

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 21 2011

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a regular meeting on Monday, November 21 2011, at the SL Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. President Dina Horne called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Board members present: Dina Horne, Paul Aldridge, Dennis Devlin, Lisa Ashcraft, Steve Overacker, Madonna Kramer and Jeff Lauinger. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- North Bank Community Fund – Arn Boezaart and Katie Cather, representatives from North Bank Communities Fund, presented a check totaling \$1584 for the following teacher grants awarded to SLPS teachers.

Berry/Marcus, Holmes Elementary	Environmental Awareness Club	\$325
J. Marcus, Holmes Elementary	Reading Assistive Technology	\$310
C.Guzman, Spring Lake Intermediate	Leveled Books for Science Instruction	\$325
S. Peterson, Spring Lake Middle School	Check Book Credit Score Math	\$325
E. Schanhals, Spring Lake High School	Dissolved Oxygen / AP Biology	\$299

The NBCF supports environment, education, and recreation projects. This is the twelfth year they have awarded teacher grants.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Aldridge moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2011 with the following change:

“Approval of Minutes – ...minutes of the regular meeting of September 19, 2011 as presented.” and Executive Session of October 25, 2011 as presented. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

CORRESPONDENCE

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS**CHECK LISTINGS**

Madonna Kramer moved, supported by Steve Overacker, to approve the following check listings as presented:

Consent Agenda – Check Listings

1. Accounts Payable–#203224 through #203514 totaling \$687,775.59 (includes Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc.)
2. Payroll–totaling \$1,281,885.43
3. Student Activities–#11320 through #11406 and #1827 through #1873, totaling \$65,769.67

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

REPORTS

Lisa Ashcraft reported on the Finance Committee meeting. The audit was reviewed, including the auditors' recommendations and how they will impact the district.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Madonna Kramer moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the following consent agenda:

- New Hire—Cori VanEpps, Holmes Food Service
- Resignations—
 - Brittany Brubaker – SLHS English Teacher – Brittany has been employed by SLPS since September 2009. Her resignation is effective December 2 – Accepted with regrets
 - Amy Hendrickson – HS Media Center Paraprofessional – Hired in September 2011
 - Dana Jend – AI Paraprofessional at Jeffers – Hired in September 2006 – Accepted with regrets
- Summer Tax Resolution – The Summer Tax Resolution allows SLPS to impose a summer property tax levy to collect 100% of all school district property taxes, including debt services.
- Parent Advisory Committee Representative – Appointed Norma Streeting to be the Spring Lake representative on this OAISD committee

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Wireless Bids – Brent Gustafson, Technology Coordinator, reported on the Wireless Network Infrastructure Upgrade. New radios will be installed to give full wi-fi coverage to all district buildings. He is recommending that the contract be awarded to eGear at a cost of \$106,031.14.
- New MEAP and MME Cut Scores – Bev Hundley discussed the change in the cut scores, the communication plan to explain this to parents and community, and the response of SLPS to address the goal of 100% proficiency. A video from Kyle Mayer, <http://bit.ly/cutscoreswebcast>, was presented. Michigan scores will be adjusted to compare accurately with national scores. Adjusted district scores will see a decline, as will district scores across the state. SLPS's goal continues to be 100% proficient.
- Additional Coaching Assignments (Coach EZ)
 - Steve Gray – boys' 9th grade basketball coach
 - James Morton – asst. competitive cheer coach
- Teacher Evaluation – Superintendent Furton presented an overview of the new Teacher Evaluation process. Key attributes and timeline were also presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laurie Draeger, 15432 Leonard Rd., asked to include the Kyle Mayer video regarding new MEAP and MME cut scores on the district website. She also stated that the SLPS instructional staff is as excellent as you will find anyplace. The evaluation tool will help make better instructors. The teaching staff is not going to fear anyone looking at their evaluations.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Todd Hronek, new Accounting Supervisor, was introduced. Todd will be serving SLPS and the OAISD. He is replacing Don Yarzebinski.
- Legislative update – Met with Representative Amanda Price and discussed the following:
 - Lifting the charter cap will pass, which will increase the strain on the budget. He urged the Board to contact Rep. Price and Senator Meekhof regarding the details, such as quality, transparency, tax avoidance, etc.
 - Surplus revenue will be earmarked for retirement reform.
- Jeffers Principal search – 43 applicants – Interviews will start next week.
- United Way campaign is kicking off in the district this week and next
- Kindergarten – Sandra Smits and Bev Hundley are chairing the committee – Discussion will include full-day, full-day and half-day, and young 5’s.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – December 12, 2011 – SLHS Media Center – 6:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Lauinger moved, Lisa Ashcraft supported, to adjourn the meeting. Dina Horne adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary