

DECEMBER 7, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #63-240 COUNTIES OF
OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON AND WASHTENAW
HELD VIRTUALLY IN SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CALL TO ORDER

President Hanshaw called the December 7, 2020 virtual regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Randy Clark, Craig Dashner, Carrie Hanshaw, Eric Kennedy, Bridgett McDowell, Jennifer Urtel

Absent: None

Administration Present: Steve Archibald, Superintendent, Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Stacy Witt, Asst. Superintendent

Administration Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hanshaw offered an opportunity for public comments. The following comment was received and read by President Hanshaw.

- *Margaret Pierce* asked Mr. Archibald what steps are being taken to get kids back in school.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Mr. Kennedy to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Ms. McDowell-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Clark to approve the minutes of the November 16, 2020 regular meeting and the November 23, 2020 special meeting as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. McDowell-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

2021 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION RESOLUTION

Ms. Witt explained that this resolution must be adopted annually in order to continue with 100% summer tax levy collection. She asked the Board to approve the 2021 Summer Tax Collection Resolution as presented.

Moved by Mr. Dashner, supported by Mr. Abbate to approve the 2021 Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. McDowell-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

BOND 2020 – SLEHS CHILLER REPLACEMENT BIG APPROVAL

Ms. Witt explained that this agenda item was presented to the Facility Planning Committee on December 1, 2020 and was approved to go to the Board for approval on December 7, 2020. She stated that it was Administration's recommendation to award the bid to Goyette Mechanical Co. in the amount of \$703,887.

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to award the SLEHS chiller replacement bid to Goyette Mechanical Co. in the amount of \$703,887 as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Ms. McDowell-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

UPDATE TO POLICY 1002 – MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Kudwa stated that the district contracts with Miller Johnson, our legal firm, for policy services. She indicated that Miller Johnson has provided an update to our Policy 1002 (Meetings of the Board of Education).

The updates are necessary for the district to be in compliance with changes to the Michigan's Open Meetings Act. The updates will provide flexibility in terms of the Board conducting public meetings electronically or individual Board members participating remotely for outlined reasons.

The Policy Committee reviewed these changes earlier today. This item will be brought to the December 14 meeting for approval.

BOND UPDATE PRESENTATION – IDS/BARTON MALOW

Mr. Chuck Lewis (IDS) presented an update on what is being done related to the design work for the bond program. Charlie Haas (project manager) began the presentation and Aubrey Robichaud (architect) and Mark Reaves (senior associate) each walked the Board through updates on the projects they have been working on. Mr. Haas clarified that there are many more people working in the background to make sure that everything comes to be a successful project, as well as those that participated from Barton Malow and from the district. They provided a current overview of some of the key projects and highlighted a few keystone ones. He began by explaining the three phases of design. He noted that he will be focusing on the projects that are just coming out of schematic design. He offered a list of the current projects and their status. The presentation focused on the SLEHS Auxiliary gym, SLHS Science labs, SLEHS turf replacement and track resurfacing and the SLEHS Foods Lab and Project Planning Room conversions. Mr. Haas summarized the next steps that will be taken. They will include continuing to meet with district representatives for design development and construction document phases, begin pre-construction for the SLEHS chiller replacement project, provide the next quarterly Board of Education update in March 2021 and they will be meeting with the FPC again on December 15. Mr. Chuck Lewis thanked everyone for presenting this evening. They are excited, and believe things are moving along really well with a lot of great input. They are getting the projects developed to meet everyone's needs and are meeting their project goals.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Archibald reported that there is nothing or official to report tonight. He indicated that there are several bills being talked about currently in lame duck, several which have to do with education. He'll bring those back to the Board when they are finally approved.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Hanshaw acknowledged the following board committee reports:

Legislative – Mr. Clark indicated there is nothing to add this evening.

Policy – Open Meetings Act revisions which were discussed earlier.

Finance – Ms. Witt provided the Finance Committee with Budget Amendment #1 for this school year. There is a second committee meeting scheduled to cover the amendment in more depth.

Facilities & Grounds – IDS shared all information this evening.

Curriculum & Communications – They are meeting on Thursday.

Oakland Schools Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – They haven't met since the last board meeting.

Oakland County Health Department School Board Update – Mr. Dashner did not make the last meeting. Mr. Archibald has shared all the updates that were presented at the meeting.

OTHER

There was no other information.

REPORTS

South Lyon Educational Foundation – There was a recent meeting with lots of ongoing conversation about how to continue supporting South Lyon programs and figuring out what the needs might be in the different buildings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hanshaw offered a second opportunity for public comments. She shared the following comment with the Board.

- *Gordon Kerr* asked the Board to look into what Dr. Fauci said recently about kids being better off in school and to be prepared to discuss that at the next meeting on December 14.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence for Ms. Hanshaw to acknowledge.

MEETING DATES

- December 14, 2020, Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- January 11, 2021, Special Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- January 19, 2021, (Tuesday) Organizational/Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- February 1, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 1, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 15, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 17, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 7, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

Mr. Dashner apologized for missing last week's meeting. He was out of town. He added that he appreciates everyone's patience with everything that we are going through now. There is a big contingent that wants kids back in school, but we have to be able to staff the schools to be able to do that. The biggest problem right now is being able to have enough teachers in the classrooms or other people watching the kids. We need the cases to calm down in order to get the kids back.

Mr. Kennedy did not have a comment.

Mr. Clark wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Ms. Urtel hoped everyone had a nice Thanksgiving and is looking forward to the next big holiday coming up.

Mr. Abbate commented it was good to see everybody and thanked everyone who tuned in. He thanked our staff for working really hard for our kids remotely. He also thanked the kids who are working hard remotely and to our families for supporting them and their patience as we try to get through this so we can get everybody back in school.

Ms. McDowell asked everyone to stay home, stay safe and wear their masks.

Ms. Hanshaw reminded families and any students that happen to be watching to have all cameras on during class. It is better for their learning and it's better for the teachers and will make a much better opportunity and experience. Please encourage your kids to keep their cameras on during class.

ADJOURN

Moved by *Ms. Urtel*, supported by *Mr. Abbate* to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call: Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. McDowell-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Abbate, Secretary
Board of Education