

MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING - DRAFT

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

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

DATE: January 20, 2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Bush, Benjamin Fries, Elizabeth O'Dell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Cropper, Patricia Keller

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, Kelli Dechnik, Benjamin Daugherty, James Berry, Amanda Miller, Ginelle Boyle, Lance Berrier, and Miranda Bourassa.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. Board President Elizabeth O'Dell.

President O'Dell opened the meeting by leading the "Pledge of Allegiance."

President O'Dell offered time for Public Participation, none was taken.

Lance Berrier, Pathfinder Assistant Principal, introduced a new hire, Channing Webb, Assistant Teacher for the EI classroom.

President O'Dell made a motion to add the following items to the Consent Agenda:

1. Update and add the following to the Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) November 18, 2024 minutes for Action Item 1e: 'including the Non-Federal Share Waiver within the Application'.
2. Cancel the February 21, 2025 Board Retreat Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0. Consent Agenda included Amended Minutes of November 18, 2024 Regular Meeting; Minutes of December 16, 2024 Regular Meeting; Financial Report as of December 31, 2024; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$737,323.69), CTE (\$285,437.25), Information Services (\$123,766.46), Special Education (\$1,710,246.46); Approve the hire and contract with the following staff: Erin Peterson, SE Teacher, effective 1/6/25 and Amy Fink, EHS Lead Teacher, effective 1/6/26. Approve the resignation, termination and/or retirement of the following staff: Debra Fairchild, Virtual School Social Worker, effective 12/13/24.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries 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

Informational Only:

- e. ACF-OHS-IM-24-06 Reporting Child Health and Safety Incidents
- f. ACF-OHS-IM-24-07 Fiscal Year 2025 Monitoring Process for Head Start Requirements

Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

(Quorum established with at least 51% of current members.)

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve permission for the Superintendent to open negotiations with the St. Joseph County Intermediate Association (IEA) . Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve awarding the St. Joseph County Schools Consortium's 2025 Fiber Maintenance - ERate bid of \$21,639.37 to Turnkey as the winning bid . Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

President O'Dell 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:
 - Terena Reiff, GSRP Associate Teacher
 - Channing Webb, Assistant Teacher
- Other Personnel Updates

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's Report thanked the board members for their hard work and dedication serving our students, staff and community, and provided them with a token of appreciation. She celebrated and reported on the following: Work Based Learning is up in numbers and the team worked hard to make it happen; the IS team is on top of the PowerSchool cyber breach. She also reported on: PA 152 bill regarding insurance; ESTA goes into law on February 21, 2025, ORS, the Revenue Estimating Conference.

Mrs. Bush announced this will be her last year on the Board, and it is her 18th year serving on the ISD Board. She also served on the White Pigeon Board of Education.

President O'Dell declared the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 17, 2025.

Minutes were recorded by Kelli Dechnik, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Operations and HR.

Michele Bush, Board Secretary

Elizabeth O'Dell, Board President