

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, OCTOBER 25, 2011

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a regular meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 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, and Steve Overacker. Absent: Madonna Kramer and Jeff Lauinger

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Lisa Ashcraft moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 25, 2011 as presented. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

In Secretary Madonna Kramer’s absence, Dennis Devlin was appointed Secretary for the meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Laurie Draeger, 15432 Leonard Rd., asked how responses to questions from audience participation could be shared. Dina Horne responded that the Board has discussed posting responses on the website.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

N/A

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **CHECK LISTINGS**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve the following check listings as presented:

Consent Agenda – Check Listings

1. Accounts Payable–#202898 through #203223 totaling \$755,903.17 (includes Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc.)
2. Payroll–totaling \$1,805,240
3. Student Activities–#11257through #11317 and #1786 through 1826, totaling \$42,438.68

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

### **REPORTS**

#### **DISTRICT AUDIT**

Steve Piesko, Maner Costerisan, presented the 2010-11 SLPS audit.

- The general fund balance is \$3,128,905 (14.1% of expenditures), which reflects a loss of \$228,430.
- A general fund loss of \$865,000 is projected for 2011-12.
- General fund revenue and expenditures were flat over a three-year period.
- The pension expense increased from 18.6% to 24.46% effective 10/1/11.

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- Food service net change in fund balance was +\$43,165
- SLCFAC net change in fund balance was +\$114,217.

**ACTION ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Steve Overacker, to approve the following consent agenda:

- Retirement – William Dunn, MS PE Teacher/Trainer – has submitted his letter of retirement effective at the end of the 2011-12 school year. Mr. Dunn has been employed by SLPS for 12 years. Prior to joining the teaching staff, Bill taught Latin through Community Ed and coached the Girls' Swim Team. In addition, as the district trainer, he has worked with district athletic teams and student trainers. The Board thanked Bill for his years of service to SLPS.
- New Hire – Principals submitted recommendations to hire the following (resumes included):

Keli Olson	Title I Teacher (Grades 5-8)	SLIS/MS
Lesley Reed	Instruction Parapro (part-time)	Holmes Elementary

Mr. Ely introduced Keli Olson at the meeting.
- Resignation – Shaunna Davis, bus driver, submitted her letter of resignation.
- Winter Coaching Assignments

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Regarding replacing Mr. Dunn as the athletic trainer, Cavin Mohrhardt explained that he has been in contact with other districts and will be looking at various options.

**ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEM**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Steve Overacker, to award Automatic Equipment Sales & Service the contract to install an access control system at the Intermediate/Middle School, High School, and SLCFAC, at a price of \$57,181. It should be in place in January 2012. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

**SUPERINTENDENT'S GOALS FOR 2011-12**

Paul Aldridge moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve the 2011-12 Superintendent Goals as presented. Dina Horne added that the Contract Review Committee met with Mr. Furton and supported the goals. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

**NAMING OF FACILITIES**

Lisa Ashcraft moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to name the Cross Country course in memory of Mel Hall, former teacher and cross country/track coach. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

**SNOW REMOVAL BIDS**

Steve Overacker moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to award Seasonal Solutions the 2011-12 snow removal contract. Vote: Yes–Dina Horne, Lisa Ashcraft, Dennis Devlin, Steve Overacker; Paul Aldridge abstained

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### CONSIDER ADDITION OF NEW POSITION – TECHNICIAN/AUDITORIUM MANAGER

Superintendent Furton spoke about the lack of support for Brent Gustafson in technology and the need for a manager for the high school and middle school auditoriums.

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Steve Overacker, to approve the addition of a Technician/Auditorium Manager. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Retirement – Tom Koops has submitted his retirement letter, effective 12/31/2011. Mr. Koops, Jeffers' Principal for 17 years, has been instrumental in developing Jeffers into one of the finest schools in the state of Michigan. The Board thanked Mr. Koops for his years of service to SLPS students and staff.
- Bilingual Education – Stacy VandenBosch from **add a lingua** presented a language immersion program. They currently partner with Zeeland Christian Schools. It is a full immersion program, in which limited English instruction is offered to K-5 students and maintenance is offered to 6-12 students. Superintendent Furton stated that this would be a program for current students and not a vehicle to increase enrollment.

Dina asked for staff input regarding this program. She urged them to please contact the board.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim Hall, 712 Winter, thanked the Board for honoring his father Mel Hall.

Christie Clover, 16084 Waterleaf, asked that the Board consider adding technology and art at the Middle School and Intermediate School, before considering the bilingual immersion program.

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- State budget surplus
- Kindergarten start date amendment – Bill to change the start date to September 1
- Retirement reform
- Personal property tax
- Educational reform package
- Jeffers' Principal position has been posted. The deadline is November 16, 2011.
- Board participation on School Improvement Teams
- November 7 Work Session has been **cancelled**.
- OASBA General Membership Meeting

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – November 21, 2011 – SLIS/MS Media Center – 7:15 pm

**CLOSED SESSION – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Dennis Devlin moved, Steve Overacker supported, to approve the resolution to go into closed session to consider information or records subject to the attorney-client privilege. Roll call vote: Yes–Lisa Ashcraft, Steve Overacker, Dina Horne, Paul Aldridge, and Dennis Devlin.

The Board went into closed session at 8:55 pm.

The Board returned to open session at 9:22 pm

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DECLARATORY JUDGMENT**

Steve Overacker moved, Lisa Ashcraft supported, to approve the Resolution Authorizing Declaratory Judgment as presented. Vote: Yes–Unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT**

Steve Overacker moved, Lisa Ashcraft supported, to adjourn the meeting. Dina Horne adjourned the meeting at 9:25 pm.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Board Secretary