securities, Inc.
- Flagstar Bank
- Huntington Bank
- J P Morgan Chase Bank/ J P Morgan Securities, Inc.
- Michigan Liquid Asset Fund
- MBIA Michigan Class Investment Pool
- PNC Bank
- CIBC Bank
- Vibe Credit Union

### **BOARD LAW FIRMS**

Mr. Abbate stated that the District will continue doing business with Thrun Law Firm, P.C. and Miller Johnson, P.L.C as the District's primary legal consultants.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **RECOGNITION**

*Mr. Archibald* shared that in January South Lyon Community Schools is celebrating School Board Recognition Month. He stated that School Board Members work to represent the educational priorities of the community. Mr. Archibald noted that they take their responsibilities seriously. He expressed that each of our board members give selfishly of their time and energy for the betterment of the district. Mr. Archibald shared that they make important and often difficult decisions for South Lyon Community Schools. He expressed that the Boards Members have a common focus with students as its center. Mr. Archibald stated that their primary objective is ensuring that quality educational opportunities are being provided for every one of our students. He asked everyone to join him in recognizing the SLCS Board of Education Members for their dedication and service. Mr. Archibald thanked them with a small token of appreciation.



**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Abbate offered an opportunity for public comments.

*Susan Woodley, SLEA Representative* shared the “Good News” happening around the district.

- Andrew Hathikhanavala reported that SLHS 9<sup>th</sup> grade students, Leah Bosworth and Alayna Garrison were accepted to the Michigan School Vocal Music Association’s High School Regional Honors Choir Day. They participated with approximately 100 other singers from around Michigan to rehearse and perform. Mr. Hathikhanavala noted that Leah and Alayna did an amazing job and represented South Lyon High School’s vocal music department with professionalism and enthusiasm.
- Stephanie Stonebeck nominated Brian Sole, German Teacher at SLHS and South Lyon East. Mr. Sole organized an educational trip for 36 students to visit Germany, Austria, and Switzerland during Winter Break. Ms. Stonebeck noted that since Mr. Sole has joined SLCS, the German program has grown immensely. Ms. Stonebeck stated that she was in awe of the respect and love that Mr. Sole’s student held for him as their teacher. She shared that they had an amazing trip and gave details of places they visited and events that they attended. Ms. Stonebeck expressed that it was a memorable trip. She thanked Mr. Sole for organizing the trip for the students and staff.
- Sheryl Hemker, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at Kent Lake was nominated. Mrs. Hemker has been attending professional development on interactive writing. She has attended meetings to learn about the best practices for teaching writing in second grade. Mrs. Hemker is trying things in her classroom, meeting with Kent Lake’s literacy specialist, and teaching the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team what she is learning. The second-grade team at Kent Lake appreciates her and all the work that she has done.

*Nichole Abermanis, SLEA Representative* shared more “Good News” happening around the district.

- Rebecca Nelson and Toni Simovski shared that the Debate Club had a great performance at the Regional Final held at MMS on Jan. 8th. They noted that Carter Carino from SL East High School was the top Presiding Officer for the season and ran the event. Mackenzie Ziegler from SLHS took 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Zachary Yost from SL East took 5<sup>th</sup> place. They reported that the Debate Club had a great season.
- Niki Keena nominated the SLHS Student Council and NHS. Ms. Keena stated that both groups attended a regional leadership conference put on by MASC/MAHS. The students were able to collaborate with approximately 300 students from across the state about leadership in their schools.
- Tamara Besco shared good things about the MMS NJHS. Ms. Besco stated that ten of the NJHS students have been volunteering their time to work with 6<sup>th</sup> graders on Math and ELA. They are offering free tutoring services to students in need. Ms. Besco noted that it is awesome being able to watch our students lead in such a positive way.
- Brook Morris noted good things about Keith Niedbala and the Pearson Staff. Mr. Morris shared that Mr. Niedbala organized an after-school kickball game and mini-tournament for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. He stated that Mr. Niedbala and many Pearson staff members volunteer to coach teams and supervise the games. The students shared that they loved the opportunity to be with friends and learn to play organized and competitive games outside of the in-school environment.
- Nichole Abermanis nominated Mr. Gasparotto, Bartlett’s PE Teacher. She shared that Mr. G. set up intramural sports time for 5<sup>th</sup> graders during their recess time. They played a variety of sports including soccer, badminton, pickleball, flag football, and kickball. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders loved the experience.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

President Abbate asked the Board to approve the agenda as presented unless they had any additions or deletions.

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the agenda as presented.

**Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried 7-0.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Abbate asked the Board to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting and the minutes from the December 13, 2023 Board of Education Special Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Schwegler, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the minutes from the December 5, 2023 Regular Meeting and the December 13, 2023 Special Meeting.

**Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried 7-0.**

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

President Abbate asked the Board to approve the following bills as presented:

- November 2023 Wires & ACH Transactions
- November 2023 Revenue Report
- December 2023 Prepays
- December 2023 Bond Run
- December 2023 Wires & ACH Transactions
- December 2023 Revenue Report

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the bills as presented.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

### **HIRING OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF**

Mr. Toth stated that open positions required the hiring of the following instructional staff.

- *Jaclyn Csonka – Special Education Teacher, SLHS*
- *Aaron Ward – Special Education Teacher, CMS*

Mr. Toth asked the Board to approve the hiring of the instructional staff as described.

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the hiring of the instructional staff as described.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**

### **REVISIONS TO POLICY – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING AND APPROVAL**

Mr. Toth reported that this policy is being brought to the Board for information and approval. Here is the [link](#) with the proposed revisions. Mr. Toth asked the Board to approve this policy as presented.

- Policy 4003 (Conditions of Employment)

Moved by Mrs. Urtel, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the Policy 4003 as presented.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Maguire – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Schwegler - yes. **Motion carried 7 – 0.**



**DISTRICTWIDE SECURITY CAMERAS AND CARD ACCESS UPGRADES BID RECOMMENDATION**

Mrs. Gray shared that at the December 5, 2023 meeting information about the upcoming Districtwide Security Cameras and Card Access Upgrades Project were presented. She stated that three bids were received and reviewed on January 2, 2024. Presidio's bid was determined to be complete and compliant with the requirements of the bidding documents. Mrs. Gray noted that the bid totaled \$843,321.17. She stated that Bond and Security Grant Funds are allocated for this project. Mrs. Gray asked the Board to approve the bid as presented.

Mr. Archibald shared that SEC had made a recommendation to the District to evaluate the camera placement and add some additional cameras.

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mr. Maguire to approve the bid as presented.

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Abbate - yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**2020 BOND BID PACK #21: DISTRICTWIDE RENOVATIONS – MEDIA CENTER, CTE, FOOD SERVICE, MECHANICAL PROJECT BID RECOMMENDATION**

Mrs. Gray stated that the bids for this project which included food service equipment and renovations at SLHS, SLEHS, MMS, CMS, and Salem, along with CTE renovations at SLHS and SLEHS, and Media Center renovations at SLHS. The bids were reviewed by the ACR Committee and the Facility Planning Committee on Dec. 5, 2023. Mrs. Gray noted that the committees reviewed and are recommending the following bids.

School	Bid Category	Contractor	Contract Amount
Multiple	Demolition	Blue Star Demolition	\$301,075
Multiple	General Trades	Construction Solutions	\$1,882,000
Multiple	Tiling	Marson Enterprises	\$96,015
Multiple	Flooring	Shock Bros Flooring	\$160,400
Multiple	Painting	R&G Painting	\$73,070
Multiple	Food Service	Breckenridge Kitchen Equipment	\$1,379,797
Multiple	Mechanical	Quality Aire Systems	\$1,669,100
Multiple	Electrical	Amcomm Communications	\$1,460,000
		<b>Total Contract</b>	<b>\$7,021,457</b>

Mrs. Gray asked the Board to approve the bids as presented.

Moved by Mr. Schwegler, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the bids as presented.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Abbate - yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli - yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTIVE UPDATES**

Mrs. Kudwa stated that the Middle School Electives were shared at the Dec. 5, 2023 Board Meeting and no changes were requested. She noted that individual course instructional maps will be brought to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

Mrs. Kudwa asked the Board to approve the Middle School Electives updates as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Urtel, supported by Dr. Laszlo to approve the Middle School Electives updates as presented.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Leftwich – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes,  
Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Mr. Toth shared that South Lyon High School received twenty \$100 Meijer gift cards from Mr. Mark Dabiero to be used to support SLHS families.

Mr. Toth asks the Board to accept the gifts listed above in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Mr. Schwegler, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to accept the gifts listed above in accordance with Policy 7003.

**Roll Call:** Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes,  
Mr. Maguire – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Mr. Toth shared that South Lyon East High School received \$10,000.00 from Meijer Wixom to be used to support building initiatives that support the students.

Mr. Toth asks the Board to accept the gift listed above in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Dr. Laszlo to accept the gift listed above in accordance with Policy 7003.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes,  
Mr. Abbate – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Mr. Toth shared that the High School Robotics Team received the following donations to be used for supplies, materials, travel, and food:

- \$1,000 from Rohrscheib Sons Caissons, Inc.
- \$1,500 from Coherent Market Insights
- \$1,000 from SAAV Prosthodontics, PC
- \$1,000 from Lyon Dental Implants & Oral Surgery
- \$500 from Ideation Orange



- \$500 from Kyocera International, Inc.
- \$1,000 from Matthew Trussler
- \$500 from Merlo
- \$500 from Weingartz
- \$500 from Beta Cae Systems, USA

Mr. Toth asks the Board to accept the gifts listed above in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Mr. Maguire to accept the gifts listed above in accordance with Policy 7003.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mr. Abbate – yes,  
Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

#### **2020 SLCS BOND UPDATE – IDS AND BARTON MALOW**

Mr. Charlie Haas from IDS and Ms. Stephanie Buhagiar from Barton Malow shared updates of the 2020 SLCS Bond Projects happening around the district.

January 30, 2024 Presentation from IDS and Barton Malow

#### **LEGISLATION**

Mr. Archibald shared that Michigan Legislature is looking to pass legislation that would make it a graduation requirement to complete the FAFSA (Free application for federal student aid). Mr. Archibald noted that the Oakland County Superintendents Association is opposed to it, stating it would be a nonacademic requirement for graduation. He did mention that there would be an opt out form. Mr. Archibald said that if you are interested to reach out to your legislators and ask them about the FAFSA legislation.

#### **CITA COMMENTS**

- Kindergarten Registration – Mrs. Kudwa shared that last Thursday each elementary school hosted an event for incoming Kindergarten students. She explained what activities families could participate in during the event. Mrs. Kudwa thanked the staff, PTOs and student volunteers who helped make the event such a success at each school.  
Mrs. Kudwa stated that enrollment forms for next year's Kindergarten and Junior Kindergarten are available on the website now. She explained how important it is for families to enroll their student by April/May so the district can determine the number of sections needed at each school.  
Mrs. Kudwa commented on the guidelines and deadlines for the Junior Kindergarten Program.
- Resident Open Enrollment – Mrs. Kudwa reviewed the process of requesting that an elementary-aged student be allowed to attend a school within the district other than their boundary school, which is called "Resident Open Enrollment". She shared the exceptions for Hardy Elementary, which is closed to Resident Open Enrollment. Mrs. Kudwa reminded parents to check the website for deadlines for the Resident Open Enrollment process.



**REVISIONS TO POLICY – 1<sup>ST</sup> READING**

- Revision to Policy 4004 – Evaluations, Discipline and Discharge, Resignations – Mr. Toth went over the revisions to Policy 4004 that have been suggested by Miller Johnson. Here is the [link](#) to the document containing the suggested revisions.

**MOBILE COMMUNICATION DEVICE PURCHASE**

- Mrs. Gray shared that the District seeks to purchase mobile communication devices for all district instructional buildings. She presented the Board with a quote for the purchase. Mrs. Gray stated that she will ask for the Board to approve the purchase at the February 13, 2024 Board Meeting. She reported the amount of the total quote from Mobile Communications America is \$99,421.20. The District's SAT committee has recommended using 31aa grant funds to purchase the mobile communication devices. Mrs. Gray shared that each school would have one device model, which will be fully digital and provide improved clarity, reception, and less frequency interruptions.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- *Legislative* – Mr. Leftwich had nothing to add to Mr. Archibald's legislative comments.
- *Policy* – Mr. Abbate shared that Mr. Toth presented all the policy items.
- *Finance* – Mr. Schwegler stated that the next meeting is Feb. 12, 2024.
- *Facilities and Grounds* – Mrs. Urtel reported that Charlie Haas and Stephanie Buhagiar gave the updates on projects happening around the district.
- *Curriculum & Communications* – Mrs. Urtel shared that a personal finance course will be added as a requirement beginning with the graduating class of 2028.

**OTHER**

Mr. Archibald shared that after seeing the presentation on the Bond Projects, he wanted to thank the community for their tremendous support of the 2020 Bond. He reminded everyone of the Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal and Restoration on the Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> ballot. Mr. Archibald wanted to clarify some information that was out in the community about Colonial Acres. He shared that it was verified with the City Clerk that Colonial Acres qualifies as homestead properties and therefore those residents would not have the Non-Homestead millage levied against them. Mr. Archibald expressed that his heart goes out to the Lisa Post, teacher at Brummer Elementary and the Post family. He shared that Lisa's ten-year-old son Caleb lost his battle to cancer. Mr. Archibald said that he was touched when talking to Mrs. Cooper, Brummer Principal. She spoke about how Caleb always had a smile on his face regardless of what he has gone through.

**REPORTS**

- *South Lyon Educational Foundation* – Mr. Maguire had nothing to report at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - There were no additional public comments.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- *Teacher Tenure Status* – Mr. Leftwich stated the following teachers have reached tenure status:
  - Renee Lezotte
  - Emily Parker

**MEETING DATES**

- February 13, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- March 5, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- March 19, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- April 16, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- May 7, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- May 21, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- June 3, 2024 (Monday), *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*
- June 18, 2024, *Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.*

**BOARD COMMENTS**

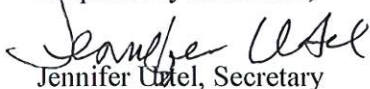
- **Mr. Leftwich** welcomed the new staff members and congratulated the tenured teachers. Mr. Leftwich stated that the community has been so generous with their donations. He wished Mrs. Rimanelli a Happy Birthday.
- **Mr. Schwegler** wished Mrs. Rimanelli a Happy Birthday. He stated that it was great to see how excited the Salem students were tonight. Mr. Schwegler congratulated the newly tenured teachers. He shared that his heart goes out to Lisa Post and her family.
- **Mrs. Urtel** noted what a fantastic job the Salem Lego/Robotics Team did tonight. She wanted to express her gratitude to Mr. Brian Sole for the fantastic trip with the German students. Mrs. Urtel's son went on the trip and had a phenomenal time. She shared that students were kind, respectful, engaging and represented the District well during the trip. Mrs. Urtel also thanked Mr. Brennan for taking part in the trip with the students. She shared that the SLHS Districtwide Variety Show is Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> and encouraged everyone to attend.
- **Mrs. Rimanelli** gave kudos to the Salem Robotics Team. She said the members were so well-spoken. Mrs. Rimanelli congratulated the Debate Team. She welcomed the new staff members and newly tenured teachers. Mrs. Rimanelli expressed her condolences to the Post family.
- **Mr. Maguire** shared that it was great to see the Salem Robotics Team in action. He spoke about School Board Appreciation Month. He said he has learned a lot from his fellow Board Members and the Administration staff. Mr. Maguire shared that it has been eye opening to see what happens behind the scenes. Mr. Maguire expressed his appreciation to the administration. He said they have had the difficult task of knowing when to call a snow day or not and making the best decision to keep everyone safe. He sent his condolences to the Post family.
- **Dr. Laszlo** thanked the Salem Robotics Team for coming out tonight. She welcomed the new staff members to the district. Dr. Laszlo was thankful for the Middle School Electives that are going to be added to the curriculum. She said that it shows continuous improvement within the district. Dr. Laszlo thanked the Transportation Department for getting the students to school safely. She thanked her fellow Board Members and their service to the district.
- **Mr. Abbate** stated that he agreed with the other Board Members' sentiments. He expressed his sympathy to the Post family and the Brummer community regarding the unbelievable and tragic loss of Caleb Post. Mr. Abbate shared that he was excited for the year ahead for the Board.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Mr. Leftwich to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

**Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer Urtel, Secretary

Board of Education