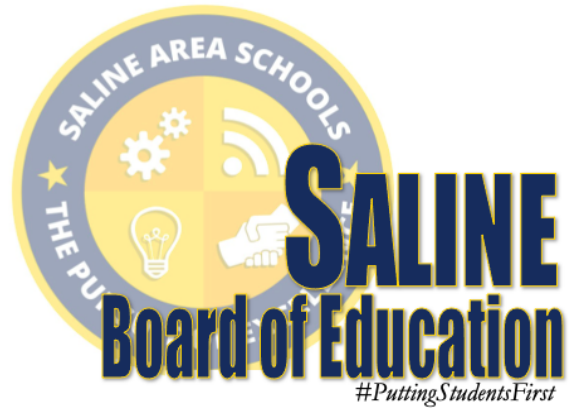


Board of Education Meeting

Liberty School Board Room

May 9, 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 Ellis, Assistant Superintendent Owsley, Executive Director Clary, Executive Director Davis

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS - None

4. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENT

AGENDA

5. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, support by Vice President Steben **to approve the resolution designating Michael McVey as the representative of this Board for the biennial election of the Board of Washtenaw Intermediate School District on Monday June 5, 2023 and Jennifer Miller as an alternate in the event the designated representative is unable to attend.**

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

- B. **MOTION** made by Trustee Austin, support by Trustee Estep **to approve the amended proposal for the payment to Barton Mallow in the amount of \$1,046,190.00 for their assistance with technology aspects of bond projects per the recommendation of Jay Grossman, Director of Technology.**

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

- C. **MOTION** made by Secretary Miller, support by Treasurer Gerbe **to approve the awarded Round II CARES Discretionary Funding in the amount of \$43,145.00 as submitted by Director of Community Education Brian Puffer.**

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

- D. **MOTION** made by Treasurer Gerbe, support by Trustee Gold **to approve the resolution to authorize Superintendent Laatsch on behalf of Saline Area Schools to sign the Attorney-Client Contract to join the social media lawsuit on the terms specified in the contract. This is being submitted by Superintendent Laatsch, at the recommendation of Thrun Law Firm.**

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

7. SCHEDULED REPORTS

- A. **DEI AC Quarterly Update**

Presenters: Tiffanie Alexander, Alice Kazee, Amy Tesolin, Channon Washington

The presentation began with an overview of the DEI Organizational Framework within the SAS District. This shows the flow of how feedback happens in the district and then how change can happen in the district. The DEI AC and SAS Equity Teams are in the center of the structure. The DEI AC has 1) been exploring and consensus building around how to engage the community more frequently, more effectively and more authentically, 2) participates in and supports the 3 year plan review process, and 3) working in

sub-committees to craft recommendations. This is what the DEI AC was really designed to do, which is to advise.

One of the sub-committees offered recommendations regarding the revision of the Controversial Issues policy.

The DEI AC moving forward will be finalizing sub-committee recommendations, deliver recommendations to either SAS School Board or District Administration, review the Sensei Change report and update their 3 year plan based on their findings, and prepare for a transition in their membership with several 2 year terms coming to an end.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. WISD Budget Presentation

Michael McVey, Committee Chair

President McVey presented the WISD proposed budget. Section 624 of the Revised School Code requires an ISD Board to have its proposed General Fund budget reviewed by its constituent districts each year. This must be approved by June 1, 2023.

MOTION made by Secretary Miller, support by Vice President Steben **to support the WISD 2023-2023 Budget as submitted.**

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

B. Policy Committee Meeting of 5/1/23 Update

Jenny Miller, Committee Chair

The last several meetings have primarily been working on Policy 2240. The policy committee did have 2 meetings recently that were held to allow for public comment and longer meetings times in order to put additional work into this policy. Based on suggested edits and discussions, we have put together some questions and feedback and are waiting to hear back from our legal team at Thrun Law Firm as we look forward to finalizing this policy.

Next meeting will be back to the previously arranged rotation, which is to meet prior to the 2nd BOE meeting of the month. This will be on May 23rd at 5 pm. Still on the agenda will be Policy 2240 Controversial Issues. All special meetings are posted on the SAS Board of Education website under “Board of Education Meeting Schedule & Special Meeting Notices” as well as on the District & Board of Education Calendars.

B. Finance Committee Meeting of 5/9/23 Update

Brad Gerbe, Committee Chair

April 28th the House & Senate (K12 appropriation subcommittee) released their budgets. The Governor has proposed a 5% increase (\$458) to per pupil allowance, the house at 4% (\$466), and the senate at 6% (\$550) so we anticipate an increase in per pupil funding. Enrollment is also something we are consistently monitoring. Consensus Revenue Conference is May 19th. At this time the K12 state aid budget will be reviewed or updated. June 13th is the annual Budget Hearing which will be at 6 pm just prior to the regular Board Meeting. Next Finance Committee meeting will be at 5 pm on June 13th.

9. ADMINISTRATION / BOARD UPDATES

Superintendent Laatsch: Thank you to the community for supporting the Operating Millage Renewal on the recent May 2nd election. This was a very important vote for our district. Wonderful weekend at the SAS District Art show was a great event at the SHS Media Center. So much student talent in our district. Recently attended the SWWC awards at Saline HS Auditorium. This highlights the 20 programs in the SWWC as well as hundreds of participating students. Really great event and showcases the importance of trade skills. We're so fortunate to have this program. Weber Blaess lessons have started for students in 3rd and 4th grades and we especially appreciate the docents who give of their time volunteering. Excited about the work starting on the bond projects. We recently toured the cosmetology center which will be moving to where the current transportation center will be and then closing on the land purchase for the new transportation center on Tefft Court.

Student Representative Allison Doran: In Financial literacy, we learned about bonds. Through my AP Environmental Science we are designing a sustainable Middle School. May 26th is the seniors' last day. Graduation is at 4 pm on June 4th. Prom is on May 20th. 6th graders are getting ready to go to Chicago. AP testing for some students is still on going.

President McVey: Thank you to the MS for recently partnering with SASS and helping to raise funds to build new shelving for their large food pantry. MS parents and students were on hand to help with the shelving construction as well.

Vice President Steben: Thank you to the community for supporting the Operating Millage Renewal on the recent May 2nd election.

Trustee Estep: Attended the May 10th Young 5's and K walk through at Woodland Meadows. Also attended the recent MASB Bylaws and Resolutions meeting.

Trustee Gold: Acknowledgement of Teacher/Staff appreciation week. Happy Mother's Day.

Treasurer Gerbe: Thank you to the community for supporting the Operating Millage Renewal on the recent May 2nd election. The SAS District Art show was outstanding. Thank you to the organizers of the 6th grade Chicago trip. Acknowledgement of Teacher/Staff appreciation week.

Secretary Miller: Reminders to the community regarding the upcoming Young 5's / Kindergarten Walk Throughs at WM on 5/10, PR on 5/17 PR, and Harvest on 5/22 all beginning at 6 pm.

Congratulations to the Art Show participants and teachers. It was a very impressive event..
Acknowledgement of Teacher/Staff appreciation week. Thank you to the community for supporting
the Operating Millage Renewal on the recent May 2nd election. HS testing window continues.

10. **CONSENT AGENDA**

MOTION made by Vice President Steben, support Trustee Austin **to authorize the Consent Agenda as amended, to remove A. Board of Education Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023 and B. Board Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023 as they were erroneously omitted from the BOE Packet.**

- A. ~~**Approval** of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of April 25, 2023~~
- B. ~~**Approval** of the Board Policy Committee Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023~~
- C. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of May 9, 2023,
in the amount of \$3,064,710.40
- D. **Approval of Payment** of Bond Fund Series III Accounts Payable of May 9, 2023,
in the amount of \$37,394.62
- E. **Approval of Payment** of 2023 Bond Fund Series I Accounts Payable of May 9, 2023,
in the amount of \$482,205.61
- F. **Receive and File** Finance and Human Resources Reports

CLOSING

11. **ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA**

Restorative Practices (Safety/Security, Discipline, Title IX)

12. **PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

A member of the public may address the Board briefly, for up to three minutes, or request to be scheduled on the agenda of a future meeting.

STUDENTS

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

13. **NEXT MEETING**

The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on May 23, 2023, at 6:30 PM.

14. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION made by Secretary Miller, support by Trustee Gold **to enter Closed Session of the Board of Education at 8:08 PM, with the intent to re-enter Open Session at approximately 9:08 PM, for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter under section 8(a). Under Section 8(a) a simple majority vote is sufficient to enter into a closed session.**

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

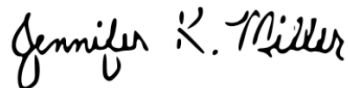
If there are no objections, we will move back into Open Session at 9:20 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Treasurer Gerbe, support by Vice President Steben **to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of May 9, 2023, at 9:21 PM.**

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

Respectfully submitted,



**Jennifer K. Miller
Board Secretary**

Recorded by: Betty Jabnke