

January 10, 2018

**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 January 10, 2018 to order at 6:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Randy Clark, Margaret Fallow, Carrie Hanshaw, Laura Hewitt, Eric Kennedy

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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

APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOARD MEMBER

President Clark explained the interview process. Each candidate will be interviewed individually. 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 (two questions 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. Additional rounds of voting will take place if needed. The voting will be conducted openly. When there is one candidate with more votes than others, that candidate will be appointed the interim position on the Board. Don Stokes, Melissa Samluk, Kathleen Harmon and Heather-Marie Montilla were the four candidates who were selected by the Board to interview for the position left vacant by the resignation of Sheila Rzyzi on December 12, 2017.

INTERIM CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

Don Stokes – 6:15 p.m.

Melissa Samluk – 6:45 p.m.

Kathleen Harmon – 7:15 p.m.

Heather-Marie Montilla – 7:45 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 8:10 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. Additional rounds of voting will take place if needed.

First Round Poll of the Board

Mr. Clark – Kathleen Harmon & Heather-Marie Montilla

Ms. Fallow – Melissa Samluk & Kathleen Harmon

Ms. Hanshaw – Melissa Samluk & Kathleen Harmon

Mr. Abbate – Melissa Samluk & Heather-Marie Montilla

Ms. Hewitt – Kathleen Harmon & Heather-Marie Montilla

Mr. Kennedy – Melissa Samluk & Kathleen Harmon

The final tally gave, Don Stokes – 0 votes, Melissa Samluk - 4 votes, Kathleen Harmon - 5 votes, and Heather-Marie Montilla - 3 votes.

Mr. Clark announced that Kathleen Harmon received the most votes and would fill the open position.

BOARD VOTE ON APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM BOARD MEMBER

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Ms. Hewitt that it is the majority vote of the remaining members of the Board of Education of the South Lyon Community Schools to appoint Kathleen Harmon to fill the unexpired term of one year ending on December 31, 2018 due to the resignation of Ms. Sheila Rzyzi on December 12, 2017.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

On behalf of the Board, President Clark offered his congratulations to Mrs. Harmon.

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

Kathleen Harmon was administered the Constitutional Oath of Office.

ADJOURN

Moved by Ms. Harmon, supported by Ms. Fallow to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Ayes – 7, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Hanshaw,
Secretary