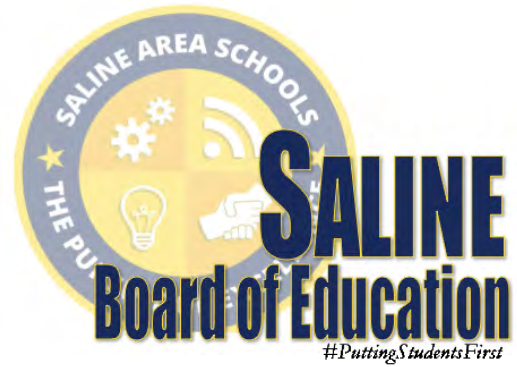


SPECIAL MEETING Board of Education

SEAB Public Hearing #1

Liberty School Board Room
June 10, 2024
6 pm



Minutes

1. **Call to Order**

This Special Meeting of the Board of Education to conduct a SEAB public hearing was called to order by President Michael McVey at 6 pm.

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

Board Members Absent: Jennifer Steben

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

3. **Board President**

The Board President outlined the legal requirements for this hearing, provided an overview of the structure for this Public Hearing and welcomed SEAB members.

4. **PRESENTATION**

Sex Education Advisory Board (SEAB)

Presenters: Kristin Hoffman-Peavler and Cameron Cochran, Co-Chairs

A Public Hearing was conducted on the recommendation to approve an updated adolescent health curriculum in Grades 4th thru 8th. The current curriculum was originally written in 2002 and last updated in 2010 and as many would agree is inadequate and outdated. Many reasons exist as to why there is a need to update the curriculum. With the internet easily accessible, children are more likely to receive more sexually explicit information at younger ages. The current curriculum does not provide comprehensive, evidence-based, and inclusive information to guide students in making safe choices. The Michigan legislature enacted Senate Bill 66 in July 2023 which requires all Michigan schools districts to teach and provide materials on sexual assault and consent to all students in grades 6-12. This new curriculum will satisfy the new requirement and provide students with the necessary information. The importance of comprehensive sex education aims to provide all the information needed to make safe and healthy decisions, starting in puberty and continuing through teen years. Studies show that students who receive more information are less likely to choose to be sexually active. The new curriculum recommendations are through Positive Prevention Plus and are for grades 4th thru 8th. Per Michigan law, families always have the right to review the curriculum resources and videos

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ahead of time and may opt their children out if they choose to do so. Public review is available at the Liberty School main office starting Tuesday, June 11th through the second public hearing date to be scheduled later in August.

The lessons at each grade level were reviewed. The curriculum is accumulative which means that it builds upon itself in sequence starting from 4th grade. Public feedback is encouraged and welcome prior to the Board of Education voting after the second public hearing.

The SEAB gathered feedback through in-person conversations and Google surveys. Revisions were made based on that feedback. In addition, they met monthly to discuss the curriculum and feedback which allowed for a thorough and respectful discussion of the materials. Key considerations included flexibility, adaptability, community input, and age appropriateness.

5.. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. **Student Comment**

M. Habrecht, SHS Student

B. **Other Public Stakeholders Comment**

Ari Hayward, Alum
Tiffanie Alexander
David Hayward, Parent
Meghan Gunnerson, Parent/SEAB Member
Tran Longmoore

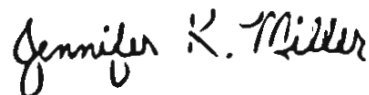
6. **NEXT MEETING**

The date for the 2nd Public Hearing will be determined.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no objection, President McVey adjourned the meeting at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Miller
Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jahnke