

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

MINUTES – Planning Board Meeting

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

DATE: July 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Bush, Terry Cropper, Patricia Keller (left at 1:27 p.m.), Elizabeth O'Dell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Benjamin Fries

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote-Superintendent, Benjamin Daugherty, Kelli Dechnik, Pam Panozzo-Jones, Peter Gardner, and Theresa Sussdorf.

The Planning Meeting was called to order at 12:11 p.m. by Board President Elizabeth O'Dell.

Benjamin Daugherty, Director of Information Services, presented on Security and Artificial Intelligence, focusing on ransomware and cybersecurity

Peter Gardner, Facilities & Transportation Supervisor, provided a presentation on the ISD Transportation Department's, reporting on the current responsibilities, bus fleet status, and the needs of students. He requested the boards support in hiring a construction management firm and architect to draw up plans for a new bus garage on the 4 acres south of the Pathfinder Center. After discussion, Mrs. O'Dell made a motion, supported by Mrs Keller, to hire an architecture to sketch a plan with a quote of costs of a new bus garage to bring back to the board prior to moving forward. Ayes: Keller, Cropper, Bush, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 4-0.

Pam Panozzo-Jones, Director of Special Education, provided the board with updates in Special Education and plans for the upcoming school year.

Dr. Belote provided an overview of her 23-24 Strategic Planning Goals with the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

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

Michele Bush, Board Secretary

Elizabeth O'Dell, Board President