

## MINUTES - REGULAR BOARD MEETING

St. Joseph County Intermediate School District Board of Education

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

DATE: March 18, 2024

MEMBERS PRESENT: Michele Bush, Benjamin Fries, Elizabeth O'Dell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Cropper, Patricia Keller

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Teresa Belote - Superintendent, Amy Braurer, Benjamin Daugherty, Kelli Dechnik, Pam Panozzo-Jones, Miranda Bourassa, Liz Eves, Jennifer Stahl, Sandra Spicher, Julie Rittenhouse, Brad Prater and Theresa Susdorf.

The Regular Board Meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Board President Elizabeth O'Dell.

Mrs. O'Dell opened the meeting by leading the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Mrs. O'Dell offered time for Public Participation, none was taken.

Mrs. O'Dell made the following change to the Board Agenda: add action item #5a to the agenda "Recommend awarding the St. Joseph County Schools 2024-26 Lease Lit Fier (WAN) ERate bid of \$7,840.00 to Frontier and \$918.90 to ACD.Net as the winning bids". It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to approve the addition and the Consent Agenda as amended. Ayes: Michele Bush, Ben Fries, Liz O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0. Consent Agenda included Minutes of the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting; Financial Report as of February 29, 2024; and Approval of Monthly Invoices: General Fund (\$694,311.67, CTE ((\$153,750.95), Information Services (\$\$109,188.51), Special Education ((\$1,604,007.99), Approve the hire and contract with the following staff: Holly Lago, School Based Therapist.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to approve the following Early Head Start-Child Care Partnership (EHS-CCP) information as presented:

- a. Program Report
- b. Average Daily Attendance
- c. Purchase Card Statements
- d. PC Personnel Report
- e. Provider Agreement
  - a. It Takes A Village - 4 spots
- f. Resignation from Child Care Partnership with Immaculate Conception, effective 3-8-24.  
Informational Only:
- g. February 29, 2024 Policy Council Minutes

Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.  
(*Quorum established with at least 51% of current members.*)

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to recommend approval of awarding the St. Joseph County Schools Consortium 2024-27 Internet Access ERate bid of \$1,385 per month cost (5Gb) to Frontier as the winning bid. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to recommend approval of awarding the St. Joseph

County Schools 2024/2025 Fiber Maintenance bid of \$19,672 to Turnkey as the winning bid.. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to recommend approval of the 2024-2025 Calendar for St. Joseph County ISD and Pathfinder Educational Center.. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to recommend approval of the new position of CTE Instructional Coach/Consultant. Ayes: Bush, Fries, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to recommend approval of awarding the St. Joseph County Schools 2024-26 Lease Lit Fiber (WAN) ERate bid of \$7,840.00 to Frontier and \$918.90 to ACD.Net as the winning bids.

Dr. Belote's Superintendent's report included legislative updates on the Pre-Kindergarten for All proposal and that the Michigan Supreme Court will hear arguments on the court case against the Michigan Office of Retirement Services (ORS) during its April 16 & 17 session.

President O'Dell reviewed the following informational and communication items:

- Congratulations to Lisa Bohm, Executive Assistant to the Principal on her upcoming retirement effective March 31, 2024.
- Welcomed our additional new employee, contingent upon successful return of criminal record check, misconduct form, and receipt of credentials:
  - Devin Walter, part time GSRP Aide
- Other Personnel Updates
- Reminder of the meeting for next month: Monday, April 15, 2024.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining Strategy (IEA) and Period Personnel Evaluation (Superintendent's Evaluation). A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mr. Fries, Mrs. Bush, and Dr. O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0 on a roll call vote and the Board went into Closed Session at 4:46 p.m.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to return to Open Session. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mr. Fries, Dr. O'Dell, Mrs. Bush. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0 on a roll call vote and the Board returned to open Session at 5:46 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to recommend approval of the March 19, 2024-June 20, 2026 Master Agreement between the St. Joseph County ISD and the St. Joseph County Intermediate Education Association (IEA). A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mr. Fries, Mrs. Bush, Dr. O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3.0.

President O'Dell announced that the Board gave Dr. Belote, Superintendent, a Highly Effective rating on her Evaluation for 2023-2024. Therefore, it was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to extend Dr. Belote's contract as Superintendent by one year. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Mr Fries, Mrs. Bush, Dr. O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

President O'Dell made a recommendation, with the new law, to move the Superintendent's Evaluation to a biannual year-end evaluation. It was moved by Mr. Fries and supported by Mrs. Bush to move the

Superintendent's Evaluation to a biannual year-end evaluation. Ayes: Fries, Bush, O'Dell. Nays: None. Motion carried 3-0.

It was moved by Mrs. Bush and supported by Mr. Fries to adjourn the meeting. President O'Dell declared the meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m. The next ISD Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 15, 2024.

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

Board approved 4-15-2024