

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

Minutes – Monday, June 28, 2021

343. **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Sault Area Middle School, 684 Marquette Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 and via Zoom: <https://eupschools.zoom.us/j/92766280205> Call in: +1 646-876-9923
Meeting ID: 927 6628 0205

344. **A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD**

Board Members Present: Melissa S. Pingatore, Lisa A. Young,
Daniel L. Smith, Jay D. Wilson, Christine M. Curtis, Caitlin L. Galer

Absent: Raymond J. DeWitt

345. **B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: DeWitt

Motion Carried.

346. **II. COMMUNICATIONS**

A. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT – Superintendent Hall

1. Superintendent Hall reported he would be closing on the purchase of the new Maintenance/Transportation building(s) on June 29.
2. Superintendent Hall reported he was leaving negotiations in very capable hands with Mrs. Scott-Kronemeyer and Mrs. Bennin. He noted they would be drafting up a response soon to those groups that had started negotiating.

3. Superintendent Hall reported the budget was being presented with conservative numbers due to the state not having an approved budget and the uncertainty of district appropriations.
4. Superintendent Hall reported he was pleased with the district's finances, unmodified opinion audits, student curriculum, and overall health of the district. He reviewed the many roles he served in over the past 25 years and stated he will miss working with the board, staff, and especially the students.

Superintendent Hall reported most of the staff and students do their best every day, but when a situation rises to the board level, it has been thoroughly vetted and they must make the tough decisions. He thanked the Board for their individual and collective work with him on behalf of the district.

Superintendent Hall stated it was an honor and privilege to work with the Board for the district, and he would remain a true supporter.

347. **B. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

348. **III. ACTION ITEMS AND BOARD REPORTS**

A. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2021-2022 PRELIMINARY BUDGET – Mrs. Michelle Bennin

It was moved by Member Young, supported by Member Galer, to allow any public comment and input regarding the proposed 2021-2022 preliminary budget.

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

349. **B. 2021-2022 BUDGT ADOPTION – Mrs. Michelle Bennin**

Mrs. Bennin reported on the general fund revenues based on 18 mills of ad valorem taxes levied on non-principal residence and non-qualified agricultural property and 6 mills on commercial personal property for a total revenue appropriation of \$29,575,411.

Mrs. Benin reported on general fund expenditures of 18.7 percent with a fund balance projection of \$4,658,943 at the end of the 2022 school year.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the school service funds of \$930,175 in fund balance and food service expenditures of \$868,674. She reported the projected school service fund balance at the end of the 2022 school year of \$61,501.

Mrs. Bennin reported on the fiduciary fund revenues totaling of \$579,363 and expenditures of \$204,363.

Mrs. Bennin presented the general fund resolution and proposed budget comparing the 2021 second budget amendment amounts plus the anticipated changes in State Sources, Basic Programs, Operations and Maintenance and Transportation to the proposed 2022 budget.

Mrs. Bennin noted the budget included an estimated decline of 60 students, a reduction of CARES funds, an increase in retirement rates, an estimated meal offset, and a savings in support services.

Mrs. Bennin reported a proposed 2021-2022 fund balance of \$4,658,943.

Upon inquiry for questions, it was noted by the Board that fund equity was being reduced to help balance the budget and to be fiscally responsible.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the Board of Education adopt the 2021-2022 budget as proposed.

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

Nays: None

Absent: DeWitt

Motion Carried.

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

The Board congratulated Dr. Hall on his retirement and President Smith presented him with a plaque for 24 plus years of service with the district.

351. **V. FUTURE PLANNING**

President Smith reviewed future events.

July 12, 2021 – Organizational Meeting – Sault Middle School – 7:00 p.m.

July 21, 2021 – Board Workshop – Sault Middle School – 5:30 p.m.

Upon inquiry from Member Wilson, Mrs. Scott-Kronemeyer reported John Scholten from MLI would be facilitating the board workshop.

352. **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board at 5:50 p.m., it was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Nays: None

Absent: DeWitt

Motion Carried.

Daniel L. Smith, President

Lisa A. Young, Board Secretary

Judy L. Sirk, Recording Secretary