

SALINE AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

MINUTES
August 14, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Saline Area School District was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007, in the Board Conference Room at Historic Union School.

Board Members present: Lisa Slawson, Trudy Driscoll, Kim Van Hoek, Paul Hynek, David Friese, and David Medley

Absent: Bari Lynn Livsey

Central Administrators present: Beverley Geltner, Nancy Brenton, Betty Rosen-Leacher, Thomas Wall, Scot Graden, Sean Enright and Ann Callan

I. CALL TO ORDER of the Regular Meeting of August 14, 2007, by President Slawson at 7:03 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ITEMS OF INTEREST AND INQUIRY

A. Public

- Mary Lirones, community member addressed the Board on behalf of the Henne Field project. She expressed concern of the neglect of other school property and the lack of administrative leadership in using the CARES Funds. She urged the Board to scale the project back.
- Tim Heim, SHS counselor and SEA President shared with the Board information he obtained regarding graduation requirements from the MEA Leadership Conference that was held on July 31-August 2, 2007 at Saginaw Valley University.

B. Administration

- Superintendent Geltner extended her best wishes to Deputy Superintendent Brenton on her upcoming retirement. She also thanked her for her exemplary service to the Saline Area Schools along with the special friendship they have shared.
- Superintendent Geltner introduced Benjamin Williams, new Saline High School principal along with his wife Kim.
- Benjamin Williams, SHS Principal reported that things have been going well and he thanked everyone for their support. He also shared that he has three children in grades K, 4 & 8 that will be attending the Saline Area Schools.
- Assistant Superintendent Rosen-Leacher shared information on Critical Friends Group (CFG) training that took place last week. She said that it was a positive experience that went incredibly well. There were 12 staff members involved; six teachers and six administrators. She stated that the district is working towards professional development

that works from the ground up, that it's not a one size fits all. She thanked the custodians for their assistance during the training as well.

- Superintendent Geltner noted that we are growing our own leaders.
- Deputy Superintendent Brenton thanked everyone for their well wishes. She gave a report on enrollment and School of Choice. Regarding enrollment she stated that the district budgeted for a loss of 89 students which works out to a loss of 50 FTE's. As of date it appears that we have a loss of 117 FTE students, however, new students are enrolling daily. She reported that we had 34 School of Choice applications and that we accepted all 34, which should allow us to hire two to three new teachers along with bringing class sizes down.
- Superintendent Geltner said that legally we agreed we would accept 16 School of Choice students, however, we accepted all 34 students to generate funds.
- Deputy Superintendent Brenton indicated that she is still receiving many calls for School of Choice, however, explained that legally we can not accept any more students due to a legal timeline that must be adhered.
- Deputy Superintendent Wall reported that things look pretty good on the legislative side. He informed the Board that he attended a Michigan Business Tax (MBT) conference and will email them the information. He said that his department is gearing up for the auditors who will be in the district on September 10, 2007.
- Superintendent Geltner said that in future meetings she will share the reconfiguration of the central office staff due to Deputy Superintendent Brenton's position not being filled. She introduced Scot Graden, Executive Director of Community Services; Ann Callan, Executive Director of Human Resources and Sean Enright, Executive Director of Secondary Instruction grades 7-12. She noted that Sean Enright will take the lead along with Assistant Superintendent Rosen-Leacher with the high school trimesters. Dr. Geltner noted that Saline Area Schools has the lowest cost in central administration in our area. She also indicated that the district has chosen to focus funds on teaching and learning.

C. Board of Education Members

- Trustee Kim Van Hoek said that she spoke with one of the teachers who attended the Critical Friends Group (CFG) training and they were very pleased. She then asked if the Board could receive a report on where the School of Choice families/students were from and their grade levels. (Deputy Superintendent Brenton gave a brief verbal overview.)
- President Lisa Slawson reminded the Board of their retreat on Tuesday, August 21, 2007. She asked them to look over and update their bios if needed, for the districts website. She shared the district's new letterhead, which she thinks looks fresh and good. Lastly, she noted that Summerfest was a success due to many Saline High School students.
- Superintendent Geltner shared that Art Trapp, former Board member is making a donation to Saline High School in the student's honor that assisted with Summerfest.
- Vice President Trudy Driscoll said that she spoke with personnel from the Saline Public Library and that the Board was doing a great job

- Secretary Paul Hynek asked if we could do a fundraiser for a portion of the “Play to Pay” fee in Saline. He noted that they are doing it in Ann Arbor.
- Scot Graden said that he would talk to Rob White, Athletic Director and get back to the Board.
- Trustee David Friese shared that he attended the Michigan School Board Training (SBT) 101 and recommended it to all of the Board members.

IV. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Slawson recommended a motion for a revision in the agenda to include under Action Items IX A, the Appointment of the 2007-2008 Board Committees and under Action Items IX B the recommendation to move into a Closed Session this evening.

MOTION by Trudy Driscoll, seconded by Paul Hynek, to approve the agenda as revised.
MOTION CARRIED. Ayes – all present.

V. SCHEDULED REPORTS/SCHEDULED PUBLIC STATEMENTS - None

VI. ACTION ITEMS - None

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Saline Community Fair Booth

Deputy Superintendent Brenton announced that the annual Community Fair will be held Tuesday-Saturday, September 4-8, 2007. She also announced that due to her retirement that Cindy Serling; Executive Assistant to the Superintendent will take over the Saline Community Fair Booth. Deputy Superintendent Brenton indicated that she will assist with the transition and asked for volunteers to work in the booth.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION by Trudy Driscoll, seconded by Kim Van Hoek, to authorize the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of the Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of July 10, 2007.
- B. Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of August 14, 2007, in the amount of \$306,524.30.
- C. Receive and File** the Approval of Annual Loan/Repayment activity by the Michigan Department of Treasury for the Saline Area School district's participation in the Michigan School Bond Loan Fund.

MOTION CARRIED. Ayes – all present.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Appointment of 2007-2008 Board Committees – Policy Committee, Lisa Slawson, Paul Hynek and Trudy Driscoll; LRN, David Medley; WISD, David Friese and WASB, Bari Lynn Livsey

B. Approval to enter Closed Session related to personnel matters and confidential legal Matters

X. DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – None

XII. CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Trudy Driscoll, seconded by Kim Van Hoek to move to enter Closed Session of the Board of Education at 7:58 p.m., with the intent to re-enter Open Session at 9:30 p.m., for the purpose of discussion related to personnel matters and confidential legal matters.

MOTION CARRIED. Ayes – all present.

(8:01 p.m. - The required Board member attendance check was conducted. Absent: Bari Lynn Livsey.)

RE-ENTER Open Session at 11:34 p.m.

XIII. POST-CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS - None

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Trudy Driscoll, seconded by David Medley, to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 14, 2007, at 11:34 p.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ayes – all present.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Hynek, Secretary

By: Cindy J. Serling, Recording Secretary

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