

February 1, 2016

**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 THE CITY & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

President Brummer called the February 1, 2016 regular meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Present: Anthony Abbate, Steve Brummer, G. Randall Clark, Carrie Hanshaw,
Michele Lurz, Amy McCusker

ROLL CALL

Absent: Justin Gusick

Administration Present: Melissa Baker, Superintendent, James Graham, Asst. Supt.
Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Supt., Maureen Altermatt, Asst. Supt.

Administration Absent: None

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

PLEDGE

Mrs. Baker welcomed Mrs. Weakland (Interim Principal) and her staff and students from Dolsen Elementary. Mrs. Weakland founded the Dolsen Helping Hands Club with the idea to give students the opportunity to spread the message of taking care of others. She noted that Dolsen Elementary feels very strongly about the importance of educating the whole child, not just supporting their academic and cognitive development, but also supporting their social and emotional learning. In the 2013-14 school year, she and the Helping Hands Club made up of about 25 fourth graders sponsored a school-wide initiative called "Taking Care of Others." The message ties directly into Dolsen's school rules of "We take care of ourselves. We take care of each other. We take care of our school. We are ready to learn!" The initiative included three major components. The first component is fostering social and emotional learning through literacy. They started out with 40 books and teachers who committed to read aloud the books that have strong themes of friendship, compassion and developing empathy for others. The collection has now grown to over 175 books. The second component is service learning which is led by their Helping Hands Club. They have a service learning project every month. The third component is the Kind Kids Club for the younger students. Eynne Santana, the founder of this club shared a little about the club and why she had started it for our younger students. Several past and current students of the Helping Hands Club shared a little about some of the projects that they have done over the years. Mrs. Baker proudly mentioned that the "Taking Care of Others" initiative was the recipient of the 2014 Excellence in Education 2nd Place award granted through Oakland Schools and the Oakland Press.

*DOLSEN'S
"TAKING CARE
OF OTHERS"
INITIATIVE*

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

PUBLICCOMMENTS

- *Elena Zucca*, SLHS 12th grade foreign exchange student shared her school experiences at SLHS with the Board. She also questioned why she and other foreign exchange students are unable to receive a diploma.

The Board questioned Ms. Kudwa about this issue and asked if an explanation could be prepared for them so that they had an opportunity to understand it better.

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Ms. Lurz to approve the following minutes:

**APPROVAL
OF MINUTES**

- January 18, 2016 – Regular Meeting

Roll Call: Ms. McCusker-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Mr. Brummer-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Lurz-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

Mr. Graham explained to the Board that this agenda item was presented at the January 18, 2016 board meeting. No changes were requested. He asked the Board to award the Bond 2015 Security Camera Expansion Project bid to NETech Corporation in the amount of \$309,790.35.

**BOND 2015 -
SECURITY CAMERA
EXPANSION PROJECT**

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Clark to award the Bond 2015 Security Camera Expansion Project bid to NETech Corporation in the amount of \$309,790.35 as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Lurz-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Mr. Brummer-yes, Ms. McCusker-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

Mr. Graham explained to the Board that this agenda item was presented at the January 18, 2016 board meeting. No changes were requested. He asked the Board to award the Wireless Network Expansion Project bid to CDW at a total cost of \$402,372.25 with \$309,833.94 of this funding coming from the Bond 2015 project and \$92,488.31 of funding from the TRIG grant.

**BOND 2015 -
WIRELESS NETWORK
EXPANSION PROJECT**

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Mr. Abbate to award the Bond 2015 Wireless Network Expansion Project bid to CDW at a total cost of \$402,372.25 with \$309,833.94 of funding from the Bond 2015 project and \$92,488.31 of funding from the TRIG (Technology Readiness Instructional Grant) as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Lurz-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Ms. McCusker-yes, Mr. Brummer-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

Mr. Graham explained to the Board that this agenda item was presented at the January 18, 2016 board meeting. No changes were requested. He asked the Board to award the Bond 2015 Network Switches Expansion Project bid to Inacomp TSG in the amount of \$236,773.70 as presented.

**BOND 2015 -
NETWORK SWITCHES
EXPANSION PROJECT**

Moved by Ms. Hanshaw, supported by Mr. Clark to award the Bond 2015 Network Switches Expansion Project bid to Inacomp TSG in the amount of \$236,773.70 as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Ms. McCusker-yes, Mr. Brummer-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Lurz-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

Ms. Altermatt stated that revisions to Policy 8510 (Student Wellness) were brought to the Board at the January 18, 2016 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve the policy as presented.

**BOARD POLICY 8510
(STUDENT WELLNESS)
2NDRDG**

Moved by Ms. Lurz, supported by Mr. Abbate to approve Board Policy 8510 (Student Wellness) as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Altermatt stated that revisions to Policy 9270 – Equivalent Education Outside the Schools (Homeschooling) were brought to the Board at the January 18, 2016 meeting. No changes were requested. She asked the Board to approve the policy as presented.

**BOARD POLICY 9270
(EQUIVALENT
EDUCATION OUTSIDE
THE SCHOOLS
(HOMESCHOOLING)
2NDRDG.**

Moved by Ms. Lurz, supported by Ms. Hanshaw to approve Board Policy 9270 – Equivalent Education Outside the Schools (Homeschooling) as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Altermatt explained to the Board that growth necessitates the hiring of the following teacher effective January 18, 2016:

**HIRING OF
INSTRUCTIONAL
STAFF**

Kristine Thelen-Eberhart .6 SSW South Lyon East HS

She asked the Board to approve the hiring of this teacher effective the date noted above.

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Mr. Clark to approve the hiring of Ms. Kristine Thelen-Eberhart effective January 18, 2016 as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Ms. Lurz-yes, Ms. McCusker-yes, Mr. Brummer-yes. Motion carries 6 - 0.

Ms. Altermatt explained to the Board that South Lyon East received the following monetary donations to be used for the High School Robotics Team for materials, supplies, travel and fees. She asked the Board to accept the gifts in accordance with policy 9350.

**ACCEPTANCE
OF GIFTS**

<i>Giarmo's Carpet Cleaning</i>	\$100
<i>Raymond Howe, DDS</i>	\$250
<i>Bosch Automotive Steering (Huntington Woods, MI)</i>	\$500
<i>Pratt & Miller Engineering</i>	\$500
<i>Energy Design Service Systems</i>	\$100
<i>Stokes Automation Systems</i>	\$500
<i>Robert & Eleanor Winter</i>	\$50
<i>Robert & Suzanne Winter</i>	\$450
<i>Bakman Floral Design</i>	\$100
<i>Parkside Cleaners</i>	\$250
<i>Oakland Oral Surgery Associates</i>	\$200
<i>Bosch Automotive Steering (Florence, KY)</i>	\$500
<i>Perceptron, Inc.</i>	\$500
<i>Thomas Jakuc, Attorney at Law</i>	\$500
<i>Sherwood Manufacturing Corp.</i>	\$500
<i>Wescott Displays</i>	\$100
<i>Kennedy Industries, Inc.</i>	\$100
<i>Brostrom Physical Therapy</i>	\$50
<i>TNT Orthodontics</i>	\$50

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Ms. McCusker to accept the gifts with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Altermatt explained to the Board that South Lyon East received a donation of \$238.03 from the South Lyon Pizza Company from their Hungry Howie's Pizza Night fundraiser on December 22. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

**ACCEPTANCE
OF GIFT**

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

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Altermatt explained to the Board that Bartlett Elementary received a donation of paper and office supplies, with an estimated value of \$350, from Office Max for teachers and office staff. She asked the Board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

**ACCEPTANCE
OF GIFT**

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

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Ms. Altermatt explained to the Board that Bartlett Elementary received the following donations to be used as raffle items at their fundraising dinner on February 5. She asked the Board to accept the gifts in accordance with policy 9350.

**ACCEPTANCE
OF GIFTS**

<i>Maggie Jones</i>	<i>Museum of Natural History, 1 yr. membership (\$60)</i>
<i>Go Comedy Improv Theater</i>	<i>three pairs of 2 show tickets (\$108)</i>
<i>Mitchell Fitness Solutions</i>	<i>two gift certificates for 3 TRX Sessions (\$150)</i>
<i>Kim Lindstrom</i>	<i>Clinique Products (\$124.50)</i>
<i>Witch’s Hat Brewing Co.</i>	<i>four gift bags (membership, glass, t-shirt) - \$300 value</i>
<i>Lyon Theater</i>	<i>\$20 gift card & popcorn bucket (\$30 value)</i>
<i>Pinz Entertainment Center</i>	<i>family bowling party certificate-includes pop/pizza (\$70)</i>
<i>Tony Peterson</i>	<i>\$25 Bagger Dave’s gift card</i>
<i>Home Depot</i>	<i>wheelbarrow (\$70)</i>
<i>Hometown Bicycle</i>	<i>bike helmet (\$49.99)</i>
<i>Shedd Aquarium</i>	<i>gift certificate for 4 general admission tickets ((\$32)</i>
<i>Johnny Carion’s</i>	<i>\$25 gift card</i>
<i>Jordan Bellant</i>	<i>MI Youth Football gift certificate for 1 free registration, mouth guards, football, water bottle (\$100)</i>
<i>Emily Burgess</i>	<i>Matthaei Botanical Gardens membership (\$55)</i>
<i>Bavarian Inn</i>	<i>two chicken dinners (\$46)</i>
<i>Sky Zone</i>	<i>two family fun packs (\$158)</i>
<i>Castaway Café</i>	<i>four free admission passes (\$24)</i>
<i>Aubree’s</i>	<i>two \$25 gift certificates (\$50)</i>
<i>Glazy Days</i>	<i>two \$20 gift certificates (\$40)</i>
<i>South Lyon Cycle</i>	<i>deluxe bike tune-up (\$65)</i>
<i>Diane’s Doll House</i>	<i>Lego set and game (\$50)</i>

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Ms. McCusker to accept the gifts with thanks in accordance with policy 9350 as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Baker explained that the presentation will define the Task Force recommendations as well as a section that speaks to the Administration's review of those recommendations. She first thanked all staff members, committee members and board members who were part of the Task Force. The PowerPoint presentation was narrated by Mr. James Graham, Mr. Mike Casey, Mrs. Lisa Kudwa and Mrs. Baker and consisted of the Task Force charge, timeline and meetings, current classroom data, two models of enrollment predictions, classroom potential short-falls using both models, building recommendations, 105/105c recommendations and administrative thoughts based on those recommendations. The Task Force charge was to address how best to accommodate the anticipated elementary enrollment increase for 2016-17 taking into consideration various options based on student impact, class size, cost and operational efficiency. They were also assigned to review middle school enrollment trends to determine if middle school boundary changes may be needed beginning 2016-2017. The Task Force final options to create additional classroom space were shared in the order of priority for each elementary school and middle school. The Task Force also recommended to not open the district for new 105 or 105c students for the 2016-17 school year with some exceptions. The Administrative Review fully supported five of the elementary schools and identified some concerns with the Brummer and Sayre recommendations and with the middle school recommendation of moving the CI program. Administration then offered alternative recommendations, provided the cost impact for the team recommendations and shared timeline considerations. The entire Task Force Presentation can be found on the district website.

***PRESENTATION OF
TASK FORCE
RECOMMENDATIONS
AND ADMINISTRATIVE
REVIEW***

The Board was happy with the elementary recommendations, but shared their concerns on space in the middle schools and possible options to temporarily solve the situation which included the possibility of consideration of redistricting middle school students a year early. After further discussion they agreed to wait another year for additional data and make any boundary changes at the same time as the elementary changes in 2017-18 and to convert three sign up labs at CMS into classrooms for the 2016-17 school year.

President Brummer called a short break at 9:07 p.m. and the Board reconvened at 9:15 p.m.

Mrs. Baker stated that 18 elected and appointed local officials have filed a lawsuit in federal court. Basically, they are filing that it is a violation of the First Amendment rights by banning "the free flow of objectively neutral, core political speech." The complaint was filed in the U.S. Eastern District Court in Detroit.

LEGISLATION

President Brummer acknowledged the following board committee reports:

**BOARD COMMITTEE
REPORTS**

- **Legislative** – They are meeting next Wednesday.
- **Policy** – They had a meeting and plan to review all discipline policies.
- **Finance** – A meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 9.
- **Facilities Planning** – They had a lengthy meeting and discussed many topics that covered from the football field at the high school being redone to elevators.
- **Task Force** – Information was presented earlier in the meeting.

Mrs. Baker reminded the Board that a special meeting is scheduled on Monday, February 8 at Millennium Middle School at 7:15 p.m. She also reported that Bartlett has a fund raiser dinner and silent auction this Friday at Baker's from 6:30 – 9 p.m.

OTHER

President Brummer did not have any reports to acknowledge.

REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- *Juliann Sleek* shared her concerns with the parking situation at Dolsen especially if they are considering adding four classrooms per the Task Force recommendation.

There was no correspondence for President Brummer acknowledge.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Brummer noted the following meeting dates:

MEETING DATES

- February 8, 2016 – Special Meeting, MMS, 7:15 p.m.
- February 11, 2016 – Special Meeting (closed session), 5:30 p.m.
- March 7, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- March 21, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- April 18, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- May 2, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- May 16, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- June 6, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.
- June 11, 2016, SLEHS/SLHS Graduations, EMU Convocation Center, 2:30 p.m./6:00 p.m.
- June 20, 2016, Regular Meeting, 7:15 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Lurz stated that she attended the Task Force meetings as a parent and was able to see everyone working together and creating new ideas and solutions that could save the district money. She thanked all the teams.

Mr. Abbate thanked the Task Force and Administration for all of their options to think about. He also applauded the Dolsen group presentation tonight.

Ms. Hanshaw offered her congratulations to the Dolsen kids and their program. She also thanked the community for all their donations. She was very impressed with the Task Force and appreciates all of their work.

Mr. Clark also commended the Dolsen kids for a great job. He shared some information he picked up from Board Notes regarding Mrs. Fleet and her positive review from the School Nutrition Program. He encouraged Ms. Altermatt to continue working with the narcotics group and get them into the middle and high schools. He asked Mrs. Baker about testing water at our schools on an annual basis. He indicated that he received input from some Salem people with an issue with a concrete crushing yard that is near Salem. He encouraged Mrs. Baker to inquire about air testing.

Ms. McCusker thanked the kids at Dolsen for their presentation. She also mentioned how grateful the Board is for the community involvement in our district.

Mr. Brummer also complemented the Dolsen kids on their presentation. He offered his thanks to the Task Force noting that they provided great feedback to take into consideration. He expressed his appreciation for everyone's hard work.

Moved by Ms. McCusker, supported by Mr. Clark to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes – 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Hanshaw,
Secretary