

MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

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

DATE: June 17, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Bush, Elizabeth O’Dell, Benjamin Fries, Terry Cropper (arrived @ 5:26)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Patricia Keller

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, Kelli Dechnik, Amy Brauer, Ginelle Boyle, Benjamin Daugherty, Jim Berry, Pam Panozzo-Jones, Miranda Bourassa, Kim Pavek, Sarah Beckle, Jennifer Yesh, Jo Cherry, Wyatt Carunchia, Devin Dague, and Theresa Sussdorf.

Prior to the regular board meeting, presentations of special recognitions were announced. Sarah Beckle, CTE’s WBL Coordinator, recognized students Devin Dague, who completed her Teacher’s Aide Registered Apprenticeship and Wyatt Carunchia for completing his IT Helpdesk Registered Apprenticeship. Dr. Belote recognized Jo Cherry for being selected as Michigan Placement Association Honoree of the Year for 2023, and Amy Butler, LMSW, for being selected as the Regional School Social Worker of the Year.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 5:19 p.m. by 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.

At 5:20 p.m., President O’Dell opened the Public Tax Hearing for the Proposed 2024-25 ISD General Fund Budget for General Fund, Special Education, Special Education (extra voted) and Career & Technical Education. Hearing no input, President O’Dell closed the Public Hearing at 5:21 p.m.

President O’Dell moved on to the regular meeting consent agenda.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O’Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0. Consent Agenda included Minutes of May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting; Financial Report as of May 31, 2024; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$927,329.30), CTE (\$1,169,625.57), Information Services (\$207,272.04), Special Education (\$2,013,772.36); Approve the hire and contract with the following staff: Teri Jones, Early On Service Coordinator.

It was moved by Mr. Fries 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
- Informational Only:
- e. May 6, 2024 Policy Council Minutes
- f. ACF-OHS-IM-24-01 Strategies and Recommendations for Supporting Mental Health
- g. ACF-OHS-PI-24-03 New Eligibility Provisions for American Indians and Alaska Native Programs
- h. ACF-OHS-PI-24-04 New Eligibility Provisions for Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Programs

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

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to approve the 2023-24 Budget Revisions for General Fund, Career & Technical Education, Information Services, and Special Education, and approval of the 2024-25 Budget Proposals for General Fund, Career & Technical Education, Information Services, and Special Education. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to approve the transfer of \$250,000 from the Special Education Fund to the Special Education Committed Fund Balance for Garage/Transportation Facility. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the 2024-25 Non-Union Conditions of Employment. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the 4% increase based on 23-24 hourly/salary amount for the 24-25 school year for all non-union employees and administration, including the superintendent, noting it included the superintendent's contract. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the appointment of Sarah Beckle, White Pigeon Community Schools, representative to the St. Joseph Special Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for a term of May 1, 2024-April 30, 2026. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

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

- Other Personnel Updates

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's Report included drafted goals that will be voted on in August, legislative updates including MPSERS, and a dyslexia bill that has passed the Senate and headed to the Michigan House.

It was moved by Mrs. Fries and supported by Rev. Cropper to adjourn the meeting. President O'Dell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m. The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for July 12, 2024, Board Organizational Meeting/Regular Meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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

Michele Bush, Board Secretary

Elizabeth O'Dell, Board President