SALINE AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:30 PM

Mission

We, the Saline Area Schools, will equip all students with the knowledge, technological proficiency, and personal skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly complex society. We expect that our students, staff, and the Saline Community will share in these responsibilities.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 11, 2020, at 6:30 PM by Board President Pfannes

   Board Members Present

   Secretary Austin, Trustee Estep, Vice President Hynek, Trustee McVey, Board President Pfannes, Trustee Steben, and Trustee Valenti

   Central Administration Present

   Superintendent Graden, Assistant Superintendent Ellis, Assistant Superintendent Laatsch, and Assistant Superintendent Owsley

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT - STUDENTS**

   No public comment at this time.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT - OTHER**

   No public comment at this time.

5. **ADMINISTRATION/BOARD UPDATES**

   Superintendent Graden thanked the staff for all the hard work in preparing for back-to-school. The Administrative Team held a retreat on Monday and Tuesday where they welcomed two new members to the team.

   Trustee McVey, along with Secretary Austin, Trustee Estep, and Trustee Steben attended a recently MASB session with Dr. Michael Rice. Dr. Rice serves as the Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State Board of Education.

   Trustee Estep reported that she was recently chosen serve on the MASB Resolution and Bylaws Committee.

Trustee Steben congratulated Trustee Estep on her appointment to the Resolution and Bylaws Committee. She also attended the National Education Association Meeting where discussions centered around class sizes, PPE, and safety.

Secretary Austin thanked Superintendent Graden and the staff for all of the work they are putting into the back-to-school plans. It is an extremely difficult task to successful accommodate everyone's needs because they are all different.

Board President Pfannes concurred that there are so many questions and the Administration is doing a great job of trying to answer them.

6. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT

Please be sure to check out the Frequently Asked Questions on the website. As the Board receives questions, they forward them to the Administration and the site is updated.

7. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Secretary Austin, seconded by Trustee McVey to **approve the agenda as printed**.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Secretary Austin – Aye
Trustee Estep – Aye
Vice President Hynek – Aye
Trustee McVey – Aye
Trustee Steben - Aye
Trustee Valenti – Aye
Board President Pfannes - Aye

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

8. SCHEDULED REPORTS

A. No scheduled reports at this time.

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. MOTION made by Trustee McVey, seconded by Trustee Valenti to **approve the "Preparedness and Response Plan" as submitted by Superintendent Graden.**

ROLL CALL VOTE

Secretary Austin – Aye

Trustee Estep – Nay
Vice President Hynek – Aye
Trustee McVey – Aye
Trustee Steben - Aye
Trustee Valenti – Aye
Board President Pfannes - Aye

Ayes – 6, Nays -1, - **MOTION CARRIED**

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Connected Learning Plan – Superintendent Graden

Superintendent Graden outlined the Reopening Survey Results and Analysis for the Board. The goal of this survey was to assist with instructional planning for the 2020-2021 school year. Topics included in the survey were: instructional model preferences (Parents and Certified Staff), District Transportation (Parents Only), and Technology Needs (Parents Only). The results were compiled based on a response rate of 80% of families and 87% of staff.

B. Hornet Homeroom – Superintendent Graden

Community Education Director Puffer gave a presentation to the Board on childcare options and support for families while the District is in virtual learning. The highlights of the program are to provide study tables for each student separated by six feet, supplement school-based virtual learning, with no teachers or lessons provided onsite, be arranged around each child's specific school learning requirements, and have students participate in socially distant day camp activities between classes.

C. Budget Update – Assistant Superintendent Owsley

Superintendent Graden announced that a Budget Committee Meeting would be set up prior to the next Board Meeting. He also thanked Assistant Superintendent Owsley for obtaining a very good interest rate for the $9.9 million school loan

D. Title IX Policy Update – Trustee Estep

Trustee Estep announced that there will be some mandatory Title IX policy updates brought to the Board for approval at the August 25th meeting. These revisions are mandatory due to Title IX law changes.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION made by Secretary Austin, seconded by Vice President Hynek to **authorize the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:**

A. **Approval** of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020.

B. **Approval** of the Board Policy Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2020.

C. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of August 11, 2020, in the amount of 2,702,205.00.

D. **Approval of Payment** of Bond Fund Series II Accounts Payable of August 11, 2020, in the amount of $848,565.45.

E. **Receive and File** August Finance and Human Resources Reports.

F. **Approval** of the Early Graduation Request as submitted by Superintendent Graden.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Secretary Austin – Aye
Trustee Estep – Aye
Vice President Hynek – Aye
Trustee McVey – Aye
Trustee Steben - Aye
Trustee Valenti – Aye
Board President Pfannes - Aye

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

12. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA

A. Evaluation and Compensation Committee Minutes

B. Policy Updates

C. New Hires

D. Title IX Update

13. PUBLIC COMMENT (if necessary)

No public comment at this time.

14. NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on August 25, 2020, at 6:30 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Trustee Estep, seconded by Trustee Valenti to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 11, 2020, at 8:35 PM.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Secretary Austin – Aye
Trustee Estep – Aye
Vice President Hynek – Aye
Trustee McVey – Aye
Trustee Steben - Aye
Trustee Valenti – Aye
Board President Pfannes – Aye

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Austin, Secretary

By: Patti Waltz, Recording Secretary