

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN 49783  
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Phone 906/635-6609

**Minutes – Monday, May 8, 2023**

232 **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Curtis called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Jonah Garcia Suggs, Wyatt Mattson, Jack Kipka, and Zane Mahmud (Sault Area Middle School Pi Day Mathematics Champions) lead the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pi Day Mathematics Coach Linda Donaldson and four out of the five member group reported on the rigorous challenging and lightening rounds of the LSSU Pi Day Competition.

233. **A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD**

Board Members Present: Amelia M. Lindsay, William E. Odbert, Michelle M. Ribant, Caitlin L. Galer, Christine M. Curtis, Melissa S. Pingatore, Kenneth D. Dunton

Absent: None

234. **B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Ribant, to adopt the agenda as amended.

Add: *Items III. C. Community Eligibility Program*

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Pingatore, Dunton

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

**II. COMMUNICATIONS AND BOARD REPORTS**

235. **A. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**

1. Outstanding Substitute Team Member (Stephanie Vert) – Mrs. Sandy Sawyer

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the outstanding work and commitment Stephanie Vert brought as a substitute employee to the district almost every day of the school year.

President Curtis asked Mrs. Sawyer to extend the Board’s congratulations to her.

2. Outstanding Ancillary Team Member (Megan Billings) – Mrs. Jeanine Sherman

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on and introduced Megan Billings from the EUPISD who provided the extra support in 31n services to students at Sault High to help foster and build good behavior, strategies and resiliency.

3. Outstanding Team Member (Joe Downing) – Mr. Carl McCready

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on and introduced Joe Downing for his work, dedication, and excellent communication to the students and staff at Lincoln Elementary.

4. Rotary-Poppink Distinguished Teachers of the Year (Elementary: Karen Brood, Secondary: Amanda Paulus) - Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on and introduced Karen Brood for her dedication, understanding, and application in assisting elementary students with language arts/reading intervention.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on and introduced Amanda Paulus for her outstanding leadership in teaching secondary English and Native American Literature.

5. District Employees of the Year (Christy Dovick and Jody Kapuscinski) – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on and introduced Christy Dovick as Teacher of the Year for her energy, work, and dedication at Lincoln School.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on and introduced Jody Kapuscinski as Employee of the Year for her creative thinking,

historical information and support in making the environment better for students and staff.

6. Love Your Educator PAC Award (Jane Schied) – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on Jane Schied being the recipient of the EUPISD Parent Advisory Committee Love Your Educator award.

7. Nicholas Oshelski Lifetime Achievement Award (Michael Worley) - Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported Michael J. Worley “Mr. Mike” was the recipient of the Nicholas Oshelski “Mr. O.” Lifetime Achievement Award. Former students spoke on their helpful experiences with Mr. Mike.

Gwen Worley accepted the award on behalf of her late husband Mike. Patti Oshelski and grandson and wife Ryan and Taylor Wollan extended a welcome to the Worley family.

8. Community Eligibility Program (CEP) – Jordan Harris

Mrs. Harris reported on the opportunity and guidelines for selected schools or the district to serve breakfast and lunch at no cost to enrolled students without collecting household applications on a 3-consecutive-year basis.

Mrs. Harris reported on the CEP formula based reimbursement and stated all negative balances would have to be cleared from the food service program from the general fund prior to becoming eligible.

Discussion ensued.

9. Business Report – Mrs. Michelle Bennin

Mrs. Bennin presented the April Business Report. She sought confirmation for the general fund and food service bill lists. She noted a healthy cash flow and below budget expenditure amounts for the year. She indicated a second budget amendment would be presented at the end of June.

236. **B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Scott-Kronmeyer presented the Professional Development Calendar for 2023-24 that had been previously approved by the District School Improvement Team. She noted the calendar contained 5 days of student contact time.

237. **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

President Curtis acknowledged the importance to receive public comment and confirmed there was none.

**III. ACTION ITEMS AND BOARD REPORTS**

238. **A. CONSENT RESOLUTION – Superintendent Scott-Kronmeyer**

President Curtis reviewed the consent agenda and sought confirmation that the Board did not want to remove any items.

1. Minutes – Regular April 10, 2023; Special April 10, 2023; Closed April 10, 2023; Regular April 24, 2023; Closed April 24, 2023
2. April General Fund Bill List in the amount of \$2,333,476.08 and Food Service Bill List in the amount of \$81,585.06.
3. New Hires
  - a. Debra VanDyke – Special Education Paraprofessional - Sault Area Middle School
  - b. Michael Outinen – Technology Operations Manager - Sault Area Public Schools
  - c. Taylor Nelson – Multi-Tiered System of Support Specialist – Sault Area Middle School
  - d. Jennifer Matthews – Paraprofessional – Sault Area Middle School
4. Gifts and Donations  
Faith Lutheran Church donated toilet paper, lice treatment, pants, and underwear to the Washington School Kids Kloset
5. Approval of Course Offerings for 2023-2024
6. Professional Development Calendar
7. Overnight Travel Request – United Kingdom and France – Megan Burkitt

It was moved by Member Dunton, supported by Member Odbert, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda items.

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Pingatore, Dunton

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

239. **B. *LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AGREEMENT – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Odbert, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the Land Acknowledgement Agreement to be read at all regular meetings.

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Pingatore

Nays: Dunton, Curtis

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

240. **C. *COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM – Mrs. Jordan Harris***

It was moved by Member Dunton, supported by Member Ribant, that the district proceed with possible enrollment into the CEP Program for the entire district.

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Pingatore, Dunton

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

241. **IV. *BOARD GOVERNANCE AND BOARD POLICY ISSUES***

242. **V. *FUTURE PLANNING***

President Curtis reviewed future events.

May 24 - Baccalaureate - 6:00 p.m.

May 25 - Malcolm Graduation - 7:00 p.m.

May 28 - Sault High Graduation - 2:00 p.m.

June 1 – Building and Grounds – Administration – 4:00 p.m.

June 7 – Finance – Administration – 5:00 p.m.

June 12 - Regular Board Meeting - Sault Area Middle School - 7:00 p.m.

243. **VI. *CLOSED SESSION***

**A. *MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSES SESSION M.O.M.A. 15.268, §8(c)***

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education move into closed session after a short break at 8:18 p.m.

in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 15.268 §8(c), for strategy and negotiations.

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Pingatore, Dunton  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

The Board reconvened in open session at 8:39 p.m.

244. **VII. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer**

1. Sault Education Association

It was moved by Member Dunton, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the SEA contract.

Yeas: Lindsay, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Dunton  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Pingatore, Odbert  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

2. Administrator Compensation Guide

It was moved by Member Lindsay, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the Administrator Compensation Guide.

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Pingatore, Dunton  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

245. **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board at 8:40 p.m., it was moved by Member Dunton, supported by Member Odbert, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Lindsay, Odbert, Ribant, Galer, Curtis, Pingatore, Dunton  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

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Christine M. Curtis, Board President

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Melissa S. Pingatore, Board Secretary

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Judy L. Sirk, Recording Secretary