

# MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

## St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

**PLACE:** St. Joseph County ISD Administration Building, Centreville, Michigan. **DATE:** Monday, May 15, 2023

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Michele Bush, Terry Cropper, Patricia Keller

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Elizabeth O'Dell, Benjamin Fries

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, James Berry, Benjamin Daugherty, Kelli Decknik, Amanda Miller, Liz Eves, Pam Panozzo-Jones, Theresa Sussdorf, Kim Pavek, Sandra Spicher, Brad Prater, Miranda Bourassa, Julie Rittenhouse, Jennifer Stahl.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Secretary Michele

Bush. Secretary Bush opened the meeting by leading the "Pledge of Allegiance".

Secretary Bush led introductions of visitors and guests. Kim Pavek, Pathfinder Assistant Teacher, thanked the board and administrators, acknowledging staff appreciation week.

Secretary Bush offered time for Public Participation, none was taken.

It was moved by Mr. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Keller to move Action Items #5 & #6 up on the agenda after Action Item #2, as suggested by Mrs. Bush to allow for Closed Session to be moved to the end of the agenda. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

A presentation on "Curriculum Exploration for Emotional Impairment Programs" was presented by Liz Eves, Principal of Pathfinder Education Center as an option for the EI programs, recommending it be adopted as curriculum for the program that will be housed in Sturgis.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mr. Cropper to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0. Consent Agenda included Minutes of April 17, 2023 Meeting; Financial Report as of April 30, 2023; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$746,723.35), CTE (\$80,324.32), Information Services (\$221,961.95), Special Education (\$1,432,014.79).

1. It was moved by Mr. Fries 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. Personnel Report
  - d. Agreement with Child Care Partner:
    - i. Little Fawn's Daycare - Michelle Smith - 7 spots - effective April 11, 2023
  - e. Purchase Card Statements
2. Informational Only:
  - a. April 12, 2023 Policy Council Minutes
  - b. Recruitment and Enrollment Plan

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Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Keller to approve to shift operation of the ISD

Colon GSRP Classrooms effective October 1, 2023. Colon Community Schools requested that they operate their GSRP Classrooms. Ayes: Cropper, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mr. Cropper to award the St. Joseph County ISD Conference Room Table bid of \$46,351.10 to Trellis as the winning bid.

Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mr. Cropper to approve the employment of Sarah Kimble as Elementary SXI Teacher on the IEA Union Salary Schedule MA/9, 191 days, effective August 14, 2023.

Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

Dr. Belote reviewed the following informational and communications items:

- Congratulations to our employees upon their upcoming retirement: Tammy Childs, Severe Multiple Impairments Program Teacher, effective 8/11/2023 and Jamie Lawlor, Speech Language Pathologist, effective 5/31/2023.
- Welcome to our new employees, contingent upon successful return of criminal records check, misconduct form, and receipt of credentials:
  - a. Sarah Kimble, Elementary SXI Teacher
  - b. Rachel Eberstein, Information Services System Intern
- Other Personnel Updates.

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's Report included the County School Board Association's Executive Committee challenging themselves to have 100% participation at their next county program; updates for the space at Sturgis Public Schools to run our classrooms for students with emotional impairments and the Three Rivers YATC expansion space that Clark Logic is updating. She celebrated CTE's Career Quest event for local district ninth graders and what an amazing job that Pathfinder programs did with the Enchanted Garden for Pathfinder Prom, as well as hosting Pathfinder Idol. She gave a summary of her goal completion and next steps.

Secretary Bush reminded the members that Pathfinder Graduation is on May 30, 2023 at the St. Joseph County ISD main building and that President O'Dell and herself both plan to attend to represent the Board and distribute diplomas. She also reminded them of the Monday, June 5, 2023 ISD Board Election at 5:30-5:45 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Keller to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Agreement. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0 on a roll call vote and the Board went into Closed Session at 5:05 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Cropper and supported by Mrs. Keller to return to Open Session. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0 on a roll call vote and the Board returned to Open Session at 5:13 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Keller and supported by Mr. Cropper to approve the May 15, 2023-June 30, 2024 Master Agreement between the St. Joseph County ISD and the St. Joseph County Intermediate Education Association (IEA).

Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

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Mrs. Keller made a motion and was supported by Mr. Cropper to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: Bush, Cropper, Keller. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0. Secretary Bush declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m. The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

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

Board Secretary

Elizabeth O'Dell, Board President