

MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

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

DATE: January 15, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Benjamin Fries, Michele Bush, Patricia Keller, Terry Cropper (arrived 4:47 pm)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth O'Dell

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, Kelli Dechnik, Amanda Miller, Jim Berry, Pam Panozzo-Jones, Miranda Bourassa, Brad Prater, Jennifer Stahl, Julie Rittenhouse, Kristen Browning and Theresa Sussdorf.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by 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.

As part of School Board Recognition Month, Dr. Belote thanked our board members for their dedication and presented them with a gift of appreciation.

Amanda Miller, Director of Instructional Leadership and SEL introduced & welcomed Kristen Browning, newly hired School Based Therapist, to the ISD.

Amanda also provided a presentation on Engaged Learners' Journey, a joint collaboration with Dr. Jim Harris, Associate Director of Training at the West Virginia Autism Training Center, Marshall University. The collaboration provides teams and support to a cohort of local district schools, strengthening the implementation of the tiered delivery system.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Consent Agenda included Minutes of December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting; Financial Report as of December 31, 2023; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$1,158,879.92), CTE (\$206,365.36), Information Services (\$237,750.27), Special Education (\$1,361,108.40). Approve the hire and contract with the following staff: Trevor Johnson, Mental Health Consultant/Coach and Kristen). Ayes: Fries, Bush, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush 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
 - i. Immaculate Conception - 3 spots

- f. Enrollment Reduction
- g. Budget Revision
- Informational Only:
- h. Full Enrollment Initiative Follow-Up Letter from OHS Director
- i. ACF-PI-OHS-24-01 Federal Reporting of Standard Forms 425 and 428
- j. 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 Rev. Cropper to approve the Second Reading of Board Policy additions and changes as recommended by Thrun Law Firm and the Board Policy Committee:

- a. 4108 - Union Activity and Representation
- b. 4207 - Third-Party Contracting
- c. 4402-R - Placement
- d. 4403-R - Performance Evaluation
- e. 4404 - Performance Based Compensation for Teachers
- f. 4405-R - Reduction in Force and Recall
- g. 4407 - Discipline
- h. 4408 - Termination
- i. 4409-R - Non-Renewal
- j. 4503-R - Performance Evaluation
- k. 4504 - Performance Based Compensation
- l. 5707 - School Wellness Policy

Ayes: Bush, Keller, Fries, Cropper. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

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:
 - Jessica Modrzynski, School-Based Therapy 31n Office Assistant
 - Madelyn Borst, Assistant Teacher
- Other Personnel Updates

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's Report included recognition of a Three Rivers CTE student that will be featured in the February edition of Manufacturing Engineering, a national magazine. She also provided Board Goal updates related to Instructional Services Strategic Goals and Early Childhood Services.

It was moved by Rev. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Bush to amend the current agenda correcting the meeting date from January 22, 2024 to January 15, 2024. Ayes: Cropper, Keller, Fries, Bush. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Rev. Cropper to adjourn the meeting. Ayes, Cropper, Bush, Fries, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0. Vice President Fries declared the meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2024.

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

Board approved 2-26-2024