

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

**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 Dashner called the February 8, 2022 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Anthony Abbate, Craig Dashner, Stephanie Junkulis-Pierce, Eric Kennedy, Martin Leftwich, Dan Schwegler, Jennifer Urtel

**Absent:** None

**Administration Present:** Mr. Steve Archibald, Superintendent, Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Brian Toth, Asst. Superintendent, Stacy Witt, Asst. Superintendent

**Administration Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**RECOGNITION – SOUTH LYON HIGH SCHOOL HONOR BAND MEMBERS**

Mr. Brian Toth stated that six South Lyon High School students were selected by Music for All to be a member of the Bands of America Honor Band in the 2022 Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. These students were selected from among hundreds of applicants across the nation for membership in this prestigious national honor band. The six high school students include:

- *Emily Berg, Senior, Sousaphone*
- *Layne Malek, Senior, Alto Saxophone*
- *Kyle Schang, Senior, Tenor Saxophone*
- *Nathan Schang, Sophomore, Trombone*
- *Marianna Riminelli, 2021 graduate, Trumpet*
- *Maranda Willey, 2021 graduate, Alto Saxophone*

Ms. Riminelli and Ms. Willey were away at school and unavailable to attend the board meeting this evening.

The BOA Honor Band is a 300-piece national ensemble with winds, percussion and a flag and dance team. The band is under the direction of Richard Saucedo, composer, conductor and retired director of the national champion Carmel H.S. (IN) marching band. To be selected for this opportunity is a once-in-a-lifetime experience for students and a testimony to their excellence and achievements. The Rose Parade is one of our country's national pageantry treasures. The 2022 Honor Band members are ambassadors of America's scholastic music and arts programs, as well as their schools and communities.

The six students spent a week in Southern California, where they rehearsed, performed at the Tournament of Roses Bandfest and at Disneyland, participated in special activities and appeared in the famous parade broadcast worldwide. This marked the fifth time Music for All's Bands of America Honor Band has performed in the Tournament of Roses Parade. The 2022 Rose Parade began at 8 a.m. on New Year's Day with the theme "Dream, Believe, Achieve." The 5 ½ mile parade was televised worldwide.

Mr. Toth and the Board offered their congratulations to Emily, Layne, Kyle, Nathan, Marianna and Maranda on this fantastic accomplishment and recognition.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dashner offered an opportunity for public comments. The following comments were shared with the Board.

- **Amanda Lees, SLEHS senior**, spoke to the Board regarding students having to wear masks at school and shared her opposition to the mask mandate citing they are ineffective in preventing COVID.
- **David Price, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Brummer teacher**, stated that he has faith in his peers and that teachers will do what is in the best interest of the children all of the time. He also believes that the majority of parents in our community feel the same way. Some teachers also receive messages, emails and hand-written notes from parents expressing their gratitude for them. On the other side, they may receive messages from parents who don't believe the teachers are doing their best. He asked community members who are happy with their children's teachers to be a louder voice and send emails, messages and hand-written notes not only to the teachers, but to upper administration and to the Board members. Positive is better and will lead to good changes. Support the good things, as they far outweigh the bad!
- **Brandy Mills Adam** questioned why Oakland County Health Department is issuing a mask mandate now and not earlier. She asked why the Board is sitting silent and not fighting for the best interest of our children. Masks are unproven measures and are unjustifiable; they don't work and hurt kids.
- **Amy Demeter** finds it appalling that this mask mandate is still in place in our school district. The Board needs to open their eyes. The virus affects men and women over 65, not children. The mandate is a sham. She indicated it is an unlawful mandate, and that the Board needs to verbalize this and stop being indifferent. The Board needs to speak up for our kids and give parents a choice.
- **Brenton Montie, SLEA External Vice President**, noted that he will be sharing a list of events, activities in the schools or highlighting a staff member at each board meeting. This week he turned the spotlight on Marie Seiter, Salem secretary. He emphasized that she is an exceptional employee in the district going above and beyond her role as the principal's secretary. When the world was shut down back in March 2020, she went out and delivered Blessings in a Backpack to Salem students. She volunteered to prep and deliver food to the community weekly. She helps out in any way possible to support staff and students. She designed a new arrival and dismissal procedure for all elementary schools to use on a Google sheet and shared it with anyone who wanted to use it in the community. She is also an active member in the general South Lyon community. She has planned the Pumpkinfest Parade for years. She volunteers for cross country and wrestling events at SLHS. She organizes yearly drives to make sure Salem families have gifts, clothes and food for their children at Christmas. She also gathers used winter apparel for any child who may need it at Salem. She hand-made Santa spy cams for every classroom at Salem. She is an amazing person who touches so many lives daily.

At EHS, the choirs are performing a benefit concert scheduled on March 15 at 7 pm to raise funds for an awareness about children's mental health issues. Information and personal stories will be shared throughout the concert. All proceeds will go to the Association for Children's Mental Health of Michigan. Coming up soon also at East is the clash of Cougar's men's junior vs senior volleyball. The Class of 2022 fundraiser allows the girls volleyball players to take on coaching roles and coach and teach their classmates the game of volleyball. The event is scheduled for March 11 at 5 p.m. @ EHS.

The South Lyon East Student Council, Key Club and National Honor Society are running a book drive to collect books to donate to Mott's Hospital. So far, they have collected 200 books.

A Pearson peer led obstacle course takes place every Friday. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student leaders are paired with kindergarten students to teach them literacy and math skills throughout an obstacle course. Each teacher has developed their own flash cards centered around the current kindergarten curriculum sight words, shapes, numbers and phonemic awareness activities. Katie Bell supervises and provides support for the entire activity.

- **Dr. Mark Stanalajcz** spoke regarding his daughter's American History teacher giving out an assignment that he felt was pushing her political leftist ideology. Indoctrination of students is wrong.
- **Geno Montes** stated that the mask mandate in the district needs to stop. He felt wearing masks is mind terrorism and should be a choice. Think of the kids and stop the politics.
- **Miriam Corvino** expressed her strong opposition to the mask mandate and the Board's silence on it. She felt the Board is destroying the school system.
- **Dan Argentati** talked about a classroom assignment where a teacher is bringing in their political views in the classroom. He felt there should be a disciplinary review and corrective action. South Lyon is diverse with many political views. He also expressed his opposition of the mask mandate.
- **Tracy O'Neill** addressed the mask mandate noting that kids are suffering from anxiety and that masks are affecting their mental health.
- **Amanda Lees** stated that face masking needs to stop now. It is a political and inhumane mandate and is a violation of student rights.
- **Sue Young** voiced her opposition to the mask mandate. Let parents have a choice.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Kennedy to approve the agenda as presented.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the following minutes as presented:

- January 18, 2022 – Organizational/Regular Meeting

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Moved by Mr. Schwegler, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the following bills as presented:

- January 2022 Prepaids
- February 2022 Bond Bills

**Roll Call: Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

**MASB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION**

Mr. Dashner indicated to the Board there is a vacancy on the 2022 Michigan Association of School Boards Board of Directors for our Region 8. The bios of the four candidates were provided to our board members for their review. The SLCS Board of Education needs to identify one of the candidates for whom they wish to vote for and provide the name to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant who will then submit the official ballot. After reviewing the candidates, there was an initial vote taken. Ms. Junkulis-Pierce cast her vote for Ms. Melinda Hines. Mr. Schwegler cast his vote for Ms. Melinda Hines. Ms. Urtel cast her vote for Ms. Melinda Hines. Mr. Dashner cast his vote for Ms. Darlene Pomponio. Mr. Kennedy cast his vote for Ms. Melinda Hines. Mr. Abbate cast his vote for Ms. Darlene Pomponio. Mr. Leftwich cast his vote for Ms. Melinda Hines. There were five votes for Ms. Hines and 2 votes for Ms. Pomponio.

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce to support Ms. Hines as their choice of candidate to vote for in the MASB Board of Directors Election.

**Roll Call: Mr. Leftwich-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

Ms. Wiemer will submit the Board's vote for Ms. Melinda Hines to fill the Region 8 three-year term on the 2022 MASB Board of Directors.

**REVISIONS TO POLICY 5010 – FIXED ASSETS (2<sup>ND</sup> RDG.)**

Mr. Brian Toth stated that this policy was brought to the Board at the January 18 meeting for information. No changes were requested. He asked the Board to approve the policy as presented.

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Ms. Urtel to approve Policy 5010 (Fixed Assets) as presented.

**Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

**BOND 2020 SITE ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENTS AT SLHS & SLEHS**

Ms. Stacy Witt explained that this agenda item was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on February 1, 2022. The Facility Planning Committee reviewed the recommendation and approved to bring the following bids to the Board for approval. Representatives from Barton Malow and Integrated Design Solutions evaluated the bid proposals for the site athletic improvements at South Lyon High School and South Lyon East High School. Post bid review meetings were conducted with the contractors listed below the week of January 15, 2022 and references were checked. Everything was found to be in order. It is the recommendation for the school board to approve the following contracts:

• Concrete/Asphalt	True North Asphalt	\$529,465
• Electrical Work	MHM Construction	\$317,519
• Site Work	Eagle Excavation	\$3,620,000
• Synthetic Turf Fields	Sprinturf	\$1,276,370
• Tennis Court Resurfacing	Racquet Sports	\$125,500
• Fencing	Michigan Fence Outlet	\$822,800

**Total Award Amount: \$6,691,654**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to award the contracts in the amount of \$6,691,654 as presented.

There were a few questions from the Board.

**Roll Call: Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

#### **BOND 2020 BARTLETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ADDITION & RENOVATIONS**

Ms. Stacy Witt explained to the Board that this agenda item was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on February 1, 2022. The Facility Planning Committee reviewed the recommendation and approved to bring the bids to the Board for approval. Since this was presented to the Facility Planning Committee there was an item in one of the contractor's bids that was found to be insufficient, or the scope wasn't fully included in their bid price. The recommendation to award the sitework to Ahern Contracting in the amount of \$174,000 has been removed from the agenda this evening. The FPC is removing the sitework bid category recommendation tonight until more follow up is done to make it all inclusive. Their adjusted recommendation is to award the following contracts in the amount of \$2,622,914.

• Concrete	DSP Constructors	\$369,338
• Masonry	Schiffer Mason Contractors	\$515,600
• Steel	Nelson Iron Works	\$327,841
• Roofing/Shingles	CEI Michigan, LLC	\$237,199
• Aluminum/Glazing	Envision Glass & Door	\$128,300
• Painting	Seven Brothers Painting	\$74,515
• Lockers/Toilet Part.	Rayhaven Group	\$24,760
• Mechanical	Ecker Mechanical	\$497,500
• Electrical	Danboise Mechanical	\$417,690
• <del>Site Work</del>	<del>Ahern Contracting</del>	<del>\$174,000</del>
• Paving	T & M Paving	\$61,000

**Total Adjusted Award Amount: \$2,622,914**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to award the contracts for Bond 2020 Bartlett Elementary school addition & renovations, minus the sitework bid, for a new total amount of \$2,622,914 as presented.

**Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

**BOND 2020 ECC ADDITION & RENOVATIONS**

Ms. Stacy Witt explained to the Board that this agenda item was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on February 1, 2022. The Facility Planning Committee reviewed the recommendation and approved to bring the bids to the Board for approval. Representatives from Barton Malow and Integrated Design Solutions evaluated the bid proposals for this project. Post bid meetings were held with the contractors and references were checked. It is the recommendation of Administration for the school board to award the following contracts.

• Concrete	DSP Constructors	\$238,983
• Masonry	Schiffer Mason Contractors	\$168,230
• Steel	Ross Structural Steel	\$223,300
• Roofing/Shingles	CEI Michigan, LLC	\$123,483
• Aluminum/Glazing	Envision Glass & Door	\$57,400
• Painting	Seven Brothers Painting	\$30,730
• Lockers/Toilet Partitions	Rayhaven Group	\$1,527
• Mechanical	Ecker Mechanical	\$295,700
• Electrical	Munro Electric	\$235,550
• Site Work	Eagle Excavation	\$99,000
• Paving	T & M Paving	\$177,000

**Total Award Amount: \$1,835,234**

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to award the above listed contracts for a total amount of \$1,835,234 as presented.

**Roll Call: Ms. Urtel-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT**

Mr. Toth reported that Millennium Middle School received a piano from Colleen Chase. This donation is valued at \$800. He asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Leftwich to accept the gift of a piano from Colleen Chase in accordance with Policy 7003 as presented.

**Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**

**ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS**

Mr. Toth informed the Board that the South Lyon East Robotics Team received the following donations:

- \$1,000 from Kawasaki Robotics to be used for materials, supplies, and travel.
- \$500 from Hatachi to be used for materials, supplies, and travel.
- Special lathe tool bits valued at \$600 from Ronald Weber Sr. to be used for machining parts.

He asked the Board to accept the gifts in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Kennedy to accept the gifts in accordance with Policy 7003.

**Roll Call: Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.**



**BOND 2020 PROJECTOR & INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE**

Ms. Witt presented the Board with information for a request to purchase new projectors and interactive technology components to replace the outdated, obsolete hardware. She stated that formal bid and background information could be found in the enclosure. Multiple bid packages were reviewed for adherence to required specifications and an apparent low bid was determined.

The recommended action is to award Base Bid Nos. 1 and 2 to the lowest qualified bidder, Digital Age Technology (DAT), for:

- *Base Bid No. 1 at \$901,276.00 (Secondary schools; hardware and installation, and Elementary schools' installation)*
- *Minus Base Bid No. 1 Mandatory Alternate No. 2 at \$129,998.00 (Wall mounted Crestron Control panels)*
- *Base Bid No. 2 at \$225,899.00 (Elementary Interactive Display Panels)*
- *Base Bid No. 2 Voluntary Alternate No. 2 at \$168,730.00 (Manual height-adjustable hardware mounts)*

The total recommendation is in the amount of \$1,165,907.00. Chester Cox was available to answer questions from the Board.

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Schwegler to approve the total recommendation amount of \$1,165,907.00 as presented.

**Roll Call:** Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

President Dashner called a short break.

**ADMINISTRATION*****Non-Resident Schools of Choice Resolution - 2022-23 School Year***

Ms. Lisa Kudwa explained to the Board that in their packet, there was the non-resident Schools of Choice resolution for the 2022-23 school year. This resolution would keep open school of choice at certain locations in the district for non-resident students in grades JK-8 and ninth grade at East.

In addition to the resolution, they also had the non-resident Schools of Choice guidelines and application.

She noted that this item will be brought back before the Board for approval at the March 1 meeting.

***Oakland County Parent Advisory Committee Representative***

Ms. Lisa Kudwa stated that Loni Pryor has been recommended to serve as one of our Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) representatives. Her three-year term would run through 2025.

The PAC representatives attend meetings with other Oakland County parent representatives and work with our Director of Special Education to exchange and share ideas with the county, other district's PAC reps and parents in our own community.

This item will be brought back before the Board for approval at the March 1 meeting.

**2021-22 Budget Amendment #1**

Ms. Witt stated that the 2021-22 Budget Amendment #1 (Enclosure 13) was in their board packet. She provided an overall review for the Board. She noted that the General Fund total revenues are budgeted at \$97,711,603. General Fund expenditures are budgeted at \$96,917,762 adding a surplus to the fund balance at the end of the year of \$793,841. For the Special Revenue Funds, the total revenues are \$4,487,231 and the total expenditures of \$4,162,384 adding a surplus to the Special Revenue fund balance of \$324,847. For the Debt Service Fund, we have a total of \$19,129,354 budgeted for revenues. A total of \$20,140,962 is budgeted for expenses expending \$1,011,608 out of the Debt Service Fund balance which is very typical when you collect taxes. She added that we had too much in our fund balance that helped us lower our millage even with the 2020 bond, so we are eating up some of that extra from previous millages that have been sitting in our Debt Service Fund. There is a total revenue of \$721,000 in our Capital Projects Fund. Total Expenditures up \$25,416,766 for a total deficit in the Capital Projects Fund of \$25,707,376. This is because for the 2020 Bond we pulled down that \$57 million from last year which puts that revenue in there, and we are spending that over three years. We don't draw down any 2020 Bonds this year, so we have no revenue coming in this year. The Capital Projects Bond fund balance in the Amendment #1 budget for the end of this year would be \$21,682 for us to spend next year before we take our Series 2 draw in 2023.

There were no questions from the Board.

**Information on ESSER III Planning**

Ms. Kelley Engblom narrated a slide presentation on COVID related grant funding. She provided an overview of all of our COVID Relief Funding that has been received to date. She indicated the primary purpose of tonight's session is to share information related to ESSER III and stakeholder input in the development of our district's plan Information for our use of ESSER III funding and the South Lyon Community Schools needs prioritized for ESSER III. This presentation can be found on the district website.

**Progress Report on Educational Goals and Benchmark Assessments**

She also provided the Board with a Section 98b Goal Progress Report which shares the district's progress toward meeting mid-year and end of year goals as outlined in this legislation. This presentation can also be found on the district website.

**LEGISLATION**

Mr. Archibald indicated that there was no new legislation to report.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **Legislative** – Mr. Leftwich reported that they are toying with an idea in Lansing right now of providing compensation for student teachers in the future. At this point, he is not sure if this would be allowable, but if it is he would be in favor of offering this in South Lyon.
- **Policy** – They have an upcoming meeting scheduled.
- **Finance** – He referenced a 2 ½% reserve amount that is already allocated to buildings in the overall general fund balance. We are now at 13% which is still healthy, but we need to subtract that 2 ½%. The state is recommending that districts start moving toward a 15-20% overall general fund balance.
- **Facilities Planning** – They reviewed bond approvals this evening. A quarterly update from IDS and Barton Malow is scheduled in March.
- **Curriculum & Communications** – They will be meeting on Thursday.



**OTHER**

Mr. Archibald reiterated that with the support of this Board and Administration, if and when the County rescinds the mask mandate order, he will be ready to implement the mask optional as originally planned. Conversations have recently picked up with the Oakland County Superintendents with respect to approaching the Oakland County Health Department collectively asking them to either rescind or consider reassessing the Order.

**REPORTS**

***South Lyon Educational Foundation*** – Ms. Junkulis-Pierce stated that the Perseverance Award application is available on the SLEF website. It has been sent to the counselors at the high schools. It is an exciting opportunity. She also spoke of fundraising with local businesses. They are still looking for volunteers specifically for the Finance Committee, as well as for the Fundraising Committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mr. Dashner offered a second opportunity for public comments.

- *Brenton Montie* shared additional positive updates of happenings in the district.
- *Miriam Corvino* spoke again on her strong opposition to the mask mandate and shared her disappointment in the Board for not following the science regarding masks. It is a major issue with mental health. She thanked the Superintendent for his action on penning a letter to Lansing with the support of the Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Dashner acknowledged the following correspondence:

***Resignations:***

- *Alejandra Baeza – District*
- *Sandra Connors – Kent Lake*

***Donation – Millennium Middle Center***

Cash donation of \$420 collected among friends in honor of Mary Scheloske. The gift is intended to purchase books for the Millennium Media Center to honor Mary Scheloske. Donations were from Meg Murphy, Julie Weitzel, Julie Courter, Kelly Ditzel, Amy Frith and Debbie Stein.

**MEETING DATES**

Mr. Dashner acknowledged the following meeting dates.

- March 1, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 15, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 3, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 17, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 6, 2022, (Monday), Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

**BOARD COMMENTS**

- **Ms. Junkulis-Pierce** thanked Mr. Montie for bringing district information to the Board. The band students today were tremendous. She acknowledged all our counselors and their work in the district. The Oxford Strong campaign has been exceptional. She wished good luck to our Pom Teams who will be competing in their state competition this week. She also acknowledged the dance and bowling teams who competed recently as well. She thanked everyone who speaks at the meetings while assuring them that the Board does listen to them.
- **Mr. Leftwich** thanked Mr. Toth for bringing the band students to the board meeting. He thanked Mr. Montie for his comments and assured him that the majority of people are supportive of teachers. He stated that he agrees with Mr. Archibald and that he would like to go back to the original Board decision to have a non-mandated mask recommendation.
- **Mr. Schwegler** wanted to commend Ms. Witt and her team for the work that they do managing a budget as large as ours and working through many challenges. The Board is not silent to COVID. A board meeting is not the proper forum for those discussions. The goal of the Board is to keep the kids in the classrooms where they get the best opportunity to learn.
- **Mr. Abbate** offered his support to Mr. Archibald and all his decisions. He has provided advocacy on behalf of the district. The Board is just as frustrated as the parents in the district. They will not break the law.
- **Ms. Urtel** congratulated Mr. Montie on being named Centennial Middle School teacher of the year. She loves that he is bringing positive information to the share with the Board. Six students going to the Rose Parade is phenomenal and a great experience. She also thanked Ms. Kudwa, Ms. Engblom and Ms. Witt for all the hard work put forth in their presentations at the meeting. Both Pom Teams from both high schools are going to Nationals this weekend to compete. Good luck to them. SLHS is hosting a variety show with 35 acts on Friday. South Lyon High School has a Spring musical (Oliver) coming up on March 4 – 6.
- **Mr. Kennedy** shared a thank you to every staff member, students and teachers in the district and noted that the Board appreciates them.
- **Mr. Dashner** echoed comments that have been made about grace. With the focus of finding CRT in education sweeping the nation right now, he wanted everyone to know that they are not indoctrinating students. They are educating them. Speak to a teacher if you find something you don't agree with.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Urtel  
Board Secretary