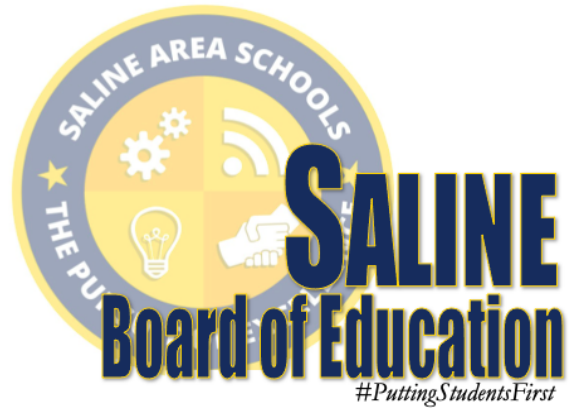


Board of Education Meeting

Liberty School Board Room

May 23, 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 Administration Present

Superintendent Laatsch, Assistant Superintendent Owsley, Assistant Superintendent Ellis, Executive Director Clary and Executive Director Davis

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Recognition of 22/23 Student Representative Allison Doran

Superintendent Laatsch

Allison was presented with a plaque of appreciation in addition to being awarded a \$500 scholarship.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENTS

Aliyah Corrao, Student - Spoke in reference to racism at the High School

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

Bridget Corie, SEA - Spoke in appreciation to the Board of Education for their partnership

5. **RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENT**

AGENDA

6. **REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

7. **STUDENT SHOWCASE**

SAS Robotics Team Presentations (Elem/MS/HS)

Presentations to the Board included teams from Elementary, Middle School and High School. The Elementary team competed at regional, state and even international competitions. The highlight of their season was participating at the Razorback Invitational at the University of Arkansas. Really enjoyed meeting new people and talking about robots. The MS team which competes as it's own team and not part of the HS and participated in the state playoffs and learned the importance of cooperation with others. The season theme was "Powerplay". The HS team, Saline Singularity, has 6 teams consisting of 24 members and 5 mentors. The teams are all student-led. They participated in a competition in Jackson and hosted a large regional event competition at Saline High School. All the teams thanked their sponsors for their support.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

A. **MOTION** made by Trustee Gold, support Trustee Estep **to approve the resolution authorizing Michael McVey or Jenny Miller (alternate) to cast a vote in the WISD Biennial Election on June 5, 2023 for Stephen Olson and Sarena Shivers on behalf of this Board.**

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

B. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, support Trustee Austin **to approve the recommendation to purchase & install (15) REI Complete Camera Systems in the amount of \$67, 675.80 from Unity School Bus Parts, Inc as submitted by Director of Operations Rex Clary.**

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Secretary Miller, support Vice President Steben **to accept the recommendation of Interim Special Education Director, Kevin Musson, to appoint Ann Babcock to fulfill the term originally held by Misty Gray, as the Saline Area Schools representative for the WISD Parent Advisory Council.**

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

- D. **MOTION** made by Vice President Steben, support Treasurer Gerbe **to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023, Closed Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter under section 8(a).**

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

9. **SCHEDULED REPORTS**

A. **Restorative Practices, Discipline, Title IX Update**

Presenters: Kara Davis, Musetta Deneen, Lindsay Guenther, Steve Laatsch, Ashley Mantha, Carol Melcher, and Channon Washington

8 Things to Know About Saline Schools. Presentation regarding the SAS commitment to student safety and well being, focusing on restorative practices, discipline and the law.

1. I am Saline, We are Saline: Review of Superintendent's Goals including focus on academic rigor, culture of equity, civility and unity and improving SAS for the future.
2. Saline Schools Invests in Proactive Measures: Staff Development, Student Education, Positive Relationships and Opportunities for connection
3. Saline Schools Supports Positive Behavior Inside the Classroom: All supports start with building relationships first.
4. Saline School Supports Positive Behavior in Athletics: Privilege, not a right to participate in SAS Athletics, an extension of the classroom.
5. Saline Schools Protects Student Rights: Policy of the district to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for all of its students.
6. Saline Schools Adheres to Safeguard in Place: Includes Title IX, Title VI and review of the process.
7. Saline Schools Partners with Families and Students: Highlighting the many ways in which SAS partners with Families through communication and collaboration.
8. Salines Schools Commitment to Ongoing Evaluation and Reflection

10. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Policy Committee Meeting Update**

Jenny Miller, Committee Chair

At the last Policy meeting, the committee developed a list of questions for the legal team. A response from them was received just prior to the Policy meeting today and was not inclusive of

all the questions that were asked. Policy Chair Miller and Superintendent Laatsch will go through the questions and document the pieces that were shared verbally. Thrun gave us a draft that was a revised and edited version of the draft we shared with them. This policy draft will be moved to the next Board of Education meeting as a discussion item for the full board. The legal draft and committee draft will be shared with the board prior to the June 13th meeting.

11. ADMINISTRATION / BOARD UPDATES

Superintendent Laatsch: Thank you to all who planned and organized the prom. The Y5's and Kindergarten walkthroughs were all very successful and well received. I will attend the WIHI graduation ceremony as we have Saline students graduating from that program. Graduation is Sunday, June 4th at 4 pm. Plans are being formulated for a safety forum for the start of next school year.

Student Representative Allison Doran: Acknowledgement of Memorial Day and Pride Month. Prom was great and Culinary made some very good cupcakes. SHS Yearbooks were distributed. Thank you to everyone involved. Excited for graduation. 8th graders will be attending the extracurricular activities night on May 30th to learn about clubs and activities.

President McVey: Thank you to David Mellor. Both McVey and Dr. Rowe were inducted into FFA. Attended the MASB Legislative Breakfast and presented a Certificate of Achievement to Susan Estep for her professional development classes and hours.

Treasurer Gerbe: Acknowledgement to the Band and Orchestra programs for the spring concerts. Also recognition of the many spring sports teams and titles being won. Encouraged students to stay focused and finish strong.

Secretary Miller: Thank you to Officer Gassaway for attending the Dance Alliance spring concert to celebrate high school dancers. Appreciation to other support staff in addition to teachers who make a difference in the life of our students, such as our HS Deans. They go out of their way to form connections that support our kids at school.

Vice President Steben: Enjoyed participating in Junior Achievement this year with classes of Finocchairo and Marshall. Shout out to Allison and all the seniors as they wrap up their last week of school. Asked students to remember to be kind to staff these final weeks.

Trustee Estep: DEIAC will meet the first week in June. Soon we will be putting out a call for applications. People can serve two consecutive terms. The SEAB recently met and acknowledged the work that has been done these last few years. Assistant Principal Cameron Cochran will take over as chair. The application process was extended to allow time for more applications to be considered.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 6-0** (*T. Austin meeting left early before this vote*)

- A. **Approval** of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023
- B. **Approval** of the Board Finance Committee Meeting of May 9, 2023
- C. **Approval** of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023
- D. **Approval** of the Board Policy Committee Meeting of April 19, 2023
- E. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of May 23, 2023, in the amount of \$1,260,705.00
- F. **Approval of Payment** of 2023 Bond Fund Series I Accounts Payable of May 23, 2023, in the amount of \$30,352.58
- G. **Receive and File** Finance and Human Resources Report

CLOSING

13. **ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA**

- Budget Hearing at 6 pm on June 13th
- Celebration of District Retirees
- Bond Update
- Budget Amendment

14. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

STUDENTS

Aliyah Corrao, Student - Spoke in reference to racism at the High School

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

Changming Fan, Community Member - Spoke in support of student voices being heard
Meghan Gunnerson, Parent - Spoke in concern of student incidents and restorative practice
Ann Jeffers, Parent - Spoke in concern of student incidents specific to bullying
Sarah Castellanos, Student/Parent - Spoke in concern of student incidents and restorative practice

15. **NEXT MEETING**

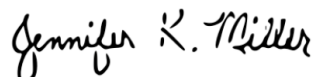
The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on June 13, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION made by Vice President Steben, support Treasurer Gerbe **to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 23, 2023, at 9:23 PM.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer K. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

**Jennifer K. Miller
Board Secretary**