

SAULT STE. MARIE AREA PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN 49783  
REGULAR MEETING, BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Phone 906/635-6609

**Minutes – Monday, January 10, 2022**

169. **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Sault Area Middle School, 684 Marquette Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 and viewable via Zoom: <https://eupschools.zoom.us/j/96182163888> or Call In: +1 312 525 6799 Meeting ID: 312 626 6799

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

170. **A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD**

Board Members Present: Lisa A. Young, Caitlin L. Galer, Melissa S. Pingatore, Daniel L. Smith, Raymond J. DeWitt, Jay D. Wilson

Absent: Christine M. Curtis

171. **B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, to nominate Dr. Ray DeWitt as President.

There were no other nominations.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

Ray DeWitt accepted the nomination.

**President, Raymond J. DeWitt**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, to nominate Caitlin Galer as Vice President.

It was moved by Member Smith, Supported by Member Pingatore to nominate Christy Curtis as Vice President.

President DeWitt presented the first nomination for Member Galer to a vote.

Yeas: Young, Galer, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: Smith, Pingatore

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

The motion to nominate Christy Curtis failed due to the previous motion and majority vote for Caitlyn Galer.

There were no other nominations.

Caitlin Galer accepted the nomination.

**Vice-President, Caitlin L. Galer**

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Galer, to nominate Jay Wilson as Treasurer.

Yeas: Young,

Nays: Pingatore, Smith

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

It was moved by Member Smith to nominate Melissa Pingatore as Treasurer.

Motion failed due to lack of support.

Jay Wilson accepted the nomination.

**Treasurer, Jay D. Wilson**

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Wilson, to nominate Christine Curtis as Secretary.

There were no other nominations

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

**Secretary, Christine M. Curtis**

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**C. BOARD COMMITTEES**

Appointments were made to the following committees.

**2022 Facilities and Grounds Committee**

Jay Wilson-Chairman, Daniel Smith, Raymond DeWitt

**2022 Finance Committee**

Ray DeWitt-Chairman, Caitlin Galer, Jay Wilson

**2022 Superintendent Evaluation Committee**

Melissa Pingatore-Chairman, Caitlin Galer

**2022 Athletic Advisory Committee**

Christine Curtis-Chairman, Jay Wilson, Ray DeWitt

**2022 District School Improvement Committee**

Lisa Young was appointed to the District School Improvement Committee.

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**D. LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS NETWORK DESIGNATION**

President DeWitt accepted the position of representative for the Michigan Association of School Boards Legislative Relations Network.

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**E. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, that the Board of Education move to adopt the agenda as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

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**F. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Special Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

Closed Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 5:00 p.m.

Special Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 5:20 p.m.

Closed Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 5:20 p.m.

Special Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 5:40 p.m.

Closed Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 5:40 p.m.  
Special Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 6:20 p.m.  
Special Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 6:40 p.m.  
Closed Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 6:40 p.m.  
Regular Meeting - December 13, 2021 - 7:00 p.m.  
Closed Meeting – December 13, 2021 – 7:00 p.m.  
Special Meeting – December 21, 2021  
Closed Meeting – December 21, 2021

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, to approve the minutes listed above with Member Young abstaining from the December 21, 2021, minutes.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

175. **G. *BUSINESS REPORT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Smith, that the Board of Education approve the December General Fund Bill List in the amount of \$2,722,776.74 and the Food Service Bill List of \$81,022.83.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the blended 90/10 and super blended 25/75 state aid calculation netted a gain of 12.26 FTE's for the month.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the revenues and expenses. She indicated there was a significant increase in federal revenues due to grant drawdowns and a reduction in fund equity due to it being a three-pay month. Mrs. Bennin stated both cash and fund equity balances were above that of the previous year at this time.

Member Smith confirmed the report was reviewed by the Finance Committee.

**II. *COMMUNICATIONS***

176. **A. *REPORTS TO THE BOARD***

**1. *Recognition***

- a. January Teacher of the Month (Wendy Gilliard) – Mrs. Jessica Rondeau-McCarthy

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on Wendy Gilliard as the Helpful Teacher of the Month. Ms. Gilliard will be presented with the helpful Teacher of the Month tee shirt and \$50 in Chamber Bucks sponsored by Doug Laprade of Meemic Laprade Insurance and Parker Ace Hardware.

- b. January Employee of the Month (Jenny Gerrie) – Dr. Sheri McFarlane

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on Jenny Gerrie as the Helpful Employee of the Month. Mrs. Gerrie will be presented with the helpful Employee of the Month tee shirt and \$50 in Chamber Bucks sponsored by Doug Laprade of Meemic Laprade Insurance and Parker Ace Hardware.

Oh behalf of the Board, President DeWitt congratulated Ms. Gilliard and Mrs. Gerrie.

2. Buildings and Grounds – Mr. Tom Nelson

Mr. Nelson presented a 5 year review of the district's buildings/facilities and grounds.

Mr. Nelson reviewed each facility in the categories of Electrical, HVAC, Mechanical, Structural, Grounds, and Furnishing(s). He assigned a repair/replacement value to the items needing attention as follows: (1) immediate, (2) 1-3 years, (3) 4-5 years.

Mr. Nelson reported project estimates were provided by U.P. Engineers & Architects and included the contingency and engineering costs.

**Admin Building**

876 Marquette Avenue built in 2003 with 4,071 square feet.

**Structural:** New Roof (3)

**Sault Area High School**

904 Marquette Avenue built in 1970 with 223,492 square feet.

**Electrical:** Exterior LED lighting (2)

**Structural:** Exterior Window, Doors, and Siding (1) ESSER funds Locker Rooms (1)

**Grounds:** Driveway Maintenance (1), Sidewalk Maintenance (2), Driveway by tennis courts (2)

**Furnishings:** Carpet in Upper Hallway (2) ESSER funds, Remodel Restrooms by gym (2)

**Completed Projects:** Security Update 2015, Bleachers, Boilers, Fire Alarm System, Exterior Emergency Lighting, Domestic Water Heater, Career Center Shops Interior Emergency Lighting, Gym LED Lighting.

**Future Projects:**

Pool fill in - \$256,609.17

Siding/Windows/Doors - \$2,181,917.50

Locker Rooms - \$328,810.24

Gym Roof Replacement - \$930,000.00

Upstairs Academic Carpet Replacement - \$68,084.76

**Sault Area Middle School**

684 Marquette Avenue built in 1964-Remodel 1999 with 106,089 square feet.

**Electrical:** Exterior LED lighting (2)

**Grounds:** Driveway Maintenance (2), Sidewalk Repair (2)

**Furnishings:** Carpet Removal in high traffic areas (3), Hallway ceramic tile (3)

**Completed Projects:** Security Update 2015, Gym LED Lighting, Multi-purpose LED lighting, Fire Alarm System, Exterior Emergency Lighting, Complete Roof Replacement, Multi-purpose Exterior wall repair, Roof.

**Future Projects:**

Ceramic Tile Replacement - \$232,320.00

**Lincoln School**

810 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue built in 1950 – 54,012 square feet.

**Electrical:** Exterior LED lighting

**HVAC:** Basement Air Handler also listed under Mechanical (3)

**Mechanical:** Basement Air Handler also listed under HVAC (3), Partial Plumbing (3).

**Structural:** Exterior Siding (2), Removal of Coal Bin (3), Exterior Brick (1), Roof (2)

**Completed Projects:** Security Upgrade 2015, Fire Alarm System, Exterior Emergency Lighting, Boilers, Gym LED Lighting, Bathroom Partitions/Fixtures/Urinals/Toilets, Boiler Room Roof 2015.

**Future Projects:**

Exterior Brick - \$831,600.00

Roof Replacement - \$200,000-\$230,000.

**Malcolm/Soo Township Complex**

5788 S. M-129 built in 1956, - 31,510 square feet.

**Electrical:** Exterior LED Lighting (2)

**HVAC:** Replace 2 Circulating Pumps (3)

**Mechanical:** Plumbing Infrastructure (3), Bathroom Fixtures (2)

**Structural:** Replace Exterior West Wing Siding (3)  
**Furnishings:** Lunchroom Tables (2), Asbestos Floor Removal (1)  
**Completed Projects:** Security Upgrade 2015, Fire Alarm System, Replaced Both Driveway Culverts  
**Future Projects:**  
Lunch Tables - \$45,410.34

**Washington School**

1200 Ryan Avenue.

**Electrical:** Gym LED Lighting (3)  
**HVAC:** Circulating Pumps (3)  
**Mechanical:** Plumbing Infrastructure (3), Bathroom Fixtures (2)  
**Structural:** Roof System (2), Exterior Gym Window Siding (2)  
**Furnishings:** Classroom Furniture (3), High Traffic Carpet (3)  
**Completed Projects:** Roof Drain/Heaters, Roof to Culvert Drainage, Driveway Culvert, Fire Alarm System.  
**Future Projects:**  
Roof Replacement - \$377,665.20  
Heat Pump - \$24,200.00

**Athletic Field**

802 Seymour Street built in 1962, 4,400 Square feet

**Completed Projects:** Roof replaced.

**Maintenance-Transportation Building**

1600 E. Easterday Avenue built in 2016 – 16,000 square feet.  
New building acquisition.

Mr. Nelson reported the new Maintenance-Transportation building had been remodeled for its purpose and the district saved approximately \$300,000 by purchasing an existing building and remodeling it as opposed to building a new one.

177. **B. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported the Annual Education Report (AER) which provides key information on the educational progress as required by federal and some state laws was available through MI School Data on the district transparency site.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported administration was working on developing the Portrait of a Graduate to align students with the education needed in a shared vision with the local community to go from graduation to work.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the change in Impact Aid Data between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the requested to purchase Social Studies Resources of books and online access for five years from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for Grade 5.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer explained the criteria for being in close contact with someone who had COVID-19 at school was being within 6 feet of the person for a minimum of 15 minutes two days prior to the person's symptoms or of the date on which the person received a positive test.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the proposed offering of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Early Middle College that would be available for current 10<sup>th</sup> grade students starting with the 2022-23 school year. She reported students who enroll in the program would receive instruction from combined dual, concurrent, and CTE articulated classes, and upon successful completion, they would receive an associate's degree in Law Enforcement along with their high school diploma at the end of their fifth year in high school.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reviewed the following symptoms for COVID-19: Fever of at least 100.4°F or Chills – Shortness or Difficulty Breathing – Muscle or Body Aches – New, loss of Taste or Smell – New, Changed or Worsening Cough. She reported students with symptoms or who tested positive should stay home for at least 5 days (day zero is the day symptoms started or the positive test date, and return after 24 hours after symptoms subside or after 5 days if asymptomatic.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported the CDC reported Test to Stay (TTS) can be implemented by schools an alternative to traditional quarantine at home by establishing testing protocols to perform at least two tests during the period between close contact notification.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the process the district follows upon learning a student or staff member tested positive to COVID. She indicated the person's schedule is obtained, and multiple factors are considered prior to generating a potential close contact list for phone calls or letters to parents.

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the first reading of the potential Emergency Temporary Standards policy.

In honor of School Board recognition month, Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer thanked the Board for their service and presented them with a signed MASB Certificate of Appreciation.



178. C. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

**III. ACTION ITEMS AND BOARD REPORTS**

179. A. **PERSONNEL - Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer**

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer presented the following.

**Tenure**

1. Heidie Lehmkuhle

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education grant tenure to Heidie Lehmkuhle as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

**New Hires**

1. Jennifer Anderson – Special Education Paraprofessional – Sault Area Middle School

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Jennifer Anderson as part-time Special Education Resource Room Paraprofessional for Sault Area Middle School.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

2. Ashly Umbarger – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Teacher – Sault Middle School

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Ashlyn Umbarger as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Special Education Resource Room Teacher for Sault Area Middle School.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

Mrs. Sandy Sawyer presented the following.

3. Claire Fossitt – Tutor Paraprofessional – Malcolm High School

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Claire Fossitt as full-time Tutor Paraprofessional for Malcolm High School.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

180. **B. *BANKING RESOLUTION – Mrs. Michelle Bennin***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, that the Board of Education approve the annual banking resolution for the accounts and signers as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

181. **C. *IMPACT AID PUBLIC COMMENT – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, that the Board of Education accept comment on the District’s Impact Aid Educational Programs and Services.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

There was no comment.

182. **D. *IMPACT AID - Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

1. 32-MI-2022-0038 School Year Indian Policies and Procedures – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve 32-MI-2022-0038 Indian Policies and Procedures as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

2. Resolution - Federal Impact Aid Assurances – Superintendent Scott- Kronemeyer

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education approve the Federal Impact Aid Assurances Resolution as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

183. **E. *CURRICULUM – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer***

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, that the Board of Education approve the Grade 5 Social Studies Curriculum from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

184. **F. *CTE EARLY MIDDLE COLLEGE – Mrs. Jo Anne Lussier***

Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer reported on the proposed EMC offering with LSSU starting with fall 2022 enrollment. She stated the program aligns specifically with our Career Center offerings.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, that the Board of Education approve the offering of the CTE Early Middle College (EMC) with Lake Superior State University.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Abstain: DeWitt  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

185. **G. MAINTENANCE TRUCK PURCHASE - Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

Mrs. Bennin reported the new truck would replace a beyond repair 2005 Ford truck.

Mrs. Bennin reported the purchase price of the new truck would be adjusted to that of the MiDeal program should it open up prior to the truck being delivered.

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a 2022 2500 Dodge Ram from O'Connors for a total cost of \$38,165.00 to be paid from the Maintenance Budget.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

186. **H. LATHE CTE PURCHASE - Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Young, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a conventional lathe from PT Solutions for a total purchase price of \$30,250.59 for the Machine Tool Technology Program.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

187. **I. BUDGET AMENDMENT – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

Mrs. Bennin reported on the major, general fund budget changes of the first fiscal 2022 budget.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the general fund revenue appropriations of \$35,876,728.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the general fund July 1, 2022, projected fund balance of \$6,366,480.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the school service revenue July 1, 2022, projected fund balance of \$1,122,550.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the school service expenditures July 1, 2022, projected fund balance of \$83,810.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the fiduciary fund/building activity revenue appropriations of \$666,949.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the fiduciary fund/building activity expenditures and the July 1, 2022 projected fund balance of \$291,949.

Mrs. Bennin reviewed the original budget and reported on the need for the amendments by the budget amendment changes

Mrs. Bennin presented detail by program and function code on the major changes to the revenues, expenditures, supporting services, community services and other financing uses for a total fund balance at yearend of \$6,366,480.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education approve the budget amendment as presented.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

188. **IV. BOARD GOVERNANCE AND BOARD POLICY ISSUES**

1. MIOSHA Policy – Superintendent Scott-Kronemeyer

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education amend guidelines for asymptomatic individuals to be able to stay in school during the COVID quarantine, wear a mask, and recommend testing twice during a 5 day quarantine.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson  
Nays: None  
Absent: Curtis  
Motion Carried.

189. **V. FUTURE PLANNING**

January 18 – School Advance Training – Virtual 5:30-8:30 p.m.  
January 19 - Special Meeting - 5:30 p.m. - Sault Middle School  
February 14 - Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Sault Middle School

190. VI. *ADJOURNMENT*

There being no further business to come before the Board at 9:02 p.m., it was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the meeting be adjourned.

Yeas: Young, Galer, Pingatore, Smith, DeWitt, Wilson

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis

Motion Carried.

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Raymond J. DeWitt, Board President

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Christine M. Curtis, Board Secretary

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Judy L. Sirk, Recording Secretary