

Regular Meeting
Monday, March 10, 2025 7:00 PM

Tobey Elementary
8551 East Long Lake Drive
Scotts, MI 49088

Minutes

Board Members Present: Rick Burmeister, Tina Forsyth, Lisa Hostetler, Stephanie Willoughby, Dave Schriemer, Ron Centofanti

Board Members Absent: Dan Grabowski

Board Secretary: Tamara Young

Administrators Present: Steve Goss, Allison Dygert, Joe Werkema, Mike Barwegen, Amie McCaw, Sarah Bacalia, Dewey Waterman, Gail Vandaff, Alyssa Thompson, Kelli Luke, Katie Webster, Keevin O'Neill

Guests Present: See attached sign in sheet

President Schriemer called to order at 7:01pm.

I. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

I.A. Recognitions. Supt O'Neill welcomed everyone. O'Neill turned it over to Mr. Barwegen who turned it over to his students for their presentation.

I.B. Legislative Update. Supt thanked the students and Mr. B for the presentation. He reports the state is working on things related to the federal items. Gov Whitmer announced her focus for schools. A few were cell phone policies, streamlining certification process, reading, and increasing secondary enrollment. He is not expecting a budget anytime soon.

I.C. Important Dates. Supt O'Neill highlighted spring break, Mary Poppins production, and Sunset Lake's music program. He also gave a girls basketball Regional update that's happening right now. Winter sports highlights also included bowling and wrestling.

II. REPORTS AND PUBLIC INQUIRY

II.A. Proposal for American History Since 1980 - Kyle Roberts and Daryl Zartman. Gail Vandaff and Matt Brussee presented due to the basketball game attendance. Vandaff started by going over the process for launching a new class offering. Matt Brussee presented this class due to Kyle Roberts being at the basketball game. This class would offer topics to HS students who are very interested in things their parents may remember. They want to bridge the gap between where the US history class leaves off and current day. Burmeister, Centofanti, Willoughby, and Hostetler asked a few questions.

II.B. Proposal for History Through Film - Matt Brussee, Kyle Roberts, Daryl Zartman. Matt Brussee presented. He introduced a few of his current students who are excited about this class and wanted to support him. He learned about the class from Gull Lake because it was so well received. His survey of over 400 MS students showed about 70% of them were interested. This course is history but also research and critical thinking. He explained the

editing process which is now online for violence, swearing, and adult content. Burmeister, Centofanti, Hostetler, and Willoughby asked a few questions.

II.C. Budget and Finance Report - Steve Goss pointed out a few highlights.

II.D. Investment Holdings Update - Steve Goss gave a brief update on our funds. Some of these will be used this summer for construction. Centofanti asked about the budget planning for next year since we don't know the state budget in time. Goss reported they will be watching closely to have an idea of which way the budget is heading. Other moving parts are enrollment and collective bargaining negotiations.

II.E. Furniture Purchase - Steve Goss. The proposal is for chairs and desks. Forsyth asked if the chairs had been physically tested. Goss reported they have all been piloted in classrooms.

II.F. Annual Report - Tobey Elementary - Mike Barwegen gave an update on Tobey progress and status.

III. Audience. No members of the audience wished to speak to the board.

IV. BOARD ACTION REQUIRED

IV.A. Approval of the following Board Meeting Minutes. A motion for approval was made by Hostetler and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.A.1. 2-10-25

IV.A.2. 2-17-25

IV.A.3. 3-3-25

IV.B. Approval of General Fund Invoices Totaling \$467,978.88 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.C. Approval of Purchase Card Disbursements for Totaling \$66,582.01 - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Burmeister and supported by Centofanti. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.D. Approval for American History Since 1980. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Hostetler. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.E. Approval for the following furniture purchases at a total cost of \$913,061, based on pricing from cooperative purchasing organizations as indicated below. All costs to be paid using proceeds from the 2024 bond issue. A motion for approval was made by Hostetler and supported by Forsyth. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.E.1. V/S America chairs and desks, Great Lakes Furniture Supply, Inc., based on pricing through Omnia Partners, Contract R191818, at a total cost of \$514,926

IV.E.2. Steelcase chairs, Custer Office Environments, Inc., based on pricing through E and I Cooperative Services, Contract EI00140, at a total cost of \$398,135

IV.F. Approval for History Through Film. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Willoughby. Motion carried unanimously.

IV.G. 1st Reading Approval of the Following Policies - ROLL CALL VOTE. A motion for approval was made by Forsyth and supported by Burmeister. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

IV.G.1. PO 0164.1

IV.G.2. PO 0144.2

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Schriemer adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

President Dave Schriemer
April 14, 2025

Secretary Tamara Young