MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #63-240 COUNTIES OF
OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON AND WASHTENAW
HELD AT CITY & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER

President Gusick called the June 16, 2014 regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Steve Brummer, Justin Gusick, Carrie Hanshaw, Amy McCusker, Barb Murphy, David Taulbee
Absent: Greg Downey

Administration Present: Dr. Pearson, Superintendent; Melissa Baker Deputy Supt. Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Supt., Jim Graham, Asst. Supt.
Administration Absent: None

PLEDGE

The board, administration and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CUSTODIAL CERTIFICATION AWARDS

Mr. Graham introduced Shun Smith, Manager of Operations and Scott Little from Michigan School Business Officials. Representatives of the custodial staff were presented with awards for completing the MSBO certification program. Mr. Smith indicated that the program makes a difference in the custodial staff cleaning quality standards and time management skills. Mr. Little explained that MSBO developed this certificate training program to enhance skills in the job. They created ten classes that work on some of the skill sets of cleaning carpet, hard floors etc. as well as tips in customer service and operational efficiency, energy, environment and cleaning for health. Professional training is an integral part of what MSBO delivers in their program. He applauded the district for investing in their custodians. Certificates will be presented to all the custodial staff who participated in the program.

On behalf of the Board of Education, President Gusick offered his thanks and appreciation to the custodial staff for all their hard work and noted that the buildings look great and are in top notch shape.

RETIREMENT RECOGNITION

The Board and administration joined in celebrating the retirement of six South Lyon Community School employees. Those honored were *Ann Burgess* (Salem speech & language pathologist), *Martha Breier* (Kent Lake teacher), *Linda Kinneer* (Kent Lake reading recovery teacher), *Janice Opfermann* (Salem special education teacher) and *Mary Anne Stankov* (Bartlett & Dolsen speech & language pathologist). Family members of the employees were introduced. Administrators spoke appreciatively of their staff and shared comments from their colleagues. A gift was presented to each employee in appreciation of their years of service. Mrs. Baker also offered her thanks and congratulations to *Joan Ohlmacher* who was unable to attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Brummer thanked everyone for their years of service and noted that they were a positive influence and made a difference in many children's lives over the years. He indicated that they were legends in the district and the stakeholders in the district are indebted to them. He wished them a happy and healthy retirement. ***RETIREMENT RECOGNITION CONT.***

President Gusick offered an opportunity for public comments. There were no comments. ***PUBLIC COMMENTS***

President Gusick called a short break at 7:38 p.m. The Board reconvened at 7:43 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Brummer, supported by Mrs. McCusker to approve the following minutes: ***APPROVAL OF MINUTES***

- June 2, 2014 – Regular Meeting
- June 9, 2014 – Special Meeting

Roll Call: Taulbee-yes, Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Brummer-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

Moved by Mr. Brummer, supported by Mr. Taulbee to approve the following bills: ***APPROVAL OF BILLS***

- May Prepaids
- June AP Bill Run
- May Wires & ACH Transactions

Roll Call: Brummer-yes, McCusker-yes, Murphy-yes, Taulbee-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

At the June 2 meeting, the Board voted to hire Melissa Baker as superintendent effective July 1, 2015 contingent upon reaching a contract agreement. ***NEW SUPT. CONTRACT RESOLUTION***

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mr. Taulbee to approve Mrs. Baker's contract of employment resolution as presented.

Mr. Brummer stated that he was happy that they have an agreement made and is looking forward to working with Mrs. Baker.

Mr. Taulbee offered his congratulations to Mrs. Baker and noted that he felt this position was well deserved after the long road she traveled to get to this point.

President Gusick also offered his congratulations and is looking forward to a year from now.

Roll Call: Taulbee-yes, Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Brummer-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Mrs. Kudwa explained to the Board that the school improvement plans were brought for information to the June 2 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve the school improvement plans as presented.

Moved by Mr. Brummer, supported by Mr. Taulbee to approve the school improvement plans as presented.

Roll Call: Hanshaw-yes, Brummer-yes, McCusker-yes, Murphy-yes, Taulbee-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

AP SPANISH TEXTBOOKS

Mrs. Kudwa explained to the Board that the AP Spanish committee's recommendation for a textbook purchase was brought for information to the June 2 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve the textbook recommendation as presented.

Moved by Mr. Brummer, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to approve the AP Spanish textbook recommendation as presented.

Roll Call: Brummer-yes, Taulbee-yes, McCusker-yes, Murphy-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

SLEHS AND SLHS HANDBOOK CHANGES

Mrs. Kudwa explained to the Board that updates to the South Lyon East High School and South Lyon High School handbooks were brought for information to the June 2 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve the handbook changes as presented.

Moved by Mr. Brummer, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to approve the SLEHS and SLHS handbook changes as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mrs. Baker explained that the South Lyon Kiwanis donated $705.40 to purchase a platform swing for Hardy Elementary and a rebounder with frame skirt for Centennial Middle School. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mrs. Murphy to accept the gift with thanks in accordance with policy 9350.

Mr. Rich Sobota, President of the Kiwanis Foundation of South Lyon remarked that the contribution was made possible thanks to the efforts of Dr. Alisha Senechal, a member of the Kiwanis Club whose professional practice as a chiropractor is located in New Hudson. She designated one day of her practice as "Doctors with a Heart" and provided free consultation services to patients who agreed to make a

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT CONT.

contribution to the Kiwanis Club. Dr. Senechal raised $607.00, which she donated to the Kiwanis Club of South Lyon. Their Club, in turn contributed that amount to its sister organization, Kiwanis Foundation of South Lyon, with a recommendation that those funds be used to support a local youth service or program. The Board of Directors consulted with the Special Education Department of the SLCS as to whether they had any equipment needs that might be met with the donated funds. The Kiwanis Foundation of South Lyon added funds donated from other sources to those donated by Dr. Senechal to cover the entire cost of the purchase. Mr. Sobota presented a check in the amount of $705.40 to SLCS for the specific purpose of purchasing the equipment described above to benefit students who receive the services of the Special Education Department. He introduced Dr. Senechal and Carol Glenn, Kiwanis Foundation board member, who were also in attendance.

President Gusick stated that the passion for his cause is very visible and thanked Mr. Sobota for his great work.

Mr. Brummer thanked all three for the stewardship they have provided to the community and district and for being part of this community and giving so much.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

HIRING OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Mrs. Baker informed the Board that two resignations necessitate the hiring of two fourth grade teachers at Dolsen Elementary. She asked the Board to approve the hiring of Haley Brewster and Jessica Martin effective August 21, 2014.

Moved by Mr. Taulbee, supported by Mr. Brummer to approve the hiring of Haley Brewster and Jessica Martin effective August 21, 2014 as presented.

Roll Call: Taulbee-yes, Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Brummer-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

2014-15 MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Every year the Board is presented with a resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA). Dr. Pearson asked the Board to adopt the resolution for membership in the MHSAA for the year August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015.

Moved by Mr. Taulbee, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to adopt the resolution for membership in the MHSAA for the year August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015 as presented.

Roll Call: Brummer-yes, Taulbee-yes, Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

2013-14 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

Mr. Graham stated that this agenda item was presented at the June 2, 2014 meeting. No changes were requested. He asked the Board to approve the 2013-14 Budget Amendment #2.

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mr. Taulbee to approve the 2013-14 Budget Amendment #2 as presented.

Roll Call: Taulbee-yes, Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Brummer-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

2014-15 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Mr. Graham stated that this agenda item was presented at the May 19, 2014 meeting. No changes were requested. He asked the Board to approve the 2014-15 Recommended Budget.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Taulbee to approve the 2014-15 Recommended Budget as presented.

Roll Call: Brummer-yes, McCusker-yes, Murphy-yes, Taulbee-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

President Gusick stated that at a special meeting held on Monday, June 16, 2014 the Board of Education conducted an evaluation of the superintendent.

Moved by Mr. Taulbee, supported by Mr. Brummer to approve the superintendent's evaluation as highly effective. There will be no changes in the superintendent's contract.

The Board thanked Dr. Pearson for all his hard work and shared his appreciation for all that he does.

Roll Call: McCusker-yes, Murphy-yes, Taulbee-yes, Brummer-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Gusick-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

LEGISLATION

Dr. Pearson stated that we may receive some additional dollars soon. He noted that we currently show an $81 increase from the state and will be receiving $143. That increases our $55,000 estimated revenue over expenditures to approximately $334,000 – $338,000. That is assuming that we get the 111 students that we have in the budget increase over last year's fall count. Right now our kindergarten enrollment is the highest that it has ever been in May. We are at 553 as of last Friday. He added that we may have to hire an additional (1st-5th grade) teacher at Salem. We may also hire an additional kindergarten teacher. There are also some curricular changes. He does not have the specifics yet, but there is some additional legislation on personal curriculum, vocational tech kids and world language. Dr. Pearson did not think these changes would start next year. He will update the Board when he receives more information.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Gusick acknowledged the following board committee reports:

- ***Legislative*** – There was a meeting on Wednesday. Mrs. Hanshaw reported that the rest of the Oakland County districts are not getting as much money as we are from the state. She noted that 20 out of 28 districts will get just $50 per pupil. There was also some talk on how the state board of education has been discussing revamping funding for schools.
- ***Policy*** –There was nothing new to report.
- ***Finance*** –They have a pre-audit scheduled on Wednesday.
- ***Bond Committee*** – This committee has not met yet.

OTHER

There was no other information reported.

REPORTS

President Gusick acknowledged the Monthly Business Report for month ended May 31, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Gusick offered a second opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

CORRESPON-DENCE

President Gusick acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Retirement – *Joan Ohlmacher*
- Resignations
  - *Kathryn O'Hara-Wallis*
  - *Paula Sullins*
  - *Kristy Zuehlke*

MEETING DATES

President Gusick noted the following meeting dates:

- July 21, 2014, *Fiscal Organizational/Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*
- August 18, 2014, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*
- September 15, 2014, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*

BOARD COMMENTS

Mrs. McCusker thanked the custodians for going the extra mile and participating in the MSBO certification program. She also offered her congratulations to the retirees and wished everyone a safe and great summer. *Mrs. Murphy* echoed Mrs. McCusker's comments and added that it is great for the support staff to get accolades for their great work. *Mr. Taulbee* also echoed what has been said about the retirees and custodians. He indicated that he was happy to be on the Board to attend graduation, and thanked everyone for allowing him to be on the school board and be part of that. He noted that this was his last graduation to attend. *Mr. Brummer* reported that the graduations were very nice. He also stated that the custodians do a wonderful job on

BOARD COMMENTS CONT.

the grounds, and in maintaining our buildings. He wished everyone a safe and good summer. *Mrs. Hanshaw* mentioned that graduation was wonderful. She also thanked the custodians and all of the retirees. *Mr. Gusick* indicated that he is in his third year on the Board and is happy to be here. He stated that this time of year is like an emotional rollercoaster for him. It is happy and sad. It starts off with graduations and then moves on to retirements, resignations and new hires. It is an amazing life cycle. He thanked everyone and wished them a great summer.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Brummer, supported by Mrs. McCusker to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Ayes – 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

Carrie L. Hanshaw,
Secretary