

MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

PLACE: St. Joseph County ISD Administration Building, Centreville, Michigan.

DATE: February 26, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Bush, Benjamin Fries, Patricia Keller

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth O'Dell, Terry Cropper

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, Amy Braurer, Benjamin Daugherty, Kelli Dechnik, Amanda Miller, Liz Eves, Jim Berry, Julie Rittenhouse, Miranda Bourassa, Kim Pavek, Jennifer Stahl, Sandra Spicher, Theresa Sussdorf, Ashley Gushwa, Jessica Modrzynski, Alyssa Alstott, Kevin Alstott, Tammy Alstott.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Board Vice President Benjamin Fries.

Mr. Fries opened the meeting by leading the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Mr. Fries offered time for Public Participation, none was taken.

Amanda Miller, Director of ILD & SEL, introduced Jessica Modrzynski, newly hired 31n administrative assistant.

Amy Brauer, Director of Early Childhood Services, presented on Early Childhood Programs that are available in St. Joseph County.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0. Consent Agenda included Minutes of January 15, 2024 Regular Meeting; Financial Report as of January 31, 2024; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$454,228.61), CTE (\$739,218.07), Information Services (\$90,158.63), Special Education (\$1,673,664.19); Approve the hire and contract with the following staff: Suzanne Pish, School Based Therapist; Roy Wirtz, Social Worker; Brittany Bleicher, Implementation Facilitator.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mrs. Keller to approve the following Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) information as presented:

- a. Program Report
- b. Average Daily Attendance
- c. Purchase Card Statements
- d. PC Personnel Report
- e. Provider Agreements (March 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025)
 - a. Bright Beginnings - Jessica Argo - 7 spots
 - b. Christine's Early Learning Center - 8 spots
 - c. Immaculate Conception - 3 spots
 - d. Little Fawn's Daycare - 9 spots
 - e. New Hope Assembly Building Blocks Preschool & CC Center - 4 spots
 - f. Playschool on Fifth - Jasmine Anteau - 3 spots
 - g. Wee Kids Daycare - Amanda Ketchum - 9 spots
- f. Approval of Non-Federal Share Waiver for Supplemental Application

- g. Approval of Lease Agreement with Sturgis Public Schools for additional space for St. Joseph County ISD. 2024-2025 school year
Informational Only:
 h. January 10, 2024 Policy Council Minutes

Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.
(Quorum established with at least 51% of current members.)

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the 2023-24 February Budget Revisions for General Fund, Career & Technical Education, Information Services, and Special Education. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mrs. Keller to approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the Special Education Fund to the Special Education Committed Fund Balance for Garage/Transportation Facility. *This would bring the fund balance to \$6,477,443 (30%) or 10% of Committed Funds.* Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mrs. Keller to approve the Professional Development/Calendar Advisory Committee. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve, retroactively, the cancellation of the Board Retreat that was scheduled for February 23, 2024. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush to cast a ballot for the following candidate to represent Region 6 for a three-year term on the MASB Board of Directors: Elizabeth O'Dell - St. Joseph County Intermediate School District. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mrs. Keller to approve the one additional School Based Therapist. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

Vice President Fries reviewed the following informational and communication items:

- Welcomed our additional new employees, contingent upon successful return of criminal record check, misconduct form, and receipt of credentials:
 - Lindsay Cary, Assistant Teacher
 - Kalina Taylor, Sub Bus Aide
 - Ashley Gushwa, Assistant Teacher
- Other Personnel Updates

Dr. Belote welcomed Ashley Gushwa, newly hired assistant teacher, welcoming her to the ISD.

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's Report included her goals update on Instructional Services Strategic Goals, speaking on 31n referrals, Panorama and other screeners, to meet the needs of students. Her legislative update included the teacher evaluation training along with state budget recommendations

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mrs. Keller to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Fries declared the meeting adjourned at 4:57 p.m. The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2024.

Minutes were recorded by Theresa Sussdorf, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

Board approved 3-18-24