

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2018

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2018, at Jeffers Elementary, Collaboration Room. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: Dennis Devlin

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Shelley Peets, Principal of Jeffers Elementary, introduced teachers Garth Trask and Alex Talmadge who presented the Seesaw app to the Board which they began using at Jeffers as a pilot program last year. Teachers use it to push content to students, communicate with parents and for formal and informal assessments of students. Students use it to document what they are learning in school by using photos, videos, text or drawings and parents can comment through the app on their own student's content. The app also has a blog feature and allows students to connect with other students in schools all over the world, similar to a having a "pen pal". About 85% of the staff at Jeffers is currently using it daily or weekly. This app has replaced Schoology for some teachers. This app travels with the students as they progress through their years at SLPS, and they will be able to look back on their previous work.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2018 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

Kathy Breen moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to add an item to the Agenda for discussion of the Parkland, Florida school shooting. The item is added under Discussion/Information Items "7B".

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Student A read a prepared statement to the Board regarding a recent incident leading to disciplinary action and athletic suspension and asked the administration and Board to reconsider their position.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

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Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #220104 through #220263 totaling \$339,431.
- Student Activities - #104280 through #104353 totaling \$80,574.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,336,934.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *Summer Tax Collection Fee* – Spring Lake Township’s rate of \$2.90 and Crockery Township’s rate of \$3.05 remain unchanged from the 2017 rates.
- *Spring Coaching Assignments*
- *Board Committee Assignments*
- *Resignation/Retirement* – Adrian Breting, Special Education Director, has provided an official letter of retirement effective July 1, 2018. Adrian has been with the District for 40 years, 29 years as a direct employee and 11 years through the OAISD. It was noted he will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the addition of two High School elective classes for the 2018-19 school year: *Gone Boarding*, an applied arts elective offering, and *Computer Science and Coding*, an applied arts/computer science elective, as presented.

Scott Ely provided that Aaron Andres will be teaching *Gone Boarding* and Lauren Thompson will be teaching *Computer Science and Coding*.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND PROJECT RECOMMENDATIONS

Liz Boeve presented the next slate of bond projects for approval with a little over \$900,000 of bond dollars remaining for construction. Liz noted the Bond Committee met and provided approval for the presentation of these projects. Liz provided background on each of the projects and why they are necessary:

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		Effective Date 02.06.18
Planned Expenditure		Cost
HS/MS - Auditorium Inspection Allowance		\$ 3,500
HS - Conference Room Chairs		\$ 3,920
District - Exterior Black Garbage Cans		\$ 5,000
Athletics - Gem Car		\$ 5,000
MS - Small Gym Backboard Replacements		\$ 6,300
Transportation - Paint Exterior Bus Garage		\$ 7,000
Athletics - HS Basketball Backstop Control System		\$ 7,500
Athletics - MS Softball & Baseball Bldg Roof Replacement		\$ 8,000
MS - Replace Bike Racks		\$ 10,500
Athletics - Extend Varsity Baseball Field 6' Fencing		\$ 12,000
MS - New Irrigation System		\$ 15,000
HS - Interior Re-key w/intruder security		\$ 25,000
Athletics - HS Gym Scoreboards		\$ 25,000
HS - HVAC Upgrades		\$ 30,000
HS - Tear Off & Reroof Shingles, Area A		\$ 40,000
District - Energy Efficient Window Replacement - Admin Offices		\$ 50,000
HS - Storage Bldg (permit/site wrk/electric/building/cement slab)		\$ 50,000
HS - Track & Field Storage Bldg (permit/site wrk/electric/building/cement slab)		\$ 55,000
MS - Auditorium Upgrades (lighting,sound,projection: electrical & equipment)		\$ 59,300
Transportation - Special Needs Bus (replace 2002)		\$ 100,000
HS - Classroom Carpet		\$ 100,800
HS - Auditorium (lighting,sound,risers, line sets,wireless communications)		\$ 118,800
Grand Total Contingency Spending		\$737,620

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Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the bond projects as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

ACCESS TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES

Dennis Furton advised that there have been an increasing number of requests from SLPS students and parents for more access to some of the District's newer athletic fields, primarily the soccer and lacrosse fields and track at the high school. They are currently under lock and key and only available for coach led or team practices. Mr. Furton inquired of the Board if they wish to allow more access or not, and if this should be taken up as a policy or athletic committee discussion. Discussion was held by the Board, and it was decided that it should be a policy discussion. Mr. Furton will discuss with administrators and other school districts for possible policy language and will then meet with the Policy Committee for further discussion.

RECENT PARKLAND FLORIDA SHOOTING INCIDENT

Kathy Breen inquired if the District has responded to or is planning to respond to the recent shooting incident in Parkland, FL. Dennis Furton advised that the District has not written a letter to parents but he has personally responded to any questions or concerns addressed directly to him and the principals have done the same. He further advised that this topic is an agenda item for the administrators' meeting set for Tuesday along with suicide risk assessment. Further, there is protocol in place at all schools and staff are up to date on active shooter training, lockdowns and fire drill procedures. Questions arose as to whether there is a safe space for students to speak out or ask for help. It was noted that at the middle and high school level information is provided and signs posted for "Okay to Say" which allows students to speak up confidentially to report potential harm or criminal activity directed at students or school employees. Students are also provided with an additional phone number for calls or texts of anonymous information or to ask for help.

Mike Gilchrist provided that the high school has a group of students who meet monthly to discuss 10 topics important to them and provide solutions for change or improvement. Each student represents a different peer group within the high school. This allows students to speak out and express their ideas on the subjects they bring to the table and provide student-driven solutions. It was further noted that the staff work really hard to make each student feel connected.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

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- WMTT update was provided to the Board. Mr. Furton noted that there is legislation in the works for changing how schools are rated and movement to replace the current system with an A to F letter grading system.
- OASBA Meeting – The flyer was provided to the Board for the March 27 meeting to be held at Jenison Public Schools. The guest speaker will be Pam Allyn who will present on early literacy. Dennis encouraged all to attend. Please RSVP to Kim by March 9.
- The Governor’s proposed budget was provided.
- Schedule:
 - February 20 – Interview with WXMI Fox 17 regarding Blue Ribbon nomination.
 - February 21 – Meeting with Village and County officials to discuss the addition of ‘no parking’ signs on Hammond St.
 - February 22 – OAITC Meeting
 - February 28 – Special education Funding Committee Meeting
 - March 2 – Panel participant for West Michigan Health Check

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – March 19, 2018 – Holmes Elementary – 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary