



BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Saugatuck Middle-High School Media Center
401 Elizabeth Street, Saugatuck Public Schools

TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION: Dr. Tim Travis, Superintendent; Kim Sharda, Executive Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bernie Merkle, Marcy Weston, Eric Birkholz, Nathan Lowery,
Laura Zangara, Nicole Lewis, Frank Marro III

ABSENT:

3. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were none

4. ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – there were none

5. ACTION ITEMS

a. Consent Items

- i. Minutes from July 17, 2023 Regular Meeting
- ii. Agenda for August 14, 2023 Agenda

It was moved by Nathan Lowery with support from Nicole Lewis to approve the Consent Items as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- b. Board Policy Updates – The following board policy updates were presented to the Board on July 17, 2023 for consideration and possible adoption at the August 14, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Education:

- 2623 – Student Assessment – REVISED
- 6325 – Procurement: Federal Grants/Funds – REVISED
- 8300 – Continuity of Organizational Operations Plan – NEW
- 8390 – Animals on District Property – REVISED
- 8400 – School Safety Information – REVISED
- 9160 – Public Attendance at School Events – REVISED
- 9700.01 – Advertising and Commercial Activities – NEW

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It was moved by Nicole Lewis with support from Nathan Lowery to adopt the board policy updates as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

- c. TRAILS Program – Principal Gust presented information to the Board of Education on July 17, 2023 on the new Project AWARE partnership with the Ottawa Area Intermediate School District and the TRAILS Program materials for possible adoption at DES, at the August 14, 2023 regular meeting of the Board of Education.

It was moved by Frank Marro III with support from Nicole Lewis to adopt the TRAILS Program materials for use at Douglas Elementary School as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

6. BOARD OF EDUCATION

- a. Legislation Update – Trustee Marcy Weston communicated legislation coming out of Lansing.
- b. Board Communication – Secretary Nicole Lewis communicated there were no communications directed to the Board of Education.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Shared Time Services – Liz Wilson, Director of Shared Time Services, provided an update to the Board of Education on the shared time services program and request that the Board of Education consider the adoption of a Project Based Learning course at the September 18, 2023 meeting of the Board of Education.
- b. School Aid Fund Update – Superintendent Dr. Travis shared an update on the 2023-2024 School Aid Fund budget and the potential impact to Saugatuck Public Schools' budget as prepared by Finance Director, Chris LaHaie.

8. REVIEW UPCOMING DATES/MEETINGS

August 14	Regular Board Meeting
August 29	First Day of School
September 18	Regular Board Meeting
October 13	NO SCHOOL
October 16	Regular Board Meeting
November 6	Workshop Meeting
November 17	½ Day of School
November 20	Regular Board Meeting
November 22 - 24	Thanksgiving Break
December 18	Regular Board Meeting
Dec 25 – Jan 5	Holiday Break
January 15	MLK - NO SCHOOL
January 22	Regular/Organizational Meeting
January 26	NO SCHOOL
February 5	Workshop Meeting
February 9 – 12	Mid-Winter Break
February 19	Regular Meeting
March 4	Workshop Meeting
March 8	½ Day of School
March 15	NO SCHOOL
March 18	Regular Meeting
Mar 29 – Apr 5	Spring Break
April 15	Regular Meeting
May 20	Regular Meeting
May 23	Graduation
May 27	Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL

June 3
June 7
June 17
July 15

Workshop Meeting
½ Day of School – Last Day of School
Regular Meeting
Regular/Organization Meeting

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were none

10. ADJOURN - there being no further business; the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Nicole Lewis