

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

Minutes – Thursday, May 27, 2021

311. **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Smith called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. in the Sault Area High School, 904 Marquette Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

312. **A. ROLL CALL OF BOARD**

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

Absent: Christine M. Curtis, Raymond J. DeWitt

313. **B. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

Yeas: Smith, Pingatore, Wilson, Young, Galer

Nays: None

Absent: Curtis, DeWitt

Motion Carried.

314. **C. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

315. **D. DESIGNATION OF DISTRICT'S REPRESENTATIVE**

Superintendent Hall explained the process and that the Board was voting for Caitlin Galer as its representative for the ISD election, and further, that as the Board's representative, Caitlin would vote for herself.

It was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to designate Caitlin Galer as representative and Jennifer Jahn as alternate representative to vote on behalf of the Board at the EUPISD election to be held on June 7, 2021, and to vote for Caitlin Galer to fill a 6-year term.

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

316. **E. ZOOM BOARD MEETINGS – Superintendent Hall**

Superintendent Hall reported the option of Zoom access is legal, and that MASB legal counsel recommended against allowing public comment from the public attending the meeting virtually. Dr. Hall suggested the Board consider a trial period and re-evaluate the success of, and the need for, offering a remote option at the end of the trial period. Member Galer noted that there may be an added cost for this option, but that it would be minimal. Dr. Hall commented the district already pays a subscription fee for Zoom and affirmed the added cost would be negligible.

It was moved by Member Galer, supported by Member Pingatore, that the Board of Education offer virtual connection for Board meetings beginning in June through December.

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

Member DeWitt arrived at 6:25 p.m.

317. **II. FUTURE PLANNING**

President Smith reviewed the upcoming events. He also noted that Amy Kronemeyer scheduled a Board workshop for July 21 at 5:30 p.m. and additional information would be provided.

May 30 – Sault High Graduation – A.J. VanCifers Athletic Field - 2:00 p.m.
June 14 - Regular Board Meeting – Middle School – 7:00 p.m.
July 12 – Regular Board Meeting – Middle School – 7:00 p.m.

318 **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board at 6:27 p.m., it was moved by Member Wilson, supported by Member Galer, that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Daniel L. Smith, President

Lisa A. Young, Board Secretary

Dr. Tim Hall, Recording Secretary