

March 8, 2017

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Clark called the special meeting of March 8, 2017 to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**INTERVIEW PROCESS**

President Clark explained the interview process. Each candidate will be interviewed individually in alphabetical order. There will be a 25-minute period set aside for each candidate. The Board will keep track of the time. Each candidate will be allowed two minutes for an opening statement. The candidate will have twenty (20) minutes to take and answer questions (one question from each board member) followed with a three-minute opportunity to provide the Board with a closing statement. All candidates will be asked the same questions and allowed the same amount of time. There would be no motion made for any candidate before the process is complete. After all the candidates have been interviewed, the candidates will all be brought back into the room. The Board will begin deliberations, and the Board president will then ask each board member to vote for their top two candidates in an effort to narrow the field to just two individuals. The voting will be conducted openly. The Board will then discuss the remaining candidates and then choose a replacement board member. David Consiglio, Jr., Craig Dashner, Laura Hewitt, Gary Mekjian, Melissa Samluk and Steven Scheel were the six candidates who were selected by the Board to interview for the position left vacant by the resignation of Amy McCusker on February 10, 2017.

**INTERIM CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**

*David Consiglio, Jr. – 6:15 p.m.*

*Craig Dashner – 6:45 p.m.*

*Laura Hewitt – 7:15 p.m.*

*Gary Mekjian – 7:45 p.m.*

*Melissa Samluk – 8:15 p.m.*

*Steven Scheel – 8:45 p.m.*

President Clark began the interviews. Each candidate provided an opening statement; the board members questioned each candidate and each candidate then provided a closing statement.

After all the candidates offered their final comments, President Clark called a short recess at 9:00 p.m. before moving into deliberations.

President Clark invited the Board to share their opinions and opened up the meeting for a general discussion. Each board member offered their thoughts and comments on all of the candidates. He then asked the Board to name their top two candidates in the initial vote to help narrow down the list. This would allow the board to further discuss their top candidate choices and would eliminate others.

#### **First Round Poll of the Board**

*Mr. Clark* – Mrs. Hewitt and Mr. Consiglio

*Ms. Fallow* – Mrs. Hewitt and Mr. Consiglio

*Ms. Hanshaw* – Mrs. Hewitt and Mr. Dashner

*Mr. Abbate* – Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Samluk

*Mr. Kennedy* – Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Samluk

*Ms. Rzyzi* – Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Samluk

The final tally gave Mr. Consiglio 2 votes, Mr. Dashner 1 vote, Mrs. Hewitt 6 votes, Mr. Mekjian 0 votes, Mrs. Samluk 3 votes and Mr. Scheel 0 votes.

Mr. Clark announced that Mrs. Hewitt and Mrs. Samluk are the top two finalists this evening.

Mr. Clark opened it up to the Board for further discussion. Ms. Fallow indicated that Mrs. Samluk was her second tie breaker candidate along with Mr. Consiglio. The Board noted that it only would have brought Mrs. Samluk to 4 votes. Mr. Clark then announced that Mrs. Hewitt appears to have the most votes.

#### **BOARD VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOARD MEMBER**

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Ms. Rzyzi that it is the majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Education of the South Lyon Community Schools to appoint Mrs. Laura Hewitt to fill the unexpired term of two years ending on December 31, 2018 due to the resignation of Ms. Amy McCusker on February 10, 2017.

**Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Ms. Fallow-yes, Ms. Rzyzi-yes, Mr. Clark-yes. Motion carried 6-0.**

President Clark offered his congratulations to Mrs. Hewitt.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

#### **RECESS TO COMPLETE LEGAL PAPERWORK**

President Clark called a short recess to give the new board member time to fill out legal paperwork.

**INTERIM BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE**

Mrs. Hewitt was administered the Constitutional Oath of Office.

**ADJOURN**

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Kennedy to adjourn the meeting at 9:24 p.m.

**Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Hanshaw', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carrie L. Hanshaw,  
Secretary