

NOVEMBER 9, 2021

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #63-240 COUNTIES OF
OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON, AND WASHTENAW
HELD IN SOUTH LYON CITY & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dashner called the November 9, 2021 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Dan Schwegler

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

Administration Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dashner offered an opportunity for public comments. The following comments were made.

- **Lisa Welch** addressed the Board on behalf of the South Lyon Education Association to acknowledge the great loss the school community has experienced with the sudden passing of Angie Badish this past weekend. She indicated that Ms. Badish played a vital role in our district and impacted countless lives. She extended condolences to her family and noted that she will be greatly missed.
- **Shellie Smirnoff** spoke to the Board regarding the mask mandate imposed on our children.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – No vote taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Dashner asked the Board to approve the October 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the October 26, 2021 special meeting minutes.

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Mr. Kennedy to approve the October 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes and the October 26, 2021 special meeting minutes as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. **Motion carries 6 – 0.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the following bills:

- *October 2021 Prepaids*
- *November 2021 Bond Bills*
- *October 2021 Wires & ACH Transactions*
- *October 2021 Revenue Report*

Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes. **Motion carries 6 – 0.**

SYMPATHY RESOLUTION

South Lyon Community Schools was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely death of Millennium Middle School teacher, Angela Badish. South Lyon Community Schools offered its deepest sympathy to the family, friends and colleagues of Angie Badish by approving a sympathy resolution in her name. President Dashner asked Mr. Abbate to read the entire resolution.

Moved by Mr. Dashner, supported by Ms. Urtel to accept this resolution on behalf of the Board to the family.

Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

HIRING OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Mr. Toth stated that a retirement required the hiring of the following instructional staff.

- *Kimberly Ellis – SLHS Counselor*

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the hiring of Ms. Ellis effective October 25, 2021.

Roll Call: Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

HIRING OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Mr. Toth stated that a resignation required the hiring of the following instructional staff.

- *Michaela Gokhale – VLP Kindergarten Teacher*

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Kennedy to approve the hiring of the teacher listed above effective November 8, 2021.

Roll Call: Mr. Leftwich-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mr. Toth stated that the Ford Motor Company has granted Team 3641, the Flying Toasters, \$3,000 for unrestricted use in the 2021-22 season. He asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Ms. Urtel to accept the gift of \$3,000 in accordance with Policy 7003 as requested.

Roll Call: Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mr. Toth stated that the General Motors (GM) Company has graciously granted Team 3641, the Flying Toasters, \$5,000 for unrestricted use in the 2021-22 FIRST season. He asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with Policy 7003.

Moved by Mr. Leftwich, supported by Mr. Kennedy to accept the gift of \$5,000 in accordance with Policy 7003 as requested.

Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mr. Toth stated that the Millennium Middle School's Robotics Team has received the following donations totaling \$1,900 to be used for team expenses and robot building to support the 2021-22 robotics season.

- *Genther*..... \$500
- *SAAV Prosthodontics* \$500
- *Anjalini Foods USA LLC*..... \$200
- *Matt and Bonnie Ruisz*..... \$200
- *John J. Lanigan Sr. Training Academy*..... \$200
- *Pratt Miller*..... \$200
- *Tanglewood Golf Course*..... \$100

Moved by Ms. Urtel, supported by Mr. Abbate to accept the gifts in accordance with Policy 7003.

Roll Call: Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

BOND 2020 SCIENCE ROOM RENOVATION WOOD LAB CASEWORK – SLHS

Ms. Stacy Witt explained to the Board that this item was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on November 2, 2021. The FPC reviewed the recommendation and approved to bring the bids to the Board for approval. Ms. Witt asked the Board to award a contract to Detroit Technical Equipment in the amount of \$608,000.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to award a contract to Detroit Technical Equipment in the amount of \$608,000 for the purchase and installation of wood laboratory casework for the SLHS science room as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

BOND 2020 LIGHTING UPGRADE – BRUMMER, HARDY AND KENT LAKE

Ms. Stacy Witt explained to the Board that this agenda item was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on November 2, 2021. The FPC reviewed the recommendation and approved to bring the bids to the Board for approval. Ms. Witt asked the Board to award a contract to Munro Electric in the amount of \$192,700.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to award the contract to Munro Electric in the amount of \$192,700 as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE - NEW STORAGE AREA NETWORK HARDWARE AND SUPPORT

Ms. Stacy Witt stated that this item was presented at the October 19 board meeting as information for request to purchase a new Storage Area Network system to replace the current HP Nimble storage array that will reach End of Service/End of Life (EOS/EOL) on December 10, 2021. She noted that the consortium bid, and background information is provided in the enclosure. The Michigan Collegiate Telecommunications Association (MICTA) provides consortium competitive bid pricing for SAN systems and components. There are two manufacturers included in the MiCITA bid responses. Both manufacturers (HP Nimble and PureStorage) are available for consideration. Ms. Witt asked the Board to approve the purchase of the new Storage Area Network system to replace the current HP Nimble storage array that will reach End of Service/End of Life (EOS/EOL) on December 10, 2021.

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Leftwich to approve the purchase of the new Storage Area Network system to replace the current HP Nimble storage array that will reach End of Service/End of Life (EOS/EOL) on December 10, 2021 as recommended.

Roll Call: Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

AUTHORIZATION FOR FPC COMMITTEE TO APPROVE NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD

Ms. Urtel explained that current lead times for several different construction materials are currently increasing. This substantially increases the risk that long material lead times will result in delays to district projects. In order to keep projects from becoming delayed due to these increasing lead times, Barton Mallow and IDS have requested the ability to issue Notice of Intent to Award Contract letters which will provide contractors with the certainty needed to commit to material orders. This will allow material orders to be placed up to a month earlier than waiting for the award. The proposed process can be found in the enclosure and would require the ARC Committee to approve the bid recommendations before approaching the Facility Planning Committee. The FPC Committee members would be contacted for agreement before the Letter of Intent is signed and forwarded to the contractor. The Award Recommendation would still come to the Board of Education for approval. The Facility Planning Committee is seeking approval from the Board to authorize the materials with long lead times. Ms. Urtel asked the Board to authorize the Facility Planning Committee to approve Letters of Intent to award contracts for materials with long lead times.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Abbate to authorize the Facility Planning Committee to approve Letters of Intent to award contracts for materials with long lead times as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Urtel-yes, Ms. Junkulis-Pierce-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Leftwich-yes. Motion carries 6 – 0.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLANS

Mr. Toth stated that all Michigan school districts need an approved emergency operation plan or (EOP). The original plan for South Lyon Community Schools was approved by the Board on December 2, 2019. In accordance with Michigan law, the EOP must be reviewed in conjunction with local law enforcement and approved by the Board at least once every two years. Our Security Administration Team or (SAT) in conjunction with our Oakland County school resource officers have reviewed and amended our plan as necessary. The revisions made for 2021 are to replace the former policies and policy numbers with the corresponding new policy numbers. The EOP will be brought before the Board of Education for approval at the December 7, 2021 meeting.

2022 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION RESOLUTION

Ms. Witt notified the Board that the 2022 Summer Tax Levy resolution is in their packet for review. She explained that all school districts are required to levy taxes in the winter unless the Board passes a resolution to collect them in the summer. She emphasized that the Board would have to pass a resolution to do 100% tax levy collecting the summer by January 1 in order to collect 2022-23 summer tax. She felt it is a good thing to do this otherwise you could have cash flow problems in the summer. This item will go before the Board as action at the December 7 board meeting.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Archibald noted that there was nothing new to report this evening.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Dashner acknowledged the following board committee reports:

- **Legislative** – Mr. Leftwich did not have anything new to share.
- **Policy** – Policy recommendations will be coming to the Board.
- **Finance** – The November Finance meeting is scheduled later this month.
- **Facilities & Grounds** – Ms. Urtel reported that they went over a couple things this evening with a letter of intent and a couple bid awards. They have a few more projects going out. Architects are busy for November and December to get more bids out. They are moving along well.
- **Curriculum & Communications** – They are meeting on Thursday.
- **Oakland Schools Diversity, Equity & Inclusion** – Ms. Urtel noted that they went over some housekeeping details. They had a change of chairperson and went over the goals and mission statements to make sure everything is still aligned with what the thought process is for the next year to come.

OTHER

Mr. Archibald passed along his condolences to the Angie Badish family and thanked the community coming together with their support.

REPORTS

South Lyon Educational Foundation – There has not been a meeting since the last board meeting. The family photo shoot is next week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dashner offered a second opportunity for public comments. The following comments were made.

- *Miriam Corvino* stated that she has pulled her children out of school due to the mask mandate. She asked the Board to listen to science.
- *Michelle Gochenour* spoke to the Board regarding student instruction during quarantine.
- *Matt Howton* spoke to the Board regarding the end of day timeline when homework is being distributed to students when they are unable to attend school. He felt teachers should share assignments for the day on Google Classroom in the morning so kids can get their work done during the day. He also addressed the process used to quarantine students.
- *Kim Argentati* spoke to the Board regarding indoor winter sports at the high school and how the MHSAA addresses masking for participation in these sports. Kids shouldn't have to wear masks when participating in indoor sports.
- *Joe Cusamono* also offered his comments on the MHSAA rules regarding mask wearing, bussing issues, quarantine guidelines and how the Oxford School Board issued a request for resolution from the State of Michigan and the Oakland County Health Department.
- *Geno Montes* spoke to the Board regarding making mask wearing optional for the students.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Dashner acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Teacher Tenure Report
- Resignations
 - *Lauren Corsi*
 - *Melissa Harmala*
 - *Angela McKenzie*

MEETING DATES

Mr. Dashner noted the following meeting dates.

- December 7, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- January 18, 2022, (Tuesday) Organizational/Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- February 8, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 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, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2022, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

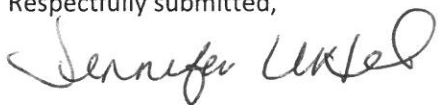
- **Ms. Junkulis-Pierce** thanked the parents and community members for attending the meeting. She noted that the Board appreciates their comments. She suggested asking for the Attorney General to give an opinion on the different laws, and this would protect our district. She also spoke to quarantining students and noting the need to address this issue so that students are getting the instruction they need. She welcomed new staff and acknowledged the generous donors for our Robotics Team. She offered her congratulations to the staff who have made tenure. She encouraged everyone to wear blue on Friday in support for Type I Diabetes. She noted the amazing job done by all of our sports teams. She congratulated the East High School Band for their tremendous performance.
- **Mr. Leftwich** spoke to the passing of Angie Badish. He noted that vocal music teachers have a special rapport with students. He extended his condolences to her family and colleagues.
- **Ms. Urtel** thanked everyone who came out to the board meeting. She thanked the Board for their kind words on Angie Badish. Her thoughts are with Angie's family on their loss. She congratulated the two sport teams. She noted that theater productions are coming up and tickets can be purchased online. Next weekend, East High School has A Christmas Story. She asked everyone to support the theater and arts as well as the sports.
- **Mr. Abbate** noted that he worked with Angie Badish for 8 years at Millennium Middle School. She had a huge personality and was always smiling. She taught on her prep hour, traveled and celebrated achievements. She gave with her heart and was a gift to the district. Bless her and her family.
- **Mr. Kennedy** stated that his thoughts and prayers are with Angie's family.
- **Mr. Dashner** stated that he has not heard anything about vaccine mandates from the County, but it doesn't mean that they are not talking about it behind closed doors. He noted that at the district level there is no interest in mandating a vaccine. The Board is staying silent on the issue with the Oakland County Health Department. He thanked General Motors, Ford Motor Company and other donors for their generous donations to the Robotics program. He shared his deepest condolences to the family of Angie Badish.

ADJOURN

Moved by Ms. Junkulis-Pierce, supported by Mr. Leftwich to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Urtel, Secretary
Board of Education