

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2018

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2018 at the Spring Lake Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Board Appreciation Month, i.e. "Pie Month". Superintendent Furton presented each Board member with a pie in appreciation for the work they do all year long, and he expressed his thanks for their dedication to the district and great leadership they have provided to him throughout the years.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dennis Devlin nominated the following Board members for 2018 officers:

Jeff Lauinger – President
Dennis Devlin – Vice President
Keith Frifeldt – Treasurer
Curt Theune – Secretary

Kathy Breen moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to close the nominations.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Identify the District's legal status and District's official name – The School District Legal Reference Note also reflects the Board member terms.
- Check Signature Authorization – The accounts are unchanged from January, 2017.
- Establish 2018 Meeting Dates – Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the SLIS/SLMS Media Center, 345 Hammond St. (unless noted).

February 19, 2018 – Jeffers	August 20, 2018
March 19, 2018 – Holmes	September 17, 2018
April 16, 2018– SLMS	October 15, 2018
May 21, 2018 – SLHS	November 19, 2018
June 18, 2018	December 17, 2018 – SLIS
July 16, 2018	

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It was noted that it will become the normal practice of the Board to schedule the January Organizational Meeting for the first Monday following Martin Luther King Day.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board members will review the 2017 Board Committee assignments and will notify Jeff Lauinger, Board President, and Dennis Furton, Superintendent, of any changes. Superintendent Furton provided comment on the spots that needed to be filled. Assignments will be completed by the February Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2017 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Adams and Adekunle Adams, 13400 Red Leaf Court, Nunica, commented on a recent incident on the bus regarding their sons while a substitute bus driver was on duty and requested follow up from a previous meeting with Board members and Superintendent Furton.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #220004 through #220103 totaling \$343,985.
- Student Activities –#104184 through #104279 totaling \$92,116.

Payroll – totaling \$2,088,874.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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BUDGET AMENDMENT

Scott Powers provided an overview of the proposed budget amendment. He noted that the budget is tracking closely with the original budget with a few adjustments to revenue for increased state aid and special education dollars that were not expected and a decrease in per-pupil funding due to student count being slightly lower than projected (3 students less). Expenses have increased due to additional staffing for special needs students and the unexpected employer share of FICA tax of approximately \$60,000 that will need to be paid due to the 3% retirement health care lawsuit. These revenue/expense adjustments will result in the use of approximately \$300,000 of reserve funds, up slightly from the projected \$250,000.

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve and adopt the 2017-18 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

FAC UPDATE AND CAPITAL PLAN

Jason Epplett and JJ Fox presented the following:

- The Spring Lake Fitness and Aquatic Center is approaching its 10-year anniversary.
- Primary membership count is 2,400 with 5,000+ overall members. Five years ago, primary memberships sat around 1,500 – 1,800 members.
- The community has embraced the facility and that support, through membership and services, has allowed for budgeting of repairs, maintenance and replacement of equipment as needed.
- The FAC has had a healthy bottom line every year, has been able to give back to the school's general fund and has set dollars aside to prepare for future major expenses and needed improvements.
- The MyZone exercise tracker will begin to be utilized at the facility for staff and for those members interested in this useful tracking tool.
- The facility has become an authorized provider for Red Cross swim lessons.
- Re-branding of the facility has begun and two 15-second commercials will run on local cable channels through February.

Liz Boeve provided the capital plan projects which will include approximately \$685,000 of maintenance, repairs and upgrades spread out over the next five years. The current fund balance of the FAC sits at \$895,000 and it is anticipated that the balance will continue to grow at the average rate of \$50,000 per year based on projected membership and services revenue.

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Superintendent Furton commented on the great job the team has done budgeting and forecasting for future expenses, and expressed his appreciation that the facility has supported the school/district and not taken money away from it.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- West Michigan Triangle update was provided to the Board which addresses the recently released study on the cost of educating students in Michigan. It was noted that there is a lot to learn from this study yet, and it will be looked at closely over the next year.
- Resignations accepted with regrets from Richard Fuller, maintenance, Stephanie Bright, bus driver, and Karen Skinner, food service.
- 3% update - It is anticipated that it will take 60-90 days to distribute all of the funds to current and former employees with the hope to get the funds to current employees ahead of that. Numerous questions still need to be answered before funds can be released. Mr. Furton expressed his appreciation for the business services department and their assistance in handling this process.
- Mr. Furton accepted a position to sit on the WMHIP executive committee in July, which is a 10 year commitment, and is looking forward to working closely with Gallagher Benefits on the management of the pool's resources and plans. He noted that the district's experience with WMHIP has saved enrolled members thousands of dollars over the last two years.
- Bond committee met last week and additional projects will be brought to the Board next month for approval.
- Chamber Leadership Connect group was hosted by SLPS last week. Laurie Draeger and Jen Gwinnup presented the Chalkboard Project to the group and it was very well received.
- Enhancement millage update provided and prospective timeline included.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – February 19, 2018 – Jeffers Elementary – 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune motioned, supported by Dennis Devlin, to move to a closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to return to open session at 8:44 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary