

**CALEDONIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
JANUARY 16, 2023**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order** – Senior ranking board member, Marcy White, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**3. Roll Call – Secretary, Asper, called the roll.**

Present: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White  
Absent: None

**4. Recognition**

- a. School Board Member Recognition - The superintendent honored the Board and thanked them for their dedication and service to the district.
- b. MSPRA 2022 Superintendent Communicator of the Year Award - The communication specialist from Kent Intermediate School District presented Dr. Martin with this surprise award.

**5. Election of Officers**

Nomination for **President: Marcy White by Brittany Barber Garcia.**

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None

Nomination for **Vice President: Brittany Barber Garcia by Jason Saidoo.**

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None

Nomination for **Secretary: Katie Isic by Jason Saidoo.**

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None

Nomination for **Treasurer: Jason Saidoo by Katie Isic.**

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Isic, Saidoo, White  
Nays: Brandow, Morris, Nichols,

Nomination for **Treasurer: Tim Morris by Jennifer Nichols.**

Ayes: Brandow, Morris, Nichols  
Nays: Barber Garcia, Isic, Saidoo, White

***The newly elected president chaired the remainder of the meeting.  
The newly elected secretary recorded minutes for the remainder of the meeting.***

## **6. Consent Agenda**

- a. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Barber Garcia that the board approves the consent agenda as presented:
  1. December 12, 2022 Minutes
  2. December 12, 2022 Closed Minutes
  3. December 2022 Payables
  4. January 2023 Personnel Report
  5. Anticipated overnight trips for 2023
  6. Financial Institutions that may be used:
    - a. Huntington Bank
    - b. Fifth Third Bank
    - c. Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus
    - d. United Bank
  7. Legal Firms that may be retained, as needed:
    - a. Rhodes, McKee, Boer, Goodrich and Titta
    - b. Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey
    - c. Thrun Law Firm, P.C.
    - d. Clark Hill, PLC
    - e. Dickinson Wright, PLLC
  8. Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer or their designees are authorized to sign checks, contracts, agreements and purchase orders.

Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White

Nays: None

Motion Carried.

## **7. Reports and Information**

- a. Board Committee and Legislative Assignments - The Board President will communicate the assignments at a future date.
- b. 2020 Bond Update - The director of operations and transportation updated the Board on the status of 2020 Bond projects.
- c. Ralph E Meyer Stadium Turf - The director of operations and transportation presented to the Board the process for selecting a vendor for synthetic turf installation at the football stadium. The board gave consensus to move forward with a letter of intent.

## **8. Discussion Items**

- a. May 2023 Call for Election Resolution (Bond) - The superintendent shared the specifics of the Board's prior decision to move forward with a supplemental bond. The next step in the process is to approve the resolution to call for an election and place the bond proposal on the May 2, 2023 ballot. The Board will vote during the action items portion of the agenda.
- b. School of Choice Resolution - The superintendent gave an overview of the state school of choice options. The Board will be asked to vote at the February regular meeting.

- c. Fencing (Emmons Lake Elementary) - The director of operations and transportation shared with the Board that as a part of the 2020 bond continuation program and following the site security recommendations, pricing for the supply and installation of site fencing at Emmons Lake Elementary School was obtained through a request for proposal. A vendor has been selected and the Board will be asked to vote at the February meeting.
- d. Building Commissioning (Cal Community Center) - The director of operations and transportation expressed to the Board that an integral part of new building construction is the process of commissioning whereby each system of the building structure are reviewed by a third party testing agency prior to the building being occupied. The report generated is far beyond the state inspection process and becomes part of the punch-list for items to be addressed by the constructor. A vendor will be selected and the Board will be asked to vote at the February meeting.

## **9. Board and Superintendent Reports**

- a. Curriculum and Learning Committee - A meeting was not held this month.
- b. Finance and Operations Committee - A meeting was not held this month.
- c. Board Trustee Reports - There were no reports.
- d. Superintendent Report - The superintendent shared positive news which included that seven of our schools were named as rewards schools and transportation improvements have demonstrated a significant savings of miles traveled by our buses. Also shared was encouraging evidence from students of the Capturing Kids Heart implementation. In addition, congratulations were shared for the DECA state qualifiers and the students who partnered with a meteorologist from Wood TV recently.

## **10. Public Comment**

- a. The Board heard comments from the community during this portion of the agenda.

## **11. Action Items**

- a. May 2023 Call for Election Resolution (Bond)
  - i. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Barber Garcia, that the Board approves the resolution for a 2023 Bond Proposal.  
Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.
- b. February Board Meeting Date Change
  - i. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Barber Garcia, that the Board change the February regular meeting date to February 21, 2023.  
Ayes: Barber Garcia, Brandow, Isic, Morris, Nichols, Saidoo, White  
Nays: None  
Motion carried.

## **12. Adjournment**

- a. Motion by Saidoo and supported by Isic to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.

I hereby certify that the attached are a true copy of the approved minutes of a regular board meeting held on the 16th day of January 2023, and that said aproved minutes have been available to the public at the address designated on the posted public notice of said meeting from and after the 28th day of February 2023.

**Katie Isic, Secretary**  
**Board of Education**