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

CALL TO ORDER

President Brummer called the March 16, 2015 regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Steve Brummer, G. Randall Clark, Carrie Hanshaw, Amy McCusker, Barb Murphy
Absent: Greg Downey

Administration Present: Dr. Pearson, Superintendent, Melissa Baker Deputy Supt. Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Supt., Jim Graham, Asst. Supt.
Administration Absent: None

PLEDGE

The Board, administration and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Brummer offered an opportunity for public comments. The following individuals addressed the Board.

- *Juliann Sleek* expressed her concerns regarding School of Choice for Dolsen next year. She asked the Board to grandfather the 16 School of Choice students at Dolsen for the upcoming school year and consider allowing them to stay there for the remainder of their elementary years. She also felt that proximity to a school must be considered when looking at redistricting.

- *Jessica Domka* questioned the Board on redistricting. She also reported that Dolsen held their 2nd Annual Auction recently earning over $19,000.00. She thanked Dr. Pearson for his contribution and thanked Mrs. Baker and her family and Mrs. McCusker for coming and offering their help. The money will benefit the teachers and students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to approve the following minutes:

- March 2, 2015 – Regular Meeting
- March 3, 2015 – Study Session
- March 6, 2015 – Special Meeting

Roll Call: **Clark-yes, McCusker-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Brummer-yes, Murphy-yes, Abbate-yes. Motion carried 6 - 0.**

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Clark to approve the following bills:

- January Prepaids
- February Prepaids
- March AP Bill Run
- January Wires and ACH Transactions
- February Wires and ACH Transactions

Roll Call: Hanshaw-yes, Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Brummer-yes, Abbate-yes, Clark-yes. Motion carried 6 - 0.

MIDDLE SCHOOL HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT CHANGES

Mrs. Kudwa explained to the Board that this item was presented at the March 2, 2015 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve the Middle School Handbook and Code of Conduct changes as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to approve the Middle School Handbook and Code of Conduct changes as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT CHANGES

Mrs. Kudwa explained to the Board that this item was presented at the March 2, 2015 meeting. As requested, the language regarding doctor's notes for illnesses and appointments was rewritten. This section now reads, "The district is required to report attendance concerns to the Oakland County Truancy Office. When students provide documentation from their doctor for absences for illnesses or doctor's appointments, these days are not included in the absence count that is shared with the Truancy Office." She asked the Board to approve the South Lyon East High School Handbook and Code of Conduct changes as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Abbate to approve the South Lyon East High School Handbook and Code of Conduct changes as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mr. Clark to approve the South Lyon High School Handbook and Code of Conduct changes as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

PARTICIPATION IN THE HOWELL FIRE CADET ACADEMY

Mrs. Kudwa explained to the Board that this item was presented at the March 2, 2015 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve continued involvement in the Howell Fire Cadet Academy.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Abbate to approve the continued involvement in the Howell Fire Cadet Academy as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that the South Lyon Pizza Company (Hungry Howie's) donated $150.44 to South Lyon East High School from their pizza night fundraiser. This will be used for future student assemblies. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to accept the gift with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that South Lyon East High School received a check in the amount of $394.02 from Target Corporation, through the Take Charge of Education school fundraising program. This money will be used for purchases in the SLEHS media center. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Clark to accept the gift with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that Millennium Middle School received a check in the amount of $140.13 from Target Corporation, through the Take Charge of Education school fundraising program. This money will be used for media center purchases. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mrs. Murphy to accept the gift with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that Gethrin Jones donated travel chess sets and mats with embroidered canvas cases to the South Lyon East High School Chess Club. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mrs. Hanshaw to accept the gift with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that Kensington Valley Sports donated $50.00 to the South Lyon East High School Debate Club. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Clark to accept the gift with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

BD. POLICY 2310 (GRADING SYSTEM) 2ND RDG

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that the revised policy was brought to the Board at the March 2, 2015 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve Board Policy 2310 as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Murphy, supported by Mrs. McCusker to approve Policy 2310 as presented.

Roll Call: Murphy-yes, McCusker-yes, Clark-yes, Brummer-yes, Hanshaw-yes, Abbate-yes. Motion carried 6 - 0.

With the support of the Board, President Brummer skipped the ten-minute recess.

REVISIONS TO BD. POLICY 0032 (ROLE OF THE BD. OF EDUCATION) 1ST RDG.

Mrs. Baker explained to the Board that changes in this policy have to do with language in regard to the role of the Board of Education, specifically number 18. The Policy Committee's recommendation is relevant to visitation at school events and through the school community, as well as the school buildings. There were no questions or comments from the Board. This policy will be brought back before the Board for approval at the next meeting.

LEGISLATION

Dr. Pearson stated that the main focus of the legislature is on the roads. He indicated that the three finalists in the State Superintendent interviews are Scott Menzel, Washtenaw County ISD Superintendent, Vickie Markavitch, Oakland Schools ISD Superintendent and Brian Whiston, Dearborn Superintendent. He informed the Board that he was going to email them some information and data from a meeting he attended this afternoon with a legislator who is gathering information about school districts and what Lansing can do to help solve some of the issues that educators are bringing up.

CITA COMMENTS

School of Choice Lottery Reminders

Schools of Choice applications are due by March 27. Mrs. Kudwa will be monitoring sections and class sizes as school of choice applications and preliminary enrollment numbers arrive from the buildings. Mrs. Kudwa explained that there are times when applications for a school and grade exceed the available space. In these situations, the administration has the right to take one of the following actions based on the enrollment information:

- If enrollment from a school's boundary area is anticipated to fill all available sections at a particular grade, all school of choice applications for that school and grade level can be denied with students returning either to their boundary school or selecting an open school of choice.
- If, after the March 27 deadline, there is room for all of the boundary students and the school of choice applicants, but the grade level sections are then considered full, the section will be closed to any future applicants but the students whose applications were received on time can remain.
- In cases where there is some room for school of choice applicants but not enough room for all of the applicants, it becomes necessary to hold a lottery to determine which applicants are accepted.

If a lottery is necessary for School of Choice spaces, the lottery will be held on April 21 at the Administration Building. The time has not yet been determined. The lottery is random, however the administration is charged with considering the following conditions when conducting a lottery for a grade level within a school:

- Per Board Policy 5111, provided all guidelines and timelines are met, school of choice applications for permanent employee's children shall be placed prior to other school of choice applicants.
- 25% of the remaining school of choice spots must be allocated to previous school of choice students at that school. If the number of returning school of choice students exceeds the 25% allocation, then a lottery for these spots is held prior to the lottery involving the new applicants.
- If additional spaces remain, those spaces must be distributed through a lottery with both the repeat school of choice students who did not get selected in the 25% lottery and the new applicants.

Curriculum Day Study

Mrs. Kudwa stated that March 11 was a Curriculum Day for district teachers. She stated that across the district, our staff focused on integrating additional technology into classrooms, using Thinking Routines to increase student learning, making writing conferences more impactful and preparing for External Review visits. Some staff members also used this time to be trained to administer the State's new M-STEP assessments. Social work staff discussed using Thinking Routines to help students reflect on their social work goals and also studied effective behavior intervention plans and shared what is working best with some of our most challenging students.

The Board indicated that they would like the Policy Committee to review the School of Choice rules and consider grandfathering.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Brummer acknowledged the following board committee reports:

- ***Legislative*** – There was a discussion on a Bake Sale Bill (Senate Bill 139) which is considering limiting the number of bake sales a school can have per week because they felt a lot of them do not meet federal nutrition standards. She noted that if it passes, there will be no more than three per week. They also talked about the OCSBA legislative priorities which are protecting the school aid funding, evidence-based decision making, accountability and transparency and local control. They asked our lobbyists to focus on those things.
- ***Policy*** – They will meet on Monday, March 23.
- ***Finance*** – They have a meeting scheduled on April 1.

OTHER

There was no other information to share with the Board.

REPORTS

President Brummer acknowledged the February Monthly Financial Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Brummer offered a second opportunity for public comments. The following individual addressed the Board.

- *Alex Hessler* thanked the Board for their support in favor of weighted grades.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for President Brummer to acknowledge.

MEETING DATES

President Brummer noted the following meeting dates:

- April 16, 2015, *Community Bond Presentation, 7:00 pm, MMS Cafeteria*
- April 20, 2015, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*
- May 4, 2015, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*
- May 18, 2015, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*
- June 1, 2015, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*
- June 6, 2015, *SLHS/SLEHS Graduations, EMU Convocation Center, 2:30/6:00 p.m.*
- June 15, 2015, *Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.*

BOARD COMMENTS

*Mrs. McCusker s*tated that the Dolsen auction was incredible and congratulated all the parents and volunteers who helped put it together. She also thanked the parents who are working on the bond issue and encouraged everyone to visit the district website to learn more about the bond proposal.

Mr. Clark shared that he was very impressed with the amount of twitter feed from the administrators in the individual schools. He felt it was a great way to find out what is going on with teacher activities.

BOARD COMMENTS CONTINUED

Mrs. Hanshaw shared that March is reading month, and she thanked all of the elementary schools for having her in their buildings this month.

Mrs. Murphy encouraged everyone to attend the Beauty and the Beast play this weekend.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mrs. Hanshaw, supported by Mrs. McCusker to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes – 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie L. Hanshaw,
Secretary