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

Vice-President Schwegler called the June 3, 2024 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Daniel Schwegler, Jennifer Urtel, Martin Leftwich, Teresa Laszlo,

Patrick Maguire, Ann Rimanelli

Absent:

Anthony Abbate

Administration Present: Steven Archibald, Superintendent, Brian Toth, Asst. Superintendent,

Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Chris Gray, Asst. Superintendent

Administration Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

RECOGNITION

South Lyon East Clarinet Quartet

Mr. Toth introduced Mr. Matt Sinopoli-Smith and the South Lyon East Clarinet Quartet. Mr. Sinopoli-Smith introduced musicians; JD Burch, Ian Kim, Allie Stage, and Chey Stowell. The students performed at the District's solo and ensemble in February, with the hopes of advancing to the State's solo ensemble, which they did. He shared the students preformed in March and were given feedback and a rating. The quartet received a division one rating, which is the highest you could receive. They were also given a recommendation by the judge to be considered for spring conference as an outstanding Woodwind Ensemble in the state. Mr. Sinopoli-Smith shared that it was a great honor for this ensemble to represent South Lyon East. They performed beautifully for the audience. The Board had many wonderful things to say about their talents.

South Lyon Community Schools Retirees

Mr. Toth shared that tonight is a special night, we are honoring the staff members retiring from South Lyon Community Schools this year. District administrators had nice things to say about each of the retirees from their building/department. Here is a list of the 2023-24 SLCS Retirees.

Dianne Beagle	Pupil Services Manager	Administration Building
Timothy Brehmer	Teacher	South Lyon High School
Tracie Briggs	Bus Driver	Griswold Operations Center
Ann Couyoumjian	Career Development Facilitator	South Lyon East High School
Cynthia Dunn	Bus Driver	Griswold Operations Center
Mara Elwart	Counselor	South Lyon East High School
Patricia Frigon	Bus Driver	Griswold Operations Center
Brenda McCloskey	Teacher	South Lyon High School
Teresa McCreight	Teacher	Millennium Middle School
Jane Miloch	Career Development Facilitator	South Lyon High School
Cynthia Russette	Teacher	Millennium Middle School
James Shekell	Building Engineer	Centennial Middle School
Kathleen Sopkowicz	Data Processor	Griswold Operations Center
Lisa Welch	Teacher	Centennial Middle School
Karen Wiater	Bookkeeper	Griswold Operations Center
Erica Wilson	Teacher	Millennium Middle School
Lisa Zachar	Preschool Teacher	Early Childhood Center

The Board Members congratulated the newly retired staff members and wish them well.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Schwegler offered an opportunity for public comments.

- Susan Woodley shared the following good things that are happening around the district.
 - o *Emily Wallis* shared that Dolsen Dolphins have focused on "needed in our community". Each grade level did a special read aloud related to helping others in their community. JK 1st grade decorated bookmarks for residents of a local nursing home, 2nd 3rd grades made fleece blankets for a local animal shelter, and 4th 5th grader painted pocket hug rocks with inspirational quotes and symbols to be delivered to a local cancer center. They are very proud of their Dolsen Dolphins.
 - o Monica Zuzow shared that she has her students give back to the community with a few different service projects. This year they worked with Fleece and Thank You, which is a local non-profit organization. The goal is to provide every child facing hospital treatments with a fleece blanket and a video message. Nicholas, the founder of the organization taught the kids how to make the blankets and spoke about the importance of giving back. Ms. Zuzow noted that for every 30.00 they raised they were able to make one blanket for a sick child. Last year they were able to make 42 blankets and this year they topped it with making 54 blankets. Ms. Zusow thanked everyone for their support.
 - O Colleen Crowell and Stephanie Stoneback shared that the students who are enrolled in Capstone English presented their year-long inquiry, career-related, or passion projects. During this 1st year the course has been a huge success, and it was wonderful to see the students shine and use their written and verbal skills to share their personal interests and goals. Ms. Crowell and Ms. Stoneback are excited to see how this class progresses in the future and prepares the students for life after high

- school. They thanked the Board Members and Administration for coming to view the students' work.
- O Capstone English and Reading and Writing for the College Bound students participated in mock interviews with local professionals. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive. The students received such feedback as; well-prepared, polite, and responsive to constructive feedback. This event helps the students prepare for real-world experiences.
- David Price shared the following good things for around the district.
 - o Kim Quinn noted that six Pearson teachers formed a running club for almost 100 students. The club ran was before school for seven weeks. She shared that the goal of the club was to promote fitness and expose the 5th graders to a club similar to cross country. Mrs. Quinn was very proud of the students and very thankful to the teachers.
 - O SLHS Social Student Olympiad Team finished 3rd overall at the Michigan Social Studies Olympiad. Team members that received multiple medal were: Ravneet Minhas (gold Stock Market game & bronze Speakthon), Olivia Vrenko (gold Current Event Editorial, bronze Historical TV Newscast), Nick Simovski (bronze Historical TV Newscast, Social Studies Song), Stevan Bojicic (bronze Historical TV Newscast), Conner Lipke (bronze Historical TV Newscast), Greg Skakun (bronze Social Studies Song), Katherine Enlow (bronze Social Studies Song), Natalie Grooters (silver Stock Market game), Eva Manevski (bronze Artistic Collage), and Lydia Skakun (bronze Artistic poster). Nick Simovski also became the all-time medalist in the 30 year history earning 13 medals. Congratulations to the team.
 - Ashley Bentz gave a shout out to the Hardy and CMS students that participated in the Miracle League of Plymouth. She shared that staff members and Hattie (SEL dog) were there to support the students. Ms. Bentz noted that the Miracle League is an inclusive baseball club for people over the age of 5. She shared that the Miracle League removes barriers that keep children with disabilities off the baseball field and lets them experience the sport. They have fields made of custom designed rubberized turf that accommodates wheelchairs and other medical devices, which helps prevent injuries. The Miracle League is about making new friends, building self-esteem, and being treated just like other kids.
 - O Centennial Middle School Drama Club put on the full-length comedy production "Once Upon a Tower", which was directed by Valerie Dynda and Trey Richman. There were a total of 51 students involved in the production. They performed twice with over 300 audience members in total.
- Julie Victory thanked Mrs. Kudwa, Mr. Toth, and Mr. Archibald for coming out to Brummer and explaining the hiring process for the new principal at Brummer, while listening to the staff's feedback.

REGULAR MEETING

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Mrs. Urtel to approve the agenda but striking item #10 the 2024-25 Code of Conduct/Student Handbook Updates for CMS/MMS. Mr. Maguire shared that this item needs more development prior to going for approval.

Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried 6 - 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-President Schwegler asked the Board to approve the following minutes:

May 21, 2024 Board of Education Regular Meeting

Moved by Dr. Laszlo supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the minutes as presented.

Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carried 6 - 0.

HIRING OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

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

- Ashley Geddes Special Education Teacher, Millennium Middle School
- Kaitlyn Morris Teacher, South Lyon East High School
- Karolyn Stalions Special Education Teacher, Sayre Elementary

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

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Mr. Maguire to approve the hiring of the instructional staff as listed in item #8.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF JOB SHARE

Mr. Toth stated that Jennifer Willbanks and Karolyn Stalions have requested a job share assignment at Sayre Elementary for the 2024-25 school year. He noted that this will be their first year in a job share assignment at Sayre Elementary. Mr. Toth stated that the proposed job share is supported by the Sayre Administration. Board members asked Mr. Toth to explain the job share. Mr. Toth noted that this is a Resource Room position.

Mr. Toth asked the Board to approve the request for a 2024-25 job share as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Urtel, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the request for a 2024-25 job share as presented.

Roll Call:

Mr. Maguire – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2024-25 CODE OF CONDUCT/STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES CMS/MMS

Mrs. Kudwa shared this item will return for approval at the June 18th Board of Education meeting after some adjustments from administration in regard to the attendance language. Parent feedback asked to clarify the language.

2024-25 CODE OF CONDUCT/STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES SLEHS

Mrs. Kudwa shared the 2024-25 Code of Conduct/Student Handbook updates for South Lyon East High School were presented at the May 21st Board of Education meeting and no changes were requested. Mrs. Kudwa asked the Board to approve the 2024-25 Code of Conduct/Student Handbook updates for South Lyon East High School as presented.

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Dr. Laszlo to approve the 2024-25 Code of Conduct/Student Handbook updates for South Lyon East High School as presented.

Roll Call:

Dr. Laszlo - yes, Mrs. Urtel - yes, Mrs. Rimanelli - yes, Mr. Schwegler - yes,

Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes. Motion carried 6 - 0.

2024-25 CODE OF CONDUCT/STUDENT HANDBOOK UPDATES SLHS

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Moved by Mrs. Urtel, supported by Mr. Maguire to approve the 2024-25 Code of Conduct/Student Handbook updates for South Lyon High School as presented.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Urtel - yes, Mr. Schwegler - yes, Dr. Laszlo - yes, Mr. Leftwich - yes,

Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ALGEBRA I TEXTBOOK PURCHASE

Mrs. Kudwa noted that the Algebra I SAC Committee, along with middle and high school teachers have recommended the purchase of new Algebra I materials. The proposed purchase was shared at the May 21st Board of Education meeting and no changes were requested.

Mrs. Kudwa asked the Board to approve the purchase of *EdGems* Algebra I student texts, digital licenses, and staff training from EdGems, LLC for a total cost of \$52,662.65.

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the purchase of *EdGems* Algebra I student texts, digital licenses, and staff training from EdGems, LLC for a total cost of \$52,662.65.

Roll Call:

Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes,

Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes. Motion carried 6 - 0.

GRADE 7 SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK PURCHASE

Mrs. Kudwa stated that the 7th grade teachers working with the Social Studies SAC Committee have recommended the purchase of new 7th grade materials. She shared that the proposed purchase was shared at the May 21st Board of Education meeting and no changes were requested. Mrs. Kudwa recognized that the 7th grade Social Studies teachers have been very patient with the purchase since it has been delayed several times. Mrs. Kudwa noted that the previous textbooks are very old and teachers have had to hand draw county borders in and cross some countries off that no longer exist. The teachers are very excited with the new online resource because it will keep with the changing times.

Mrs. Kudwa asked the Board to approve the purchase of *myWorld* Interactive student texts, digital licenses, and staff training from Savvas for a total cost of \$102,457.36.

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Dr. Laszlo to approve the purchase of *myWorld* Interactive student texts, digital licenses, and staff training from Savvas for a total cost of \$102,457.36.

Roll Call:

Mr. Leftwich - yes, Dr. Laszlo - yes, Mr. Maguire - yes, Mrs. Urtel - yes,

Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

BOND 2020 TECHNOLOGY DEVICE PURCHASE RECOMMENDATION

Mrs. Gray reported that the district seeks to purchase Chromebooks and accessories, in accordance with the device purchasing schedule for the 2020 Bond, for the incoming 6th graders for the 2024-25 School Year. The purchase would be through the REMC bid. Mrs. Gray shared that the quantities and cost are within the projected budget for the purchases of mobile computing devices identified in the 2020 Bond for technology. She shared that the district has budgeted Bond funds for this purchase. The recommended vendors are listed.

Item Description	Vendor	Bid Price	Addons	OS Auto Update Expiration	Qty Purchase	Total Purchase	Notes
11" Chromebook			Passmark Processing performance				
HP Chromebook 11 G9 EE	HP	\$273.00	1,972	2031	900	\$245,700.00	
Lenovo 100e Gen 3	CDW Education	\$275.00	1,972	2031	900	\$247,500.00	
HP Fortis 11 G10	НР	\$250.00	5,643	2033	900	\$225,000.00	Recommended Bid
Management License							
Chromebook management license	SEHI Computer Products	\$29.60	900	\$26,640.00	Recommended Bid		
Chromebook management license	Inacomp TSG	\$29.62	900	\$26,658.00			
Chromebook management license	People Driven Technology	\$29.99	900	\$26,991.00			
Protective Case		Name of the Control o					
GumDrop SlimTech clamshell case	CDW Education	\$18.62	900	\$16,758.00	Recommended Bid		

Mrs. Gray asked the Board to approve the Bond 2020 Technology device purchase as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Rimanelli, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the Bond 2020 Technology device purchase as presented.

Roll Call:

Mrs. Urtel - yes, Mr. Schwegler - yes, Mr. Maguire - yes, Mrs. Rimanelli - yes,

Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2024-25 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR

Mr. Archibald shared the 2024-25 Board of Education Meeting Calendar with the Board at the May 21st Board of Education meeting. He stated that a recommendation to change the August date was suggested, which is shown on the revised calendar. Mr. Archibald asked the Board to approve the revised calendar. There was discussed about moving the 1st meeting in June to June 10th since there are several night events during that week that Board Members attend. After discussion it was decided to move forward with the revised calendar as presented.

Moved by Mr. Maguire, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to approve the revised 2024-25 Board Meeting calendar as presented.

Roll Call: Dr. Laszlo – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Mr. Schwegler – yes,

Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Maguire – yes. Motion carried 6-0.

2024-25 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Mr. Toth shared that every year the Board is presented with a resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA).

Mr. Toth asked the Board to adopt the resolution for membership in the MHSAA for the year August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mr. Maguire to adopt the resolution for membership in the MHSAA for the year August 1, 2024 through July 31, 2025.

Roll Call: Mr. Schwegler – yes, Mrs. Urtel – yes, Mr. Leftwich – yes, Dr. Laszlo – yes,

Mr. Maguire – yes, Mrs. Rimanelli – yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Archibald shared that we are still waiting for the State School Aid Budget. He is hoping that we will receive prior to July 1st. Mr. Archibald noted that there is still a critical issue out there that he has shared with the Board and the SLCS staff. He shared if people wanted to contact their legislators here are four points to discuss: 1.) Maintain all Section 147 allocations in the upcoming fiscal year's budget, 2.) Permanently lower the cap of school contributions by 7.0% to reflect the full funding of the MPSERS OPEB Trust Fund. This would be a little over 4 million dollars for SLCS that we currently receive in our foundation allowance that we would not need to send back to the state for retirement. 3.) Commit to continue to lower this rate for future budgets. 3.) Discontinue the requirement that school employees pay 3% of their salaries toward the MPSERS OPEB Trust Fund. That fund is now 140% funded. Many are asking to leave it in the School Aid Fund and utilize it for teaching and learning for schools. He noted that this action will not raise anyone's taxes or cost them any money.

COURSE GUIDE CENTENNIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024-25

Mrs. Kudwa shared that each year during the Pupil Accounting Audit we are asked for the date a course description was approved by the Board of Education. She stated that to simplify that process, they bring the four secondary course guides for annual approval. Mrs. Kudwa noted that when new courses are created, they will bring course descriptions to the Board for approval. She shared that the CMS course guide will be brought back to the June 18th Board of Education for approval.

COURSE GUIDE MILLENNIUM MIDDLE SCHOOL 2024-25

Mrs. Kudwa stated that like the CMS course guide, this item is being brought to assist pupil accounting audits. She shared that this would come back to the June 18th Board of Education for approval.

COURSE GUIDE SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25

Mrs. Kudwa stated that like the CMS and MMS course guides, this item is being brought to assist pupil accounting audits. She shared that this would come back to the June 18th Board of Education for approval.

COURSE GUIDE SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL 2024-25

Mrs. Kudwa stated that like the other course guides, this item is being brought to assist pupil accounting audits. She shared that this would come back to the June 18th Board of Education for approval.

PRE-K THROUGH 5TH GRADE EUREKA MATH SQUARED PURCHASE

Mrs. Kudwa shared that Eureka Math Squared Program was introduced during the 2022-23 school year. She stated that they are continuing with the program for the 2024-25 school year, and this requires the purchase of consumable workbooks and online licensing for our elementary students and teachers. Mrs. Kudwa noted that included in the recommendation is materials and manipulatives for two additional Junior Kindergarten sections. She shared that only one publisher, GreatMinds submitted a proposal. Mrs. Kudwa stated that this purchase is for a single year contract. The total cost to supply workbooks and digital licenses for all units, for all elementary students, as well as two additional Junior Kindergarten sections is \$149,020.63. She shared that the cost will be made from the CITA budget, and it will be brought to the June 18th Board Meeting for approval.

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION UNITS OF STUDY

Mrs. Kudwa noted that this course is taken by a subset of students who struggle with elements of interpersonal communication. She shared that the course was piloted, the resources were selected, and now the curriculum committee is ready to finalize the units of study. The Special Education Department purchased the materials, and the total amount was well below the Board approval threshold, so this information is simply being provided. The units of study will be brought back to the June 18th Board of Education meeting for approval.

2023-24 FINAL BUDGET REVISION

Mrs. Gray presented the 2023-24 Final Budget Revision. She stated that the 2023-24 Final Budget and Resolution will be brought back to the June 18th Board of Education meeting for approval.

2023-24 Final Budget Presentation

2024-25 PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED BUDGET

Mrs. Gray presented the Public Hearing and Proposed Budget for 2024-25. She noted that the 2024-25 Proposed Budget and Resolution will be brought back to the June 18th Board of Education meeting for approval.

2024-25 Public Hearing and Proposed Budget Presentation

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Legislative Mr. Leftwich didn't have anything to add to Mr. Archibald's report and thanked him for his work on recovering some of the monies for the district. He shared that he cast the votes for the Oakland Schools Board of Education candidates that the SLCS Board had chosen.
- Policy Mr. Leftwich stated that they did not have a meeting.
- Finance Mr. Schwegler had nothing more to add to what Mrs. Gray had presented.
- Facilities and Grounds Mrs. Urtel stated that the current projects are progressing nicely. She shared that the SLHS kitchen renovation has just started, the pool project is progressing, and there is some HVAC and roofing work being done around the district this summer. Mrs. Urtel also noted that the design process will start for some work that will begin the summer of 2025.
- Curriculum & Communications Mrs. Urtel shared that items from the committee meeting were already discussed tonight.

REPORTS

• South Lyon Educational Foundation – Mr. Maguire thanked everyone that participated in the Grub Crawl last week. He also thanked the businesses in town that took part.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - There were no additional public comments.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Schwegler acknowledged the resignations and donations that were received.

MEETING DATES

• June 18, 2024, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

- Mrs. Urtel shared that she attended the program by the Capstone Classes at SLHS and the students did a great job. She was extremely impressed with their projects and that some had already started their own businesses. Mrs. Urtel welcomed the new teachers. She wished congratulations to the retirees. Mrs. Urtel reported that the Spring sports teams are doing phenomenal. She shared that it was Senior Clap Out last Friday, which is an emotional day. Mrs. Urtel stated that this week is the Honor Ceremony at both high schools and then graduation on Saturday. She hopes that everyone has a great last week and a half of school.
- *Mrs. Rimanelli* wished congratulations to the new hires and those who are retiring. She noted that she was really looking forward to this week with the honors presentations and graduation this weekend. Mrs. Rimanelli wished everyone good luck.
- Mr. Maguire congratulated and thanked all of the retirees for their years of service. He thanked the Finance Committee and Mrs. Gray for all the work on the budget. Mr. Maguire shared that it's a huge lift not only to finalize last year budget but to create next year's budget. He shared that not enough can be said about how difficult it is to try to formulate a budget when you don't know what the state's portion is. Mr. Maguire recognized June as Pride month, he thanked all in the district who make an effort to make sure all feel included, welcome, and safe. He wished everyone a fun and safe summer.
- *Dr. Laszlo* thanked the woodwind players and their amazing performance. She welcomed the new hires to the district. Dr. Laszlo sent best wishes to the retirees and thanked them for their years of service. She hopes everyone enjoys the end of the year and asked them to be safe at their celebrations. Dr. Laszlo expressed happy Pride month, as well.
- Mr. Leftwich thought it was very nice how the woodwind quartet started the retirement ceremony. In honor of Memorial Day, Mr. Leftwich thanked all those in the community that served our country. He also recognized Pride month and acknowledged those staff and students who that it applies to. Mr. Leftwich thanked Sue Woodley for sharing "good things" at the meeting. He thanked the entire administrative team for their work on the budget. Mr. Leftwich shared that it's difficult to prepare the budget not knowing what the district will receive from state or federal funding. Mr. Leftwich thanked everyone for their hard work and getting the budget where it is at today.
- Mr. Schwegler was happy to see that there are students that take music to the level and really show off their hard work and talents. Mr. Schwegler hopes those retiring step back and reflect on what they've experienced and enjoy the time they have to come.

ADJOURN

Mr. Schwegler asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m.

Moved by Dr. Laszlo, supported by Mrs. Rimanelli to adjourn the meeting.

Ayes -6, Nays -0. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Urtel, Secretary

Board of Education