

March 5, 2024

**REVISED**  
**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 March 5, 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, Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Chris Gray, Asst. Superintendent

**Administration Absent:** Brian Toth, Asst. Superintendent

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board, administration and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**RECOGNITION**

Mr. Abbate introduced Mr. Jason Cooper and the Bartlett Music Makers. Mr. Cooper explained that the Bartlett Music Makers is a after school club that works on original music creations. The club is currently only open to 5<sup>th</sup> graders because of the demand. Mr. Cooper shared that students have access to all the instruments in the music room and can work alone or with others. They have upcoming performances in April and May. Mr. Cooper stated that the students learn about song structure and at the end of each session they have an opportunity to share what they have created. Some students addressed the Board with such topics as; creating original music, how the club makes them feel, working with other students to create an original piece, and creating music with a limited amount of time. Mr. Cooper introduced a few students that performed their original pieces of music. The Board and the audience were very impressed with each of the performances. Board members shared that the students had so much confidence, creativity, energy, and they can't wait to see their performances in the future.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Abbate offered an opportunity for public comments.

*Susan Woodley, SLEA Representative* shared the "Good Things" happening around the district.

- **Ed Robinson** noted that three Varsity Senior members of the East High Powerlifting Club, Brett Bardallis, Miles Robinson, and Mike Wallace qualified for the Michigan High School Powerlifting Association Varsity State Meet. They will be competing on March 9<sup>th</sup> at Lake Orion High School. Good luck to them.

- *Mrs. Ortega* shared that her 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade class at Pearson held a Student-Led Celebration of Learning. The students welcomed their parents and guardians into the classroom to give them an overview of their reading and writing growth over the past two months. Some students acted out a skit they wrote while other students showed off their writing skills in the form of a mini magazine. Students enjoyed showing off their hard work to their families.

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mr. Maguire 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 February 13, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2024 Regular Meeting.

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

### **MASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

Mr. Leftwich previously gave the Board members information regarding the three candidates running for the MASB Board of Directors. The Board of Education identified one of the candidates for whom they wish to vote for and provided the name to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant who will submit the official ballot. Mr. Leftwich recommended Birgit McQuiston as the candidate to vote for. He stated that Ms. McQuiston is the only candidate of the three that comes from Oakland County and he felt that it was in the Board's best interest to vote for her. He shared that Ms. McQuiston is very involved in Oakland County and she is well education, well-spoken and well-intended. Other Board members agreed that they felt Ms. McQuiston was well-informed.

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Mrs. Urtel to support Birgit McQuiston as their choice of candidate for the MASB Board of Directors Election.

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

### **NON-RESIDENT SCHOOLS OF CHOICE RESOLUTION – 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mrs. Kudwa presented information on the school of choice for non-resident students residing in Oakland ISD or in ISDs with boundaries contiguous to Oakland ISD for grades K-8 at certain schools and ninth grade at South Lyon East High School. The Non-Resident Schools of Choice Resolution for the 2024-25 school year was brought to the February 13, 2024 Board of Education Meeting and no changes were requested.



Mrs. Kudwa asked the Board to approve the Non-Resident Schools of Choice Resolution for the 2024-25 school year as presented.

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mrs. Urtel to approve the resolution as presented.

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

#### **2020 BOND BID PACK #20: PAVING PROJECT BID RECOMMENDATION**

Mrs. Gray stated that bids for paving work at SLEHS, CMS, and SLHS were received on February 27, 2024 and post-bid meetings were held with Barton Malow and IDS. She noted that the bid pack was reviewed by ARC Committee and the Facility Planning Committee. These committees reviewed the recommendation and approved bringing the following bid to the Board for approval.

Bid Category	Contractor	Total Contract
Paving & Concrete	T&M Paving	\$824,800

Mrs. Gray asked the Board to approve the recommended bid as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Mrs. Urtel to approve the recommended bid as presented.

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

#### **BANKING AUTHORIZATION AND ACCOUNT CLOSURE RECOMMENDATION**

Mrs. Gray shared that the district seeks to close out two accounts (certificate of deposit, and business savings and money market) with Vibe Credit Union. She explained that credit union is requiring this formal board approval to authorize the Superintendent to close these accounts. Mrs. Gray stated that Vibe Credit Union does not recognize Board Policy 5005 as providing such authorization. She noted that the District is looking to deposit the funds from these two accounts into an existing money market account with a higher earnings rate and this would give the District full access to the funds if necessary.

Mrs. Gray asked the Board to approve the authorization of the Superintendent to close the accounts as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Urtel, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the authorization of the superintendent to close the accounts as presented.

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

#### **LEGISLATION**

Mr. Archibald shared that legislation is currently being discussed to make Kindergarten a requirement. He will keep the Board updated.

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

Mr. Archibald shared with the Board the recommended revisions to the following policies:

- Policy 1001 (Reimbursement of Expenses)
- Policy 1001 (Indemnification)
- Policy 2003 (Education Records)
- Policy 2005 (Distribution and Posting of Materials)
- Policy 4005 (Whistleblower Protection Policy)
- Policy 6006 (Substance Free Environment)
- Policy 8002 (Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973-Section 504)

Mr. Archibald stated that these revisions would be brought to the March 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting for a second reading and approval.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- ***Legislative*** – Mr. Leftwich stated that there was nothing else to report.
- ***Policy*** – Mr. Abbate shared that the committee is working on some Administrative Regulations and ensuring that these practices match our policies.
- ***Finance*** – Mr. Schwegler noted that March 18, 2024 is the next meeting.
- ***Facilities and Grounds*** – Mrs. Urtel stated that they reviewed the bid pack for the paving projects. She was excited to report that construction of the pool at SLHS is moving along. Mrs. Urtel reported that they discussed the HVAC project at MMS. She shared that the Science Rooms at the high schools are completed.
- ***Curriculum & Communications*** – Mrs. Urtel shared there was nothing to report.

**OTHER**

Mr. Archibald thanked the voters for their support of the Non-Homestead Operating Millage. He noted that the District will continue to receive full state aid from the state of Michigan, which is critical funding. Mr. Archibald shared that the second Court in School event was held today at South Lyon East High School. South Lyon High held a similar event last month. He stated that ½ of the students went to a session in the morning and the second ½ went in the afternoon. Mr. Archibald thanked Judge Reed, Judge Law, Mr. Dolan, Sgt. Brown and Mrs. Kudwa for putting together this event. Mr. Archibald shared that the auditorium was the court room and the court cases were pertinent to teenagers. He appreciated the defendants being willing to come to the high school in a public forum. Mr. Archibald noted that the attorneys, judges, and defendants spoke to the students and answered questions. He also thanked the student for how well they behaved during the event.

**REPORTS**

- ***South Lyon Educational Foundation*** – Mr. Maguire shared that the Foundation hopes to bring back the popular Grub Crawl. He said that they hope to have a date soon.

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



### MEETING DATES

- 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

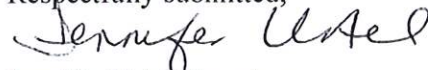
- **Mr. Schwegler** shared that he was very impressed with the Bartlett students that performed tonight. He also commended Mr. Cooper for the work that he is doing with the Bartlett Music Makers' Club.
- **Mrs. Urtel** thanked the Bartlett Music Makers for their "mini concert" tonight. She noted that South Lyon High School will be performing *Once Upon a Mattress* starting March 15<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged everyone to attend. Mrs. Urtel congratulated the Winter sports teams. She wished everyone good luck with tryouts for Spring sports teams. Mrs. Urtel congratulated all of the Teacher of the Year Award recipients.
- **Mr. Leftwich** thanked the Bartlett Music Makers for their performance tonight. Mr. Leftwich attended the MMS/CMS Girls' Basketball game and said it was fun to watch. Mr. Leftwich gave a shout-out to those involved in the event. He shared that the students were so positive, and it was a nice event. Mr. Leftwich thanked the community for voting yes last Tuesday for the millage.
- **Dr. Laszlo** thanked the Policy Team for their continued efforts to ensure that we have the best policies to support our mission. She also thanked the Bartlett Music Makers for showing everyone what they have been working on and sharing what they enjoy about the club.
- **Mr. Maguire** commended the students for getting up and performing in front of a crowd tonight. He enjoyed hearing from the students and what make them happy being involved with the Bartlett Music Makers. Mr. Maguire appreciated Mr. Cooper for his work with the club. Mr. Maguire thanked the voters for passing the Non-Homestead Operating Millage.
- **Mrs. Rimanelli** shared that the Bartlett Music Markers wowed her with their skill level at this age. Mrs. Rimanelli thanked the teachers that put time into clubs such as the Music Makers. She also thanked the voters for their yes vote. Mrs. Rimanelli wished good luck to all the students still competing and to those trying out for the upcoming sports teams.
- **Mr. Abbate** thanked the administration for setting up the "recognitions" and showcasing the students. He said it was nice to see the energy that they bring to the meetings. Mr. Abbate thanked the community for voting on the millage and Mr. Archibald for all his hard work informing the community about the millage. Mr. Abbate also thanked the Salem staff for attending tonight's meeting.

### ADJOURN

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Dr. Laszlo to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Urtel, Secretary

Board of Education