

May 2, 2016

**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 THE CITY AND SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of President Brummer, Ms. McCusker served as acting president and called the May 2, 2016 study session to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Randy Clark, Justin Gusick, Carrie Hanshaw, Michele Lurz, Amy McCusker
Absent: Steve Brummer

Others Present: Melissa Baker, Superintendent (arrived at 5:55 p.m.)
Maureen Altermatt, Asst. Superintendent
Mike Teagan (SLHS Athletic Director)
Adam Beutel (SLEHS Athletic Director)

WELCOME

Ms. McCusker noted that Mrs. Baker was running a few minutes late and would be joining them soon.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. McCusker offered an opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

PRESENTATION REGARDING KLAA LEAGUE HISTORY AND FUTURE

Mr. Teagan and Mr. Beutel jointly brought a presentation to the Board taking the community through the history of the KLAA, models presented and voted on, win-loss records with regard to enrollment, KLAA objectives, scheduling and structural philosophies and ending with identifying potential options that may be out there for South Lyon. The history of the KLAA began as the Kensington Valley Conference in 2006-07 with the original group of schools of Brighton, Howell, Hartland, Milford, Lakeland and South Lyon. Western Lakes was in the Livonia area. The Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) was established in the fall of 2008 which was a merger of the Western Lakes Activities Association and the Kensington Valley Conference.

South Lyon Community Schools has been working with the Kensington Lakes Activities Association this year to explore a variety of options for realignment. Conversations regarding potential realignment have taken place over the past several years. Several proposals for change were voted on this year. However, no proposal received the level of support needed from KLAA members to move forward with realignment.

The focus throughout this process has been on addressing issues of competitive equity. Student enrollment numbers are a significant factor in determining competitive equity, and both South Lyon High Schools are smaller than many schools with whom we currently compete in the KLAA.

Because of our concern that changes to address competitive equity may not be adopted by the KLAA at this time, we have been in conversations with four other districts about creating a new league. These districts include Pinckney, Huron Valley, Waterford and Walled Lake. This league would be developed with the notion of developing competitive equity as priority number one, based on the size of our current and projected high school populations.

Although no final decisions have been made at this time, a final decision needs to be made by the end of May. Regardless of the decision, there would not be any league affiliation changes until the 2017-18 school year, as the KLAA bylaws require a district to notify their association one year prior to leaving the league.

There were questions from the Board relative to how this decision could affect other South Lyon sports, how far are we into the process of forming a new league and if there would be a need for new by-laws to make sure things run smooth if we did join a new league.

Mr. Beutel emphasized that he felt that enrollment is more important than geography.

Mrs. Baker stated that Board approval will be needed before sending a letter to leave the KLAA. She indicated that she would bring it as an action item at the next board meeting if the Board agreed. Her recommendation would be to do the new league formation.

The entire PowerPoint presentation can be found on the school website under the May 2, 2016 Study Session meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. McCusker offered a second opportunity for public comments. There were no comments.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Mr. Gusick to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Carrie L. Hanshaw
Secretary