

June 19, 2006

**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 SOUTH LYON CITY & SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER

President Taulbee called the June 19, 2006 meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Buchbinder, Ehlert, Knauer-Bizer, Orendach, Reinders, Taulbee

Absent: Curry

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

2005-2006 GWISDALLA AWARD

Dr. Jean Schmeichel presented Linda Raye with the 2005-06 Greg Gwisdalla Award for the Oakland County Special Education Administrator of the Year. This award is given for significant contributions on behalf of Special Education in Oakland County. The award recognizes Linda for integrity in her daily work and relationships, diverse involvement in both community and educational areas, leadership both in and beyond the scope of her position and being a practicing visionary leader. She congratulated Linda for earning this award through her contributions to special education both at the county and district level. A plaque was presented to Linda in appreciation for all her hard work.

Linda thanked the board and the community for their support of her vision. She again thanked the board for giving her the tools to succeed.

Mr. Taulbee stated that the board can give her the tools, but it takes a special person to know how to use them. On behalf of the board, he offered congratulations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Taulbee offered an opportunity for public comments. There were none.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Ehlert, supported by Mrs. Orendach to approve the following minutes:

- June 5, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- June 12, 2006 – Special Meeting

- June 12, 2006 – Closed Session

Mr. Ehlert asked that the student's grandmother be added to the attendance list in the closed session minutes.

Ayes - 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Mrs. Orendach, supported by Mr. Ehlert to approve the following bills:

- May Prepays
- June AP Bill Run
- Bond Bills
- May Wires and ACH Transactions

Roll Call: Knauer-Bizer-yes, Orendach-yes, Reinders-yes, Ehlert-yes, Buchbinder-yes, Taulbee-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

SOUTH LYON EAST HIGH SCHOOL FIELD HOUSE LOCKER BIDS

South Lyon East High School field house lockers were re-bid so that metal lockers would be provided. The bids were received on June 1, 2006. The recommendation was to award a contract to Steel Equipment Company in the amount of \$27,904.00. This came in under budget.

Moved by Mr. Ehlert, supported by Mr. Reinders to award a contract for field house lockers for South Lyon East High School to Steel Equipment Company in the amount of \$27,904.00 in accordance with the Granger recommendation.

Roll Call: Orendach-yes, Reinders-yes, Ehlert-yes, Buchbinder-yes, Knauer-Bizer-yes, Taulbee-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

HIRING OF INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Resignations and retirements necessitate the hiring of instructional staff. Melissa Meister asked the board to approve the following teachers effective August 24, 2006:

- *Jennifer Jones* *MMS, Language Arts*
- *Jessica Kallenbach* *CMS, Science*
- *Sarah Ponik* *Salem, 5th grade*
- *Tracy Williams* *Hardy, 4th grade*

Moved by Mrs. Orendach, supported by Mrs. Knauer-Bizer to approve the hiring of teachers as presented.

Roll Call: Reinders-yes, Ehlert-yes, Buchbinder-yes, Knauer-Bizer-yes, Orendach-yes, Taulbee-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

ELEMENTARY THROUGH ALGEBRA I MATH CURRICULUM

Elementary through Algebra I math curriculum was shared with the board at the June 5 meeting. Dr. Jean Schmeichel asked the board for their approval.

Moved by Mr. Reinders, supported by Mr. Ehlert to approve the curriculum as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – MHSAA MEMBERSHIP

Every year the board is presented with a resolution for membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association. Dr. Pearson asked the board to adopt the resolution for membership in the MHSAA for the year August 1, 2006 through July 31, 2007.

Moved by Mrs. Orendach, supported by Mrs. Knauer-Bizer to adopt the resolution as presented.

Mr. Ehlert expressed his displeasure with the MHSAA's frivolous spending of school district membership dues to fight lawsuits back and forth in court.

Roll Call: Ehlert-no, Buchbinder-yes, Knauer-Bizer-yes, Orendach-yes, Reinders-no, Taulbee-yes. Motion carried 4-2.

Mr. Taulbee asked Dr. Pearson to draft a letter from the board to the MHSAA sharing their thoughts.

REVISION TO BD. POLICY 7630 (HS GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS)

Revisions have been made on Board Policy 7630 (High School Graduation Requirements) based on state requirements. Dr. Jean Schmeichel walked the board through the changes. She noted that the state intends to change the way that it computes the graduation rate within a year. A student will be considered a drop-out if they do not advance with their class, even if they are still in school. She stated that currently we classify class placement by credits earned, so this could affect our graduation rate. Another option would be to classify a student based on their year in school. She explained that we could have students classified as 11th graders taking the Merit exam before they have passed all of the courses necessary to be prepared for the Merit exam. Dr. Schmeichel asked the board for their guidance in which direction they would like to go. By consensus of the board, beginning with the Class of 2010, the district will classify students based on their year in high school. After the third year, students will be classified as seniors until they graduate. There were additional questions and comments from the board. A few minor changes include a suggestion by Mrs. Knauer-Bizer that on the bottom of page 4 under Recommendations, letter A should read that all students are encouraged to earn four credits in mathematics (*delete "science and"*), and letters B and C should read "*all*" students instead of

college-bound students. Mr. Ehlert suggested that in letter C, there should be an addition to read at least “*two credits for*” a two-year sequence in World Language. He also asked that on the top of page 3 regarding Health and Physical Education for the Class of 2010 the choices should be (1) Foundations of Physical Education *or Foundations of Fitness* and (2) Health *or Healthy Life Habits* since two of the classes will be phased out. On page 6, under Letter E, the testing out procedure will be revisited at a later time.

Moved by Mr. Buchbinder, supported by Mrs. Orendach to approve the policy as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT

The district received a check in the amount of \$3,800.00 for the sale of the Michigan PM templates through SchoolDude.com to be used for the Charlie McGinnis Preventative Maintenance Technical Trade Scholarship Fund. Melissa Meister asked the board to accept the gift in accordance with policy 9350.

Moved by Mr. Reinders, supported by Mrs. Knauer-Bizer to accept the gift as presented.

Ayes – 6, Nays – 0. Motion carried.

2005-2006 BUDGET AMENDMENT #2

The second amendment to the 2005-06 budget was presented at the June 5, 2006 board meeting. Jim Graham stated that at the last board meeting there were some questions regarding custodial and maintenance in terms of the comparison in the amendment to the budget next year. Adjustments have been made. He asked the board for their approval.

Moved by Mr. Reinders, supported by Mr. Ehlert to approve the amendment as presented.

Roll Call: Buchbinder-yes, Knauer-Bizer-yes, Orendach-yes, Reinders-yes, Ehlert-yes, Taulbee-yes. Motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Taulbee called a short recess at 8:10 p.m.

2006-2007 MEAL PRICES

Due to increasing labor and supply costs, Jim Graham recommended that the 2006-07 meal prices be increased by ten cents for lunch and five cents for breakfast in both elementary and secondary schools. He stated that this increase should not deter parents from buying meals, but will help cover rising costs. A survey by the manager of food service indicated that surrounding districts charge more for their lunches. There were questions from the board concerning whether or not the menu and portion size would remain the same and

if this increase was enough to continue the quality compared to other districts. This item will be brought back to the board for approval at the next meeting.

TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT SERVER PURCHASE

As part of the Equipment Replacement Cycle, the district needs to update their server technology. Currently our application, email and staff servers are more than five years old and have reached the end of their useful life in those implementations. Based on current needs and those projected for the next five years, the Technology Department requested the purchase of three replacement servers for these applications. Based on their needs and the bids received, the Technology Department is asking approval for three HP servers meeting certain specifications to be purchased from Hi-Tech Services for a total cost of \$41,525.58. Funding for this purchase is from the \$68,000 budgeted for the Application, GWIA (email) and Staff Servers upgrade designated in Bond 2003. Mr. Dave Soderquist was available to answer questions from the board. This item will be brought back to the board for approval at the next meeting.

LEGISLATION

The superintendent did not have any new legislation to share with the board.

CITA COMMENTS

Dr. Jean Schmeichel shared CITA comments regarding the high school progress on Standards-Based grading and reporting. She stated that the teachers and administrators who were on the committee have culminated to move forward with a pilot next year. They will continue to take feedback through that pilot year and the system will be refined.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Board Committee Reports.

OTHER

Dr. Pearson did not have any "other" information to share with the board.

REPORTS

Mr. Taulbee acknowledged the following reports:

- Monthly Business Report
- Granger Progress Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Taulbee again offered an opportunity for public comments. There were none.

CORRESPONDENCE

President Taulbee acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Teacher Resignations
 - *Erin Thompson*

MEETING DATES

President Taulbee noted the following meeting dates:

- June 21, 2006, *OCSBA Dinner Mtg.*, Deer Lake Athletic Club, Clarkston 6 p.m.
- July 17, 2006, *Regular Meeting*, 7:15 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

There were no board comments.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Ehlert, supported by Mr. Reinders to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Ayes – 6, Nays - 0. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted,

George R. Ehlert,
Secretary