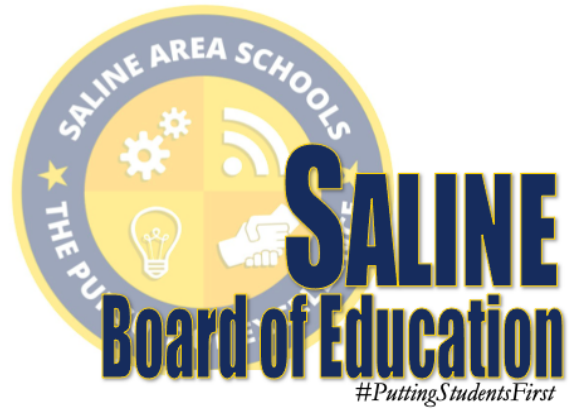


# Board of Education Meeting

Liberty School Board Room

January 10, 2023 at 6:30 PM



## MINUTES

### 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.*

### OPENING

#### Organizational Meeting of January 10, 2023

1. **CALL TO ORDER** of the Organizational Meeting of January 10, 2023

The Organization Meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by President Jennifer Steben.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **CEREMONIAL SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD TRUSTEES**

*Hon. Anna M. Frushour, 14A District Court Judge*

*Tim Austin, Trustee*

*Lauren Gold, Trustee*

*Michael McVey, Trustee*

4. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **MOTION** made by Vice President McVey, seconded by Trustee Miller **to appoint current President Jennifer Steben as the temporary election chairperson.**

Ayes - All Present **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

- B. **Election of Board Officers**

1. **President**

President Steben nominates Michael McVey

Vote:

Austin, Estep, Gerbe, Gold, McVey, Miller, Steben (McVey)

***2023 Board President will be Michael McVey***

2. **Vice President**

Trustee Austin nominates Jennifer Steben

Trustee Estep self nominates

Vote:

Austin, Gerbe, McVey, Miller, Steben (Steben)

Estep, Gold (Estep)

***2023 Board Vice President will be Jennifer Steben***

3. **Secretary**

Treasurer Gerbe nominates Jenny Miller

Vice President McVey nominates Susan Estep (declines nomination)

Vote:

Austin, Estep, Gerbe, Gold, McVey, Miller, Steben (Miller)

***2023 Board Secretary will be Jenny Miller***

4. **Treasurer**

Trustee Miller nominates Brad Gerbe

Vote:

Austin, Estep, Gerbe, Gold, McVey, Miller, Steben (Gerbe)

***2023 Board Treasurer will be Brad Gerbe***

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Trustee Estep **to adjourn the Organizational Meeting of January 10, 2023, at 6:56 pm PM.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 10, 2023**

6. **CALL TO ORDER** of the regular Board of Education Meeting of January 10, 2023

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:58 pm by President Michael McVey.

7. **SUPERINTENDENT'S STATEMENT**

Superintendent Laatsch read a prepared statement in recognition of January being National School Board Appreciation month. He expressed sincere appreciation and thanks to the Board of Education for their dedication and hard work in fulfilling their duties so faithfully to the students, staff and parents of our district. Certificates and gifts were shared as well.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**STUDENTS - None**

**OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS**

**Jason Ku, Parent** - Spoke in support of newly elected trustee Tim Austin and congratulations as well to the others on their successful campaigns and looks forward to meaningful discussions in the future.

9. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENT**

<b>AGENDA</b>
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10. **REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Treasurer Gerbe to **approve the agenda as printed.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

11. **SCHEDULED REPORTS**

A. **South and West Washtenaw Consortium Update**

*Executive Director, Ryan Rowe*

State of Career Technical Education of Saline Area Schools. We are one of 6 districts participating in the consortium. CTE is a priority as an educational option here at Saline. Since taking the position in 2020, we have been through difficult times. Delivering instruction remotely for many of the programs was challenging and not ideal. The programs are now stronger than ever. SWWC has successfully gone through some recent audits. We had a very successful Open House & Business Showcase December 1, 2022 with over 40 businesses participating to connect with prospective students. Many of the students currently enrolled in SWWC classes participated in the management of this event. Students have the opportunity to earn certifications and licensing that is industry recognized as well as possible tuition help in furthering their education in certain technical fields by local businesses. Some new programs are being planned. Hospitality and Tourism Mgmt will be offered in Dexter this coming fall,

and also Modern Web Development will be offered in Saline. Saline has experienced a 34.2% increase in enrollment from 21/22 to 22/23. Last year CTE received \$287,000 in equipment grants and this year over \$309,000 has been received to support state of the art equipment in all programs.

**12. ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **MOTION ... made by Treasurer Gerbe, seconded by Vice President Steben to appoint the Board's Recording Secretary, Betty Jahnke, Jenny Miller, Board Secretary, and Superintendent, Steve Laatsch to serve as the Board's designees for posting legal notices.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

- B. **MOTION made by Treasurer Gerbe, seconded by Secretary Miller to approve the Resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of bonds (not to exceed \$60,000,000.00) as submitted by Assistant Superintendent Owsley.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**13. ADMINISTRATION / BOARD UPDATES**

**Superintendent Laatsch:** Update on the water main break at the HS which occurred over winter break. They anticipate staff being able to be back in affected spaces by the week of January 23rd. This mainly affected the 1st and 2nd floor south facing office areas. Thank you to all the coordination efforts. January 12th is the kick off date with Clark & Kingscott as we start putting our bond in motion. January 16th is MLK Day. Encourages everyone to attend the UM symposium which is at 10 am at Hill Auditorium. This is a worthwhile event. Today in Lansing, Heather Dew was honored by MDOE State Superintendent, Michael Rice as the Education Support Staff Professional of the Year for the entire state of Michigan. There were over 100 nominations. Both Heather and the District received plaques of recognition.

**Secretary Miller:** Congratulations to Heather Dew. Also an acknowledgement and congratulations to the recently published list of district retirees. Look forward to honoring them at the end of the school year. Looking forward to serving this Board as Secretary for the 2023 year.

**Student Representative Allison Doran:** Hoping everyone enjoyed happy holidays. Reminders about MLK day on January 16th. Also the NHS will have a Blood Drive on January 27th. Particularly important in the winter months. Heritage & WM will have a Winter RUNderland Fun Run on January 21st. The MS Career Day will be February 17th. Volunteers still needed to share about careers. Saline Debate took 1st place at the recent varsity championship. Also the Heritage Robotics team qualified to attend the state tournament.

**Vice President Steben:** Thank you to the Board for the support over the last 2 years. Honored to have served as president during some especially challenging times. Best wishes to everyone for a great

2023. Looking forward to working with everyone.

**Trustee Austin:** Thank you to the community for the support and looking forward to serving the district's students, staff and parents.

**President McVey:** Thank you to the community for the support. Also congratulations to Brian Puffer, Director of Community Education on his recent Master's Degree from EMU.

**Trustee Gold:** Thank you to the community for the support and looking forward to serving the district's students, staff and parents.

**Treasurer Gerbe:** Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Board Treasurer again this year.

**14. CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Secretary Miller, seconded by Trustee Estep **to authorize the listed items as part of the Consent Agenda.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTIONED CARRIED 7-0**

- A. **Approval** of the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2022
- B. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of January 10, 2023, in the amount of \$3,941,855.15
- D. **Approval of Payment** of Bond Fund Series III Accounts Payable of January 10, 2023, in the amount of \$40,819.15
- E. **Receive and File** Finance and Human Resources Reports.

<b>CLOSING</b>
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**15. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA**

- A. DEI AC Report
- B. Board Committee Assignments

**16. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**STUDENTS - None**

**OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS - None**

**17. NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 24, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

**18. CLOSED SESSION**

**MOTION** made by Vice President Steben, seconded by Treasurer Gerbe **to enter Closed Session of the Board of Education at 7:50 PM, with the intent to re-enter Open Session at 8:00 PM, for the purpose to consider purchase or lease of real property under 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act. This requires a two-thirds roll call vote of elected or appointed members.**

**Roll Call Vote**

Gold - Aye  
Austin - Aye  
Gerbe - Aye  
McVey - Aye  
Steben - Aye  
Miller - Aye  
Estep - Aye

**19. RE-ENTER OPEN SESSION**

**MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, seconded by Trustee Estep **to re-enter Open Session of the Regular Board of Education Meeting at 8:18 PM.**

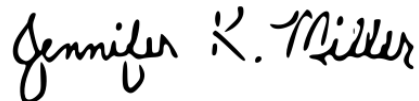
Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

**20. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** made by Vice President Steben, seconded by Trustee Austin **to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 10, 2023, at 8:19 PM.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer K. Miller  
Board Secretary

***Recorded by: Betty Jahnke***