

March 6, 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 SOUTH LYON CITY AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

President Clark called the study session of March 6, 2017 to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Randy Clark, Margaret Fallow, Carrie Hanshaw, Eric Kennedy, Sheila Rzyzi

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Clark offered an opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

REVIEW BOARD CANDIDATE APPLICATION MATERIALS

President Clark explained the process that had been used in past years where the Board narrowed their choice of applicants from nine down to five. To do that, each board member had provided their top three candidates figuring there would be enough overlap to at least create a list of five. The current Board agreed to use the same process, but would allow up to five names in the first round if a board member chose to. The Board had reviewed the application materials that were submitted from eight community members. Those who had applied were David Consiglio, Craig Dashner, Laura Hewitt, Gary Mekjian, Melissa Samluk, Steven Scheel, Kimberly Taggart and Jennifer Urtel. The Board proceeded to share the names of their top candidates and provided the criteria and rationale they used to arrive at their choices. The first round of voting established three top candidates. Mr. Clark identified his fourth choice which brought the total to the top four. A second round of voting consisted of picking from three candidates who received three votes each in the first round. The vote brought a tie between two candidates. The Board then discussed whether they wanted to interview only four candidates or add two additional candidates bringing the total to six. After further discussion, a decision was made to interview six candidates.

SELECT CANDIDATES TO BE INTERVIEWED

The six candidates chosen and listed in alphabetical order are David Consiglio, Jr., Craig Dashner, Laura Hewitt, Gary Mekjian, Melissa Samluk and Steven Scheel.

INTERVIEW PROCESS

President Clark identified a quick summary of the interview process. Each candidate will be interviewed individually and in alphabetical order. The candidates will have two minutes for an opening statement, 20 minutes will be set aside to answer questions from the Board and the candidates will each have three minutes for a closing statement. Each board member will ask one question, and all candidates will be asked the same questions and allowed the same amount of time to respond. After the Board has interviewed all six candidates, there will be a general discussion of the candidates. Each board member will be asked to pick their top two candidates in an effort to narrow the field to just two individuals. The Board will discuss the remaining candidates and then choose a replacement interim board member.

ADJOURN

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Hanshaw,
Secretary