

August 15, 2016

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #63-240 COUNTIES OF
OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON AND WASHTENAW
HELD AT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

CALL TO ORDER

President Brummer called the study session of August 15, 2016 to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Steve Brummer, Randy Clark, Justin Gusick, Carrie Hanshaw,
Michele Lurz, Amy McCusker

Absent: None

Others Present: Melissa Baker, Superintendent, Jim Graham, Asst. Superintendent
Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Maureen Altermatt, Asst. Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brummer offered an opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

NEW BOND CONVERSATION

Mrs. Baker identified the purpose of the meeting was to talk about some key areas in terms of the next potential new bond including schedules, timelines, costs, what the millage rates might be and other pieces. Mr. Graham provided some summary notes to start the conversation. Mrs. Baker stated that based on current enrollment estimates, and using some enhanced capacity, they anticipate needing a new elementary school in August of 2020. They included the projected schedule for a new elementary school in 2019 as well, just in case their estimates this year would be low. The annual total elementary enrollment vs. enhanced capacity after the proposed redistricting indicated the schools would be near or over capacity for 2019-20. She noted that enhanced capacity is looking at our buildings in terms of art on a cart for all, Media Center classrooms at Brummer, Kent Lake, Hardy and Pearson and four portable classrooms to Sayre (two needed in 2018-19 with two additional for 2019-20).

Mrs. Baker stated that if they were to have a November 2017 vote, they would start to plan, looking for land location in the area where our growth is occurring. They would need ballot language ready for August 2017, bond communication, the election, the building design, bids and building and site construction and building completion in August 2020. If they would push it back to a May vote, everything would be pushed back on a tighter schedule. Mr. Graham indicated that they provided the Board with potential scenarios while working with their consultants on timelines. He indicated that it does come into play too with a middle school because the Board may look at a situation where they may want to package them together.

There was a lengthy board discussion on the timeline of the bond and whether to include one or both schools or a one school option with only 5th - 6th grades. They also considered the possibility of other enhancements to existing buildings such as an auxiliary gym at East.

Mr. Graham addressed the millage rates and bond amounts. He indicated that given interest rates remaining in the general current area or slightly higher, and using a very conservative taxable value growth, we could have one bond election that would include both an elementary school and middle school, and we could stagger the sale of each series bond and likely stay within the current 9.60 debt millage rate.

Another study session was scheduled on October 17, 2016 to bring additional information from administration on a 5-6 building model versus an elementary and middle school for further Board discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brummer offered a second opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Ms. McCusker to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Hanshaw
Secretary