

MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

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

DATE: April 15, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Bush, Benjamin Fries, Terry Cropper, Elizabeth O'Dell, Patricia Keller

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, Amy Brauer, Benjamin Daugherty, Kelli Dechnik, Amanda Miller, Liz Eves, Jim Berry, Pam Panozzo-Jones, Liz Eves, Bradley Prater, Jennifer Stahl, Julie Rittenhouse, Theresa Sussdorf, Brittini Knowles, and Jaimie Patrick.

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

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

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

Amanda Miller, Director of Instructional Leadership/SEL, along with Brittini Knowles and Jaimie Patrick, gave a presentation on Early Literacy Coaching, which provided information on their implementation and impact of the data collection for local educators. They highlighted their creative ways for providing professional development within the county.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Keller to approve the Consent Agenda with the added language to item (5a) to include 'review by the EHS Regional office for approval'. Ayes: Bush, Keller, Cropper, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0. Consent Agenda included Minutes of March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting and March 18, 2024 Closed Session Meeting; Financial Report as of March 31, 2024; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$756,694.34), CTE (\$119, 761.27), Information Services (\$140,021.23), Special Education (\$1,873,674.80); Approve the hire and contract with the following staff, contingent upon successful return of criminal records check, misconduct form, receipt of credentials, and review by the EHS Regional office for approval:

- a. Ginelle Boyle, Director of Early Childhood Services

It was moved by Rev. Cropper 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. Policy ERSEA: Enrollment
Informational Only:
- f. March 13, 2024 Policy Council Minutes
- g. Governance Screener

Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.
(*Quorum established with at least 51% of current members.*)

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mr. Cropper to approve the 2023 April Budget Revisions for General

Fund and Special Education. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 127 Plan for loan reimbursement and for the 27k Student Loan Repayment Grant. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the additional position of School Based Therapist. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

It was moved by Mr. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the additional position of Early Literacy Coach. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 5-0.

President O'Dell reviewed the following informational and communication items:

- Other Personnel Updates
- Pathfinder graduation May 21, 2024, 12:30 pm. Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Bush plan to represent the board and distribute diplomas.

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's Report included information on the Three Rivers Chamber legislative update meeting, national focus on infrastructure, and possible legislative changes to finance and budget as it relates to Michigan's PreK for All implementation.

Discussion on changing the date of the July 12, 2024 Organizational and Planning Meeting took place and will be confirmed at the next Board of Education Meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Keller to adjourn the meeting. President O'Dell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2024.

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

Michele Bush, Board Secretary

Elizabeth O'Dell, Board President