

January 23, 2017

**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 THE CITY AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Clark called the study session of January 23, 2017 to order at 5:35 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Randy Clark, Margaret Fallow, Carrie Hanshaw, Eric Kennedy, Sheila Rzyzi  
Anthony Abbate (5:45 p.m.)

**Absent:** Amy McCusker

**Others Present:** Melissa Baker, Superintendent  
James Graham, Asst. Superintendent

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**FOUNDATION**

A discussion was led by Ms. Hanshaw on Educational Foundations. Information was gathered and shared from communities that have already established foundations. A foundation raises money for the schools. Examples of some of their fundraisers were highlighted. Mrs. Baker talked about initiatives in our district. She already has someone in mind that is familiar with foundations and is willing to help start the process. She added that legal filings would have to go through appropriate avenues. There was further discussion on members and roles on the committee and other specifics.

**NEW COMMITTEE – CURRICULUM AND COMMUNICATION**

Mr. Clark shared that his idea for this committee is to try to expand our curriculum in the way of more offerings of AP classes and other opportunities such as CTE classes for non-college bound students. Mrs. Baker suggested doing a structure similar to the Policy Committee with board member representatives, teacher leadership, administrators and other Subject Area or Curriculum Committees presenting for particular topics. It was suggested that the committee decide their direction. Mrs. Baker suggested that Mrs. Kudwa meet with two board members first to talk about the general structure, who they want to reach out to and meeting times etc.

**BOARD GOALS/STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The Board discussed the Strategic Planning Committee proposed goals and process. Board goals were also discussed. The Board offered suggestions as to what they would like to address under the areas of Community & Communications, Resources, School Culture and Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment.

**BUILDING LIAISON INPUT**

Board members have been assigned as building liaisons in order to increase communication with various members of the school community and provide more visibility at key events. They will serve as a point of contact for buildings. Principals will share key events with their assigned liaisons and include them on their building Skylerts. Principals will also share the contact information for their assigned liaisons with PTO Presidents and SIP team members. The Board worked together and determined the schools that each board member would be assigned to.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Ms. Hanshaw to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

**Ayes – 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Hanshaw,  
Secretary