

July 20, 2015

**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 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

President Brummer called the study session of July 20, 2015 to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Steve Brummer, Randy Clark, Carrie Hanshaw, Michele Lurz

Absent: Justin Gusick, Amy McCusker

Others Present: Melissa Baker, Superintendent
Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent
Maureen Altermatt, Asst. Superintendent

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brummer offered an opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

REVIEW OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE PROTOCOLS

Mrs. Baker began by offering a suggestion that the Board view the student discipline protocols from a building perspective first and then continue on with what takes place on the Board's end at a disciplinary hearing. The Board received copies of Policy 5500 (Code of Student Conduct) and Policy 5530 (Substance Abuse) to review. Mrs. Kudwa walked the Board through the entire Code of Student Conduct process. She detailed how the Codes of Conduct are created, how they are shared with students, how potential violations are investigated, common offenses and the appeals process. She noted that both middle schools and high schools have the same expectations and consequences.

BOARD INITIAL IDEAS FOR GOALS

The Board engaged in a lengthy discussion on ideas for goals for the district and for Mrs. Baker. There was some dialogue as to whether an idea would be considered a goal or a specific action based item. As a new superintendent with a fairly new Board, Mrs. Baker asked the Board if they wanted to begin with some action items and goals for her this year while they continue to learn and grow together and then set up specifically how they will develop a strong strategic plan for the district. Mr. Brummer felt they needed to work on a strategic plan with the growth the district is experiencing, but in the short term though, he would like to give Mrs. Baker a list of action items to get done. Mrs. Baker offered her suggestions of larger areas to work on this year. These include the bond, redistricting and how we support our community during that transition, communication piece with the Board and community, alignment with

the state standards and opt-out component and work toward getting a strategic plan together. The Board agreed that they also needed to address having an elementary redistricting plan in place. Mrs. Baker stated that in the past, they have started in February or March so that parents know in June where their children would attend school a full year ahead for planning purposes. The Board agreed that a plan should be in place by June 2016. She also suggested that the Board may want training on the new superintendent evaluation process even though requirements may be changing. In closing, the Board agreed to share their specific goals with Mrs. Baker, and she will bring back a superintendent evaluation tool along with general goal areas that umbrella the Board's ideas.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Brummer offered a second opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

ADJOURN

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

Ayes – 5, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carrie L. Hanshaw,
Secretary