

**SALINE AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**High School Media Center**

**Tuesday, October 13, 2009**

**6:30 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2009, at 6:30 PM by Board President Friese.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Members Present

Trustee Cattell, Board President Friese, Trustee Hoeft, Student Representative Hogikyan, Trustee Hynek, Secretary Lesch, Vice President Medley, and Trustee Slawson.

Central Administration Present

Superintendent Graden, Assistant Superintendent Laatsch, and Assistant Superintendent Wall

3. **ITEMS OF INTEREST AND INQUIRY**

- A. Public**

None at this time.

- B. Administration**

Saline High School will be the site of a visit from Dr. Peter Fonash, the National Director of Cyber Security for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Homecoming week was marked by a day off for High School students due to a power outage. Overall a great week, congratulations to Becky Mueller who was crowned Homecoming Queen and Tyler Owings, Mr. Pretty Legs.

Superintendent Graden will be making time available to continue the community conversation that began Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup> with a meeting at Benny's Bakery on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7:30 – 9:00 AM.

Work will begin this week on the boilers at the High School to improve efficiency and effectiveness. Over the next two weeks there will be some interruptions in service.

The Pittsfield Township Master Planning process is currently underway. We will be hosting the November 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at Harvest Elementary.

We will be hosting a public forum on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Union School Boardroom to share information about the upcoming Countywide Enhancement Millage.

Assistant Superintendent Wall reported that the House and Senate have passed the school aid bill. Early estimates include an \$850,000 reduction for Saline Area Schools.

Assistant Superintendent Wall stated that the audit report has been completed and will be discussed at the next Board Meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Laatsch announced that the first round of NWEA testing has been completed.

Thirty-one grants have been submitted to the Foundation for Saline Area Schools. The foundation will be reviewing and approving them in November.

Superintendent Graden passed around a copy of the Metro Parent Magazine, which featured the Young Adult Program.

**B. Board of Education Members**

Student Representative Hogikyan reported that approximately 10 students met recently with Superintendent Graden to go over a list of topics that the student body wanted to share input on. This meeting was very beneficial to the Administration as well as the students. Student Representative Hogikyan also invited everyone to look at her blog which can be found on the school website.

Vice President Medley, Board President Friese, and Superintendent Graden attended the Legislative Breakfast recently. All of the legislatures support the upcoming millage and indicated that education is in dire circumstances and that it is going to get worse.

Board President Friese congratulated the entire Saline High School student body for their active participation in the Homecoming week festivities. A special congratulations to the Class of 2012 for winning the "Spirit Award" for 2009. We would also like to thank all students who attended the dance for their healthy and positive choices. The dance was incident free.

A big thank you to Patti Henes and the entire Transportation Department for their prompt action on Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. With the last minute cancellation of school due to the power outage at the High School and Harvest, the department communicated with families and each other to make sure students were aware of the situation. While many students were already on busses, they took care to return them back home safely and to notify parents.

**4. REVISIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Secretary Lesch, seconded by Trustee Hynek to approve the agenda as printed.

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

5. SCHEDULED REPORTS/PUBLIC STATEMENTS

A. **ACT Perfect Score Recognition** – High School Principal Williams

High School Principal Williams introduced Michael Ho and Hema Karunakaram to the Board and congratulated them on achieving a perfect ACT score of 36. This is a great accomplishment and Saline Area Schools is very proud.

B. **National Merit Recognition** – High School Principal Williams

High School Principal Williams presented the National Merit Semifinalists to the Board. The students were honored at a reception earlier this evening. They include: Sarah Abdallah, Marissa Dawson, Michael Ho, Emily Hogikyan, Hema Karunakaram, Kevin Kinningham, and Jonathan Moeller.

C. **Heritage Technology Integration** – Superintendent Graden

Instructional Technology Director Kellstrom gave a presentation on the exciting and wonderful things going on at Heritage School with Technology Integration.

Some of the highlights of the Heritage Technology Integration include:

- 1:2 Laptop Program underway in Ms. Robke, Ms. Widman, Ms. Bruckman, and Mr. Walsh's classrooms.
- 16 teachers actively using Moodle.
- Google docs being used by staff and students for collaboration purposes.
- Started the school year with technology mini-projects, i.e., wordle, comic life, and Google docs.
- Technology integration is building a professional learning community at Heritage and increasing our teacher technology proficiency skills.

6. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **MOTION** made by Trustee Hoeft, seconded by Vice President Medley to **reappoint Lisa Flynn and Donald Fyall to the Saline District Library Board of Trustees for a two-year term ending on November 30, 2011.**

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

- B. **MOTION** made by Secretary Lesch, seconded by Trustee Hoeft to **appoint President Friese and Trustee Slawson as voting delegates at the Delegate Assembly for MASB.**

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

- C. **MOTION** made by Trustee Hynek, seconded by Trustee Slawson to approve the recommendation of Assistant Superintendent Wall and **authorize the new bank account from United Bank & Trust for Sinking Fund revenues and expenditures and authorize Mr. Wall to process any necessary documents for the transition.**

Ayes – All Present – **MOTION CARRIED**

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A. **Policy Committee Update** – Trustee Hynek

The Policy Committee met on September 29<sup>th</sup> and discussed the following policies: Policy 1370 – it was determined that the three minute time limit for public comment was sufficient but that a 30 second warning should be given prior to time expiring. Secretary Lesch will announce to the speaker when 30 seconds are remaining.

Policies 7650 (Testing Program) and Policy 1370 (Public Participation) will be presented for final approval at the next meeting. Superintendent Wall will be discussing Policy 9350 (Gifts and Bequests) along with Policy 9710 (Relations with Parental/Guardian Organizations) at the next meeting.

The next policy meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:00 PM in the Superintendent's Office.

B. **Strategic Planning Process Update** – Superintendent Graden

Superintendent Graden gave an update on the Strategic Planning process and stated that he is looking at four possible dates (December 7, 9, 15, and 17) for meetings. He indicated that the outcome of the enhancement millage would set the tone for this process.

C. **Union Facility Review Committee** – Superintendent Graden

Superintendent Graden stated that he has received 10 applications from community members to serve on the Union Facility Review Committee. The first meeting will be November 12<sup>th</sup>. Trustees Hynek and Slawson will serve as the Board Representatives to this committee.

8. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION** made by Trustee Slawson, seconded by Secretary Lesch to authorize the following items as part of the Consent Agenda:

- A. **Approval** of the Regular Board of Education Minutes of September 22, 2009.
- B. **Approval of Payment** of the General Fund Accounts Payable of October 13, 2009, in the amount of \$666,646.13.

- C. **Receive and File** letter from Executive Director of Human Resources Callan to hire John Holloway as a Bus Driver on Step 1 of the ESP Contract effective September 23, 2009.
- D. **Receive and File** letter from Executive Director of Human Resources Callan to hire Karen Kennedy-Leslie as a Bus Driver on Step 1 of the ESP Contract effective September 23, 2009.
- E. **Receive and File** letter from Executive Director of Human Resources Callan to hire Elizabeth Miller as a Bus Monitor on Step 1 of the ESP Contract effective September 8, 2009.
- F. **Receive and File** memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Wall approving the purchase of textbooks.
- G. **Receive and File** memorandums from Superintendent Graden approving field trip requests for:
- Girls' Golf State Finals (October 15-17, 2009)
  - Saline FFA (October 20-24, 2009)
  - Camp Kimball (November 2-4, 2009, November 4-6 2009, April 26-28, 2010, and April 28-30, 2010)
  - DECA Leadership Conference (November 5-6, 2009)
  - Fall State FFA Leadership Camp (November 10-11, 2009)
  - Model UN (November 18-21, 2009)
  - DECA New York City Marketing Conference (November 18-22, 2009)
  - DECA State Career Development (March 12-14, 2010)
  - Spring Break Baseball Trip (April 6-10, 2010)
  - Chicago Symphony (April 22-25, 2010)
  - DECA International Career Development Conference (April 24-28, 2010)
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Toronto Trip (May 13-14, 2010, May 20-21, 2010, and June 3-4, 2010).
- H. **Receive and File** the 2008-2009 Saline Area Schools Annual Report from Assistant Superintendent Laatsch.
- I. **Approve** the memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Wall to ratify the recommendation and authorize the contract for the installation of wiring and projector mounts for various buildings to SEHI Computer Products in the amount of \$31,287.15.
- J. **Approve** the memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Wall to ratify the amendment of contract for construction of the Henne Field Project in the amount of \$17,763.02 to Blaze Contracting Incorporated for Phase I for a revised contract total of \$495,178.39 and Nagle Paving for an additional \$346.95 for a revised contract of \$44,496.85 and the sidewalk bid to T.L. Gotts for \$24,828.00 for which all funds come from the CARES fund.

- K. Approve** the memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Wall to ratify the purchase of textbooks from Houghton Mifflin in the amount of \$71,875.48 and from MPS in the amount of \$22,412.50 from Apple, Incorporated in the amount of \$29,768.00 for which funding from the General Operating Fund is authorized.
- L. Approve** the memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Wall to ratify the contract for the Pleasant Ridge Elementary Site Improvement Project – Amendment #2 in the amount of \$9,676.22 to Anglin Civil Constructors, Incorporated for a revised contract of \$820,823.02 which funding from Capital Project Fund is authorized.
- M. Approve** the memorandum from Assistant Superintendent Wall to ratify the purchase of Apple Computers from Apple Incorporated in the amount of \$29,768.00 for which funding from the General Operating Fund is authorized.
- N. Approve** the memorandum from Superintendent Graden requesting that Poetry Out Loud be approved as a school club.

Ayes – All Present - **MOTION CARRIED**

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Secretary Lesch stated that the new Wal-Mart is opening tomorrow and the Board would be interested in hearing any positive/negative feedback from the public.

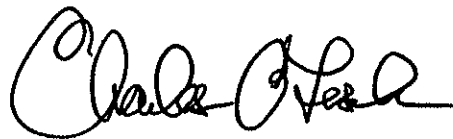
**10. ITEMS SCHEDULED ON NEXT AGENDAS**

- A. Audit Report** – Assistant Superintendent Wall
- B. Policy Committee Report** – Trustee Hynek
- C. Enhancement Millage** – Superintendent Graden
- D. MASB Excellence in Education Award for the Young Adult Program** – Superintendent Graden

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 13, 2009, at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Chuck Lesch, Secretary

By: Patti Waltz, Recording Secretary