

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

Minutes – Monday, June 13, 2022

307. **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President DeWitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Sault Area Middle School, 684 Marquette Avenue and via Zoom.

308. **A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD**

Board Members Present: Daniel L. Smith, Caitlin L. Galer, Melissa S. Pingatore, Raymond J. DeWitt, Jay D. Wilson, Christine M. Curtis

Absent: Lisa A. Young

309. **B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Curtis, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Young

Motion Carried.

310. **C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board Workshop - May 4, 2022 - 5:30 p.m.

Special Meeting - May 9, 2022 - 6:15 p.m.

Closed Meeting - May 9, 2022 - 6:15 p.m.

Regular Meeting May 9, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education approve the above minutes as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Young

Motion Carried.

311. **D. BUSINESS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

Mrs. Bennin reported the district received its final tax payment of the year and expenditures would continue to be billed through the end of the fiscal year. She noted overall cash balances and fund equity balances were higher than over the past four years at this time.

Mrs. Bennin reported the auditors were scheduled to begin the week of September 12.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education approve the May General Fund Bill List in the amount of \$2,385,444.85 and Food Service Bill List of \$66,354.34.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

II. COMMUNICATIONS

312. **A. REPORTS TO THE BOARD**
1. Recognition

- a. Nick Oshelski “Mr. O” Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient (Dr. Tony McLain) – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer presented a resolution and the Nick Oshelski Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Tony McLain.

The Board heard comment from Teacher and Coach Scott Menard regarding the appreciation and admiration students and staff have for Dr. McLain’s coaching and volunteerism for students and student athletes over the years.

The Board heard comment from Chris Oshelski on behalf of the Nick Oshelski family.

The Board heard comment from Dr. Tony McLain regarding Mr. Oshelski’s legacy as an educator of the highest quality and volunteer. He spoke about the students, athletes, and people who have made his efforts valuable.

2. Building Reports – Principals

a. Washington School – Dr. Sheri McFarlane

Dr. McFarlane acknowledged Dr. McLain's award and accredited his leadership lead to hers.

Dr. McFarlane reported on the Grandparents Day activities with music coordinated by Meg Boucher and art work displayed by Kathryn. Murphy. She noted 9 staff volunteered to participate in after school activities regarding Carl Dweck's writings on growth mindset.

Dr. McFarlane reported on the completion of math assessments, walking field trips, the A to Z countdown to summer activities during the month of May.

Dr. McFarlane reported on the Kindergarten open house activities. She noted 88 students had pre-enrolled for Kindergarten and 188 were registered for first grade.

Dr. McFarlane reported on the Field Day activities. She noted that parents had requested a more formalized Kindergarten graduation next year.

b. Lincoln School – Mrs. Diane Chevillot

Mrs. Chevillot reported on the grade-level Grandparents Day celebrations. She gave kudos to Meg Boucher for the upbeat songs and flair she provided.

Mrs. Chevillot reported on the grant funded staff art night instruction and meal with 75% of the staff in attendance.

Mrs. Chevillot reported on multiple student activities that had to be balanced with testing requirements during the month of May.

c. Sault Middle School – Ms. Jessica Rondeau

Ms. Rondeau reported on the Pancakes with Parents events and the opportunity it gives students to learn soft skills.

Ms. Rondeau reported on the end of the year student activities and appreciation cook-out. She noted the awards assembly was livestreamed for parents who were unable to attend.

Ms. Rondeau reported on the master schedule, student schedules, and staffing for next year. She reported at this point all staffing was filled except for playground supervisors.

d. Malcolm High School – Mrs. Sandy Sawyer

Mrs. Sawyer reported on year end awards and activities. She highlighted the overnight school lock-in and the Brady Park scavenger hunt as being the students' favorite activities.

Mrs. Sawyer thanked the Board for their attendance at graduation.

Mrs. Sawyer indicated as Virtual Blue Coordinator there were 41 high school students enrolled, 26 from Sault High and 15 from Malcolm.

Member Wilson wished Sandy Sawyer a happy birthday.

e. Sault Area High School – Mr. Carl McCready

Mr. McCready reported class meetings were conducted over the last two months to reinforce standardized expectations and testing for Workeys, M-Step, SAT, advance placement, and CTE classes.

Mr. McCready reported on the beautiful talent displayed at the Evening of the Arts.

Mr. McCready reported on the Lunch Munch, Prom, Native American Awards, Academic and CTE awards, Senior Breakfast, EUP Principal Awards (29 Sault High recipients), baccalaureate, and graduation.

Mr. McCready reported the forecasted 90% chance of thunderstorms during the graduation ceremony caused the change in location from the athletic field to the high school gym. He stated all but one student was able to attend practice. He thanked the DM Burr crew, Administration, Teachers, and Maintenance for working together on the change in location, and the Board for their support over the year.

3. School Nurse Report – Mary Michaels, RN, BSN

Mrs. Michaels reported on the number of immunizations, health alerts, scoliosis testing, TB testing and personal certification, COVID

and variants, supplies (Narcan from FAN), increased student anxiety and counseling, 504 meetings, and AEDs and drills.

Mrs. Michaels thanked Dr. McFarlane for her assistance in meeting the kindergartener vaccination requirements.

Mrs. Michaels reported the health department was unable to provide hearing or vision testing this year, but Jesslynn Bourque reached out to the Lions Club that provided 218 spot vision screenings with 18 findings.

Mrs. Michaels reported on the necessary assistance from Maria Farney, the hiring of a new SHACC practitioner, and student health fairs. She thanked multiple volunteers who assisted with the health fairs from the Michigan State Police, U.S. Homeland Security, FAN, E-Sports, the Boys and Girls Club, and people who work in nutrition.

Mrs. Michaels reported 30 employees had received CPR and AED certification with the assistance of Herb Henderson and Kathleen Moore. She thanked Jo Anne Lussier for providing two new AEDs for the second floor at the high school.

Mrs. Michaels reviewed the Wellness Committee budget, activities, and plans for next year. She noted the absence of the Biggest Loser Challenge was due to the additional COVID work requirements. She stated the committee will continue to look for new members, ideas, and participation next year.

President DeWitt thanked Mrs. Michaels for her dedication and work.

4. EUPISD Millage – Ms. Rachel Fuerer

Ms. Fuerer presented the basics of a millage and the history of special education services. She noted funding is needed for children from newborn to age 26 and the millage request in August 2 was for .9733 mills.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer noted the Board would be asked to approve a resolution later in the agenda to support the millage.

313. **B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Hall**

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported there were two, six-year term school board seats on the November 8, 2022, election.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported the focus group had reduced the number of competencies for the Portrait of a Sault Graduate to 5, but they would continue to take input until August.

314. **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Beth Cryderman introduced herself as the new bus driver union representative due to the retirement of Terri Cremeans. She indicated her desire to a build relationship with the Board. She shared a story about how bus drivers interact with students on behalf of the district and the need for all to work together.

Upon inquiry from Mrs. Cryderman, Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer indicated she would look into possibly providing appropriate student health alerts to bus drivers.

President DeWitt thanked Ms. Cryderman.

III. ACTION ITEMS AND BOARD REPORTS

315. **A. PERSONNEL**

New Hires

Ms. Rondeau presented the following.

1. Katelynn Jackson – Science Teacher – Sault Area Middle School

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Katelynn Jackson as Science Teacher for Sault Area Middle School.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Young

Motion Carried.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the following.

2. Zachary Horton – Welding Instructor – Sault Area Career Center

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education approve the recommendation to hire Zachary Horton as Welding Instructor for Sault Area Career Center.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

316. **B. *EUPISD SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education approve the Special Education Millage Resolution as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

317. **C. *SCHOOL SAFETY LIAISON – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Galer, that the Board of Education appoint the Superintendent to be the School Safety Liaison to comply with MCL Sec. 380.1241.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

318. **D. *COURSE OFFERINGS – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 list of course offerings for Sault Area High School & Career Center, Malcolm High School, Sault Area Middle School, and Virtual Blue K-12.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

319. **E. *ELECTRONIC DOOR LOCKS – Mrs. Michelle Bennin***

It was moved by Member Smith, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education award the electronic door lock system bid to D/A Central at the low bid total project cost of \$449,002.44 as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None

Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

320. **F. 2021-2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Smith, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Budget Amendment as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

321. **G. PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET HEARING – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education accept public comment on the 2022-2023 budget.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

There was no comment.

322. **H. PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 budget as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

323. **I. 2022 TAX RATE REQUEST (Form L-4029) – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education approve the 2022 Tax Rate Request (Form L-4029) of 18 mills on non-homestead property for school operations and 2.32 mills on all property for school debt.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

324. **J. *FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY EXTENSION – Mrs. Michelle Bennin***

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Smith, that the Board of Education approve a one-year extension with Chartwell’s as our Food Service Management Company including a 1% increase in management and administrative fees.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Young

Motion Carried.

325. **K. *MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education approve the resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association for Sault Area High School and Sault Area Middle School for the year August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Young

Motion Carried.

326. **L. *MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS MEMBERSHIP – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the Michigan Association of School Boards membership and legal trust fund fees for 2020-2023 in the amount of \$4,762.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith

Nays: None

Absent: Young

Motion Carried.

327. **M. *2021-2022 EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Smith, supported by Member Curtis, that the Board of Education approve the 2021-2022 Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

328. **N. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION – Ms. Melissa Pingatore**

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Smith, that the Board of Education approve the final Superintendent evaluation as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

329. **O. APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION GUIDES – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer**

1. Superintendent

It was moved by Member Curtis, supported by Member Smith, that the Board of Education approve the extension of the Superintendent contract by one year as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

2. Business Manager/Chief Financial Officer

It was moved by Member Smith, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education approve the extension of the Business Manager contract by one year as presented.

Yeas: Curtis, Wilson, DeWitt, Pingatore, Galer, Smith
Nays: None
Absent: Young
Motion Carried.

330. **P. SET BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR JULY**

President DeWitt called July 11, 2022, for the 2022-2023 organizational meeting.

331. **Q. POLICIES – FIRST READING**

These policies were presented for their first reading. Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer asked for review and feedback prior to the next meeting. No action was taken.

Policy 167.3	Public Participation at Board Meetings
Policy 1616	Staff Dress and Grooming (Administration)
Policy 3216	Staff Dress and Grooming (Professional Staff)
Policy 4216	Staff Dress and Grooming (Support Staff)
Policy 5511	Staff Dress and Grooming (Student)
Policy 5722	School Sponsored Publications and Productions
Policy 6110	Grant Funds
Policy 6114	Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds
Policy 6325	Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds
Policy 7540.02	Web Accessibility, Content, Apps and Services
Policy 7544	Use of Social Media

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

Member Galer commended Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer on an amazing first year.

Upon inquiry from Member Smith, Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported students in grades 6-12 are allowed two online classes. She noted she will be monitoring the critical mass enrollment for Virtual Blue.

Member Smith spoke on the need for board members to attend at least all of the regular meetings throughout the year to stay abreast of situations.

Upon inquiry from Member DeWitt, Member Smith made the following motion.

It was moved by Member Smith, that if a board member misses 3 meetings during a fiscal year (July-June), they will have to resign from their seat. The motion died for lack of support.

Member Galer suggested the possibility of allowing board members to appeal an absence for unusual circumstances. Discussion ensued on the meeting requirements of other boards and committees. The Board agreed to consider this item in the future and perhaps after the January meeting when two new board members join the board.

333. **V. *FUTURE PLANNING***

President DeWitt reviewed the July 11, 2022, organizational meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School.

334. **VI. *ADJOURNMENT***

There being no further business to come before the Board at 9:20 a.m., it was moved by Member Smith, supported by Member Curtis, that the meeting be adjourned.

Raymond J. DeWitt, Board President

Christine M. Curtis, Board Secretary

Judy L. Sirk, Recording Secretary