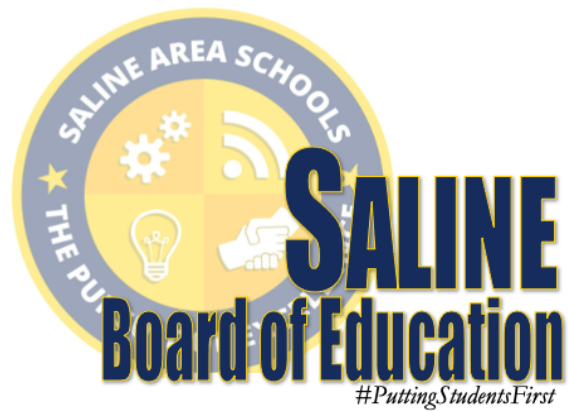


Board of Education Meeting

Liberty School Board Room

January 24, 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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Michael McVey.

Board Members Present: Tim Austin, Susan Estep, Brad Gerbe, Lauren Gold, Michael McVey, Jennifer Miller and Jennifer Steben

Central Admin Present: Superintendent Laatsch, Assistant Superintendent Ellis, Assistant Superintendent Owsley, Exec. Director Rex Clary, Exec. Director Anna Britnell

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

Emily Sickler, Administrator: On behalf of the entire SAS Administration Team, thank you to the Board in recognition of School Board Appreciation Month.

Kirsten Frait, Milan BOE Trustee: On behalf of the WASB, thank you for your service. Updates on some upcoming WASB events.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacey Rumpsa, FSAS Executive Director - FSAS Update

Spring FSAS Fundraiser is “**Blue Jeans and Bling**” being held March 4, 2023 at the Kensington Hotel. In the grant process, \$100,000 was approved for funding. 17 grants were approved in the fall and applications will be accepted again in April for the remaining funds.

4. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENT

Thank you for continuing to reach out to the Board of Education through the Let’s Talk app and also through email at sasboard@salineschools.org

AGENDA

5. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Vice President Steben, support by Secretary Miller **to approve the agenda as printed.**

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

6. SCHEDULED REPORTS

A. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Advisory Committee Update

Presenters: Laura Washington, Cory Belote, Munya Elawar, and Frank Marcinkiewicz

A quarterly update on the activities of the DEI AC. They provided an overview of the role of this committee which includes assessing the current district environment related to DEI, reviewing and making recommendations to district policies and procedures related to DEI, and making recommendations regarding DEI initiatives to the Board. One of the most important recommendations was the position of Director and in July 2022 Dr. Channon Washington was named the Director of Culturally Responsive Instruction, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. In this role, she has conducted several trainings, met with teachers, conducted lessons for students and partnered with other social justice leaders in the county. Also in December, 7 new members were added. The 1st DEIAC Open House was very successful with about 100 attendees. The 3 year plan is being reviewed and will help to guide the work of the committee. The work of the subcommittees was also reviewed which include hiring & retention, engaging new families, gender neutral forms, “speak your truth” norms, building community trust and gender support plan.

7. ACTION ITEMS

A. MOTION made by Vice President Steben, support by Treasurer Gerbe **to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023, Closed Session for the purpose of considering the purchase or lease of real property under 8(d) of the Open Meetings Act.**

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

- B. MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, support by Trustee Estep **to approve the Harvest Elementary Roof Replacement bid comprised of \$1,515,000.00 to Cass Sheet Metal, \$83,940.00 to Roofing Technology Associates and \$190,940.00 to Lecole Planner for a total of \$1,789,880.00 as recommended by Rex Clary, Director of Operations.**

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

- C. MOTION** made by Trustee Austin, support by Secretary Miller **to approve the Resolution as attached for the May 2, 2023 Operating Millage Renewal proposal as prepared by Thrun and submitted by Assistant Superintendent Owsley.**

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

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Policy Committee Meeting Update**
Jennifer Miller, Policy Committee Chair

A brief overview was provided regarding the Policy Meeting that took place at 5 pm on January 24. Current policies being reviewed include 9150 School Visitors, 8510 Wellness, and 8490 Animals on District Property. A few new policies are being explored as well. They include 8390.1 Therapy Dogs and 3362.01 / 4362.01 Threatening Behavior Toward Staff Members. These will be discussed further by Policy and appear on an upcoming BOE meeting agenda for discussion.

9. ADMINISTRATION / BOARD UPDATES

Superintendent Laatsch: Acknowledgements to the following students on their recent accomplishments:

Neel Moudgal, Junior SHS: Recognized as one of the 300 Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholars (also congratulations to his teacher Bridgette Sparks), and recently was notified that he has made it to the final round and will travel to Washington DC to present to the top scientists in the nation.

The following students all performed at the recent Michigan Music Educators Conference in Grand Rapids and were selected to participate based on auditions of music students throughout the state of Michigan.

MS Honors Choir: Anna Peavler, Gabriel Dicks, Aurora Gust and Shiloh Livingston

HS All State Band and Orchestra: Neva Rognes, David Franklin, Yohei Kuroda, Tirian Cooper and Natsuko Juroda.

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SHS Alum Dominic Dorset, attending a recent Jr. Theatre Festival in Atlanta, gave a shout out to the Junior Theatre Program in Saline along with Theatre Manager Rebecca Groeb. Dominic is currently touring the US with Frozen.

Student Representative Allison Doran: Support of a snow day!

Vice President Steben: Please support the upcoming FSAS Fundraiser Blue Jean and Bling coming up in March. Attended a recent MASB CBA at the Jackson ISD “Overseeing the Superintendency”. Thank you to parents for your emails to the Board.

Secretary Miller: Acknowledgement for the recent recognition from MASTA (Michigan Chapter of the American String Teachers Association) naming Superintendent Laatsch as Administrator of the Year. Reminder regarding the upcoming MASB Winter Institute happening at the end of February.

Trustee Estep: Participated in the recent Heritage/Woodland Meadows Winter RUNderland event. Attended the MASB “Members Matter” webinar. Also a reminder regarding the upcoming MASB “Views from the Capital” virtual event on January 26th. This will include a recap of the Governor’s State of the State address with regards to education.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION made by Vice President Steben, support by Trustee Estep **to authorize the Consent Agenda as printed:**

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

- A. **Approval** of the Board of Education Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2023
- B. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of January 24, 2023, in the amount of \$1,133,881.19
- C. **Approval of Payment** of Bond Fund Series III Accounts Payable of January 24, 2023, in the amount of \$103,057.85
- D. **Receive and File** Human Resources Report

CLOSING

11. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA

Athletic Department Update

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

Chanming Fan, Community Member: Spoke of interest in an initiative that might include connecting with alumni, retirees, and elders in our community. Appreciates the work of the Board.

13. NEXT MEETING

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 14, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

14. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION made by Secretary Miller, support by Vice President Steben **to enter Closed Session of the Board of Education at 7:50 PM, with the intent to re-enter Open Session at 8:15 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

15. RE-ENTER OPEN SESSION

MOTION made by Trustee Tim Austin, support by Vice President Steben **to re-enter Open Session of the Regular Board of Education Meeting at 8:23 PM.**

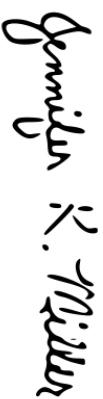
Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 7-0**

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16. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Treasurer Getbe, support by Secretary Miller **to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 24, 2023, at 8:25 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer K. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer K. Miller
Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jabnke