

Board of Education Meeting

Liberty School Board Room

December 13, 2022 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

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Education Meeting of December 13, 2022 was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Jennifer Steben.

BOE Present: Trustee Estep, Treasurer Gerbe, Trustee Gold, Trustee Haywood, Vice President McVey, Trustee Miller, President Steben

Central Administration Present: Superintendent Laatsch, Assistant Superintendent Ellis, Assistant Superintendent Owsley, Executive Director Britnell, Executive Director Davis, Executive Director Clary

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS - None

5. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENT**

AGENDA

6. **REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION made by Trustee Miller, seconded by Vice President McVey to approve the agenda as printed.

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

7. SCHEDULED REPORTS

A. Teaching & Learning Update: Continuous Improvement - Fall Data Overview
Teaching & Learning Team (K. Davis, C. Stout and J. Nelson)

Presented an update on the District Continuous Improvement plan. This CIP is presented under the State's new MICIP model. Data that was collected in fall of 2022 is being used to reflect on and assess student needs and next steps. The planned approach to positively impacting growth in needed areas include summer extension opportunities, increased SEL support, expansion of SEL coaches, early literacy training and culturally responsive instruction. The primary focus is geared toward academics specifically in reading and math. The collected data was reviewed for both areas of math and reading and then supports were highlighted for each which included professional development, shifting practices and expanding resources to support all learners.

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. MOTION made by Trustee Miller, seconded by Vice President McVey **to approve the Round 1 CARES Discretionary Funding in the amount of \$32,981.00 as submitted by Director of Community Education Brian Puffer.**

MOTION CARRIED 6-1

Gold - Aye
Harward - Aye
Gerbe - Aye
Steben - Aye
McVey - Aye
Miller - Aye
Estep - Nay

B. MOTION made by Vice President McVey, seconded by Trustee Miller **to approve the 23/24 new courses to the Saline HS Course Catalog as submitted by Executive Director of Teaching & Learning Kara Davis**

Ayes - All Present - MOTION CARRIED 7-0

1. Animation (C. Mulder-Seward)
2. Advanced Strength, Conditioning, Sport Development (J. Palka)
3. Astronomy (F. Wisusik)
4. Financial Algebra (H. Meloche)
5. Game Design & Development (C. Mulder-Seward)
6. Manufacturing 1 (T. Trout)
7. Manufacturing 2 (T. Trout)
8. Manufacturing 3 (T. Trout)
9. Marine Biology (V. Drotar)
10. AP Physics C Electricity & Magnetism (F. Wisusik)

C. MOTION made by Treasurer Gerbe, seconded by Trustee Estep **to approve the 2022 Board Stipends as submitted by Superintendent Laatsch**

Ayes - All Present - MOTION CARRIED 7-0

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- D. MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, seconded by Trustee Miller **to approve \$1,506,850 to Kingscott and \$9,171,362 to Clark Construction for services associated with \$97 million of construction work from the 2022 Bond.**

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

- E. MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, seconded by Trustee Gold **to approve \$1,708,800 to A.R. Brouwer for the 2022 Bond Operations Center.**

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

9. ADMINISTRATION/BOARD UPDATES

Superintendent Laatsch: Thank you to the people who attended DEIAC Open House on 11/29 and thank you to Channon Washington for leading this. Also congratulations to the SWWC Business Showcase. This was a great event with over 40 businesses from the Saline area which highlights the SWWC programs and for the networking opportunities for our students. Congratulations to Heritage & MS Robotics teams. They are doing well at the regional & state competitions and hope to get to the National level competition. Brings light to the importance of the STEAM centers being planned at all the schools.

Allison Doran, Student Representative: NHS recently had a very successful food drive for SASS. Over 8000 lbs of canned food was collected. In addition they also hosted a Veterans Day event at the HS. Also SMS had its annual Knots for Motts event. Almost 100 blankets were donated to Motts Children's Hospital. SWWC had a very successful Open House.

Trustee Gold: Thank you to the Board for the warm welcome and also to community members, administration and educators who have reached out. Looking forward to serving our students.

Vice President McVey: Honored to be reelected to this Board. Thank you to everyone who supported me. On 11/15 attended the MASB "Members Matters" with Trustee Estep. Our Board is also close to achieving MASB's Honor Board Award and encourages new BOE trustees to participate in MASB's professional development program. On 11/19, also attended the Science Olympiad awards ceremony at the HS. This was a regional tournament hosted in partnership with Troy HS. On November 21, the Washtenaw Association of School Boards hosted the quarterly Legislative Coffee. We discussed the historic democratic flip of the State House and Senate as well as issues that were likely to come up during the Lame Duck session.

Trustee Estep: Welcome to Lauren Gold and thank you to David Hayward for the work you've done on the Board. Your voice was valuable. Congratulations to Michael as well. Would like to request at a future meeting to address the bullying and harassment incidents reporting process. This is a state required reporting. Request to get more information by each school and how is that information being reported by each school to the state. Appears to be some inconsistency. Also a compiled report should come to the Board on an annual basis. Also what preventatives are in place.

Trustee Miller: Welcome to Lauren Gold and thank you to David Hayward for the work you've done on the Board. Best wishes to the teachers, students and administrators on the upcoming break and well deserved rest. We appreciate the connection you make with our students.

Treasurer Gerbe: Welcome to Lauren Gold. Thank you to David Hayward for your expertise and work you've done on the board this past year. Thank you to Michael for your continued work on the

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Board. Also attended the awards ceremony for Science Olympiad at the HS. Very impressed and proud with the diversity of talent. Honored to serve this board as Treasurer and finance chair.

Trustee Hayward: It has been a privilege and an honor to serve on the Board as well as an educational experience for me. I appreciated being able to serve the community in this way and will continue to be actively involved in the district. Welcome to Lauren Gold.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION made by Vice President McVey, seconded by Treasurer Gerbe **to authorize the following listed items as part of the Consent Agenda:**

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

- A. **Approval** of the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes of November 8, 2022
- B. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of December 13, 2022, in the amount of \$3,714,805.04
- C. **Approval of Payment** of the Bond Series III Accounts Payable of December 13, 2022, in the amount of \$616,542.33
- D. **Receive and File** Finance and Human Resources Reports
- E. **Approval** of Policy Updates as submitted by the Board Policy Committee
 - 1. **Policy 0144.1 Compensation**

CLOSING

11. **ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA**

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

Meghan Gunnerson, parent - Spoke in support of more transparency regarding bullying/harassment incident reporting. Also spoke regarding information shared during the scheduled report. Also spoke about technology concerns on personal devices.

Luis Barnett - Welcome new Board members. Spoke in request of focusing on the needs of everyone, listen to every person. Appreciated the high level of transparency at the DEI AC Open House. Supporting the Bridge to Civility will make the district stronger.

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13. NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on January 10, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Trustee Hayward, seconded by Trustee Gold **to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting of December 13, 2022, at 8:29 PM.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Steben", written in a cursive style.

Jennifer Steben
Board President

By: Betty Jabnke, Recording Secretary