

Board of Education Meeting

Liberty School Board Room
January 30, 2024, at 6:30 PM



MINUTES

Mission

We, the Saline Area Schools, will equip all students with the knowledge, technological proficiency, and personal skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly complex society. We expect that our students, staff, and the Saline Community will share in these responsibilities.

OPENING

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Education was called to order by President Michael McVey at 6:32 pm.

Board of Education Present:

Susan Estep, Brad Gerbe, Lauren Gold, Michael McVey, Jennifer Miller and Jennifer Steben

Absent: Tim Austin

Central Administration Present:

Superintendent Laatsch, Interim Asst Superintendent of HR Carol Diglio, Exec. Directors Rex Clary and Jackie Martin

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOGNITION

- *Introduce Ryan Kerr, DEI Specialist and Instructional Coach*
- *Introduce Kim Jasper, Saline Middle School Principal*
- *National School Board of Education Recognition Month*
- *Saline Middle School Robotics Team*

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS

Emily Sickler, Harvest Principal & SASAA President: Spoke on behalf of the district administrative team to acknowledge and express sincere appreciation to the Board of Education as January is School Board Recognition Month.

EXTENDED PUBLIC COMMENT

*Heritage School Points of Pride
Megan DeGrand, Principal & Cameron Cochran, Assistant Principal*

*Foundation for Saline Area Schools
Stacey Rumpsa, Director*

5. RESPONSE TO PREVIOUS PUBLIC COMMENT

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| AGENDA |
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6. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION made by Vice President Steben, support Secretary Miller to **approve the agenda as printed.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

7. STUDENT SHOWCASE

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA)

*Presenters: Avery Atkins, Eduardo Brandao, Caleb Ciechanoski, Delaney Niven, Katelynn Reading
Advisor: Lauren Williams*

Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is a Career and Technical Student Organization that functions as an integral part of the Family and Consumer Sciences education curriculum within the school district. Through participation in competitive events, becoming involved in community service opportunities, student leadership, and attending leadership conferences, members develop real world skills, explore career pathways and become college and/or career ready. Goals for the local SHS chapter include growing and promoting the chapter, fundraising, career development and developing a community based speakers bureau.

8. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **MOTION** made by Secretary Miller, support Vice President Steben **to approve the recommendation of Clark Construction to award contracts to Trane for the pre-purchase of Trane Controls, Equipment and installation in the amount of \$1,308,972 as submitted by Rex Clary, Executive Director of Operations.**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

9. **ADMINISTRATION / BOARD UPDATES**

Superintendent Laatsch: Shoutout to the SMS Choir which had 5 students who were selected to participate in the State Honors Choir and perform at the recent Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. Also congratulations to teacher/director, Eric Floetke. Also recently the Saline Music Boosters gave a \$2000 donation to Crescendo Detroit which is a non-profit that offers youth in Detroit extracurricular programs centered on instrumental music and dance. The recent NHS Food Drive collected over 4000 lbs of pantry items for Saline Area Social Services. Excited about the Bessie Hoffman Regional Career Exploration Center which is located in the Lincoln School District. This is an exciting initiative to expand CTE experiences to K-12 students. They are asking for 5.5M for the renovations of the building and 4.5M to develop world class programming. Legislative support and corporate sponsorships are being sought after as well. Dr. Ryan Rowe, County CTE Director is heading this county-wide project. Congratulations to Dr. Shiri Vivek of EMU for receiving a Lemelson-MIT InvenTeams Grant Award. Dr. Vivek is a leader of many EMU InvenTeams. There are 8 teams across the US who were selected to research real world problems and develop technological innovations as a solution. The EMU team is focusing on community members with mobility issues so they'll be designing solutions for that. 2 SHS students are participating, Alice Jiang and Suhani Delela.

Student Representatives Clark & Iadipaola: The NHS Blood Drive was last week and very successful despite the weather. Shout out to the choir's participation at the recent MME Conference, thank you to Snow Day Steve for the recent 4 snow days. The Polar Plunge, supporting Special Olympics, and being organized by the Connecting Classes, will be held on February 28th. Encouraged people to participate and/or donate to this cause.

Treasurer Gerbe: Shoutout to all the Robotics teams and enjoyed hearing about all their successes to date. Evaluation & Compensation committee will be meeting to review the Superintendent's contract. Seeking clarification on the varsity letter process. Expressed appreciation for the work done by the FSAS.

Secretary Miller: Appreciation for all the work being done by FSAS. Shoutout to SHS Alum Taybor Pepper who will be playing in the SuperBowl for San Francisco 49's. The Polar Plunge supports the Special Olympics and encourages participation and donations. Next Athletic Signing Day is February 8th.

President McVey: Polar Plunge is February 28th. Invited to be an FFA Judge at an upcoming event. Will be taking CBA263 Collecting Feedback

Vice President Steben: Thank you to the Robotics team and congratulations on recent successes of all the teams. St. Olaf Band is coming to the HS for a performance, February 2nd. Thank you to Brad,

Tim, Miranda, Steve and Dennis Valenti for being team members with me as my time on the Finance Committee comes to an end.

Trustee Estep: Participated in a Cheer Alum night at my Alma Mater. Was great to connect with former students. DEI AC met last Wednesday. They will be on an upcoming BOE agenda in March to provide an update. SEAB met this evening. Will be serving on both DEI AC and SEAB. Read following statement “I’m disappointed I was not appointed to the Policy committee this year. I proudly served on the Policy Committee for five years, and served as Chair for two years.”

Trustee Gold: Enjoyed the recognition of the Robotics teams. Thank you to the FSAS for the work they do. Reminder that Kindergarten Round Up is coming up in March.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION made by Treasurer Gerbe, support Trustee Gold **authorize the Consent Agenda as printed:**

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

- A. **Approval** of the Organizational & Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes of January 9, 2024
- B. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of January 23, 2024, in the amount of \$315,289.63
- C. **Approval of Payment** of Bond Fund Series III Accounts Payable of January 23, 2024, in the amount of \$230,098.00
- D. **Approval of Payment** of 2023 Bond Fund Series I Accounts Payable of January 23, 2024, in the amount of \$1,519,603.83
- E. **Receive and File** Finance and Human Resources Reports

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11. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDA

Safety & Security Update

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

STUDENTS - None

OTHER PUBLIC STAKEHOLDERS - None

13. NEXT MEETING

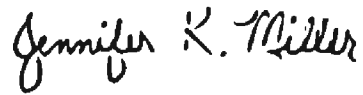
The next Board of Education Meeting will be held on February 13, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Secretary Miller, support Vice President Steben to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 30, 2024, at 7:57 PM.

Ayes - All Present - **MOTION CARRIED 6-0**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer K. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer K. Miller
Board Secretary

Recorded by: Betty Jabnke