

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

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 19, 2018, at Holmes Elementary, Collaboration Room. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Dennis Devlin, Curt Theune, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Sandra Smits, Principal of Holmes Elementary, provided an overview of the culture and climate at Holmes Elementary, which includes not only strong academics but looking after the whole child as well, and is evidenced by the following:
 - Kathy Britton, 3rd Grade Teacher, provided the building focus this year is mindfulness, which is essentially the act of bringing one's attention to the present experience. The benefits for students include improved decision-making skills and moods, longer attention span, less feeling of loneliness, and an increased ability to empathize.
 - Meryl Vink, 1st Grade Teacher, added that staff utilize visual tools and 5-finger breathing exercises to help bring students' attention and focus back, particularly after lunch/recess, so that they can jump into learning. Students are learning that they can center themselves with these tools and are able to sit and focus for longer periods of time.
 - Holmes has adopted a pet frog, aptly named Amy Gdala ([Amygdala](#)). Amy visits all of the classrooms and is a good reminder for the students that they can be in control of themselves just as frogs can sit still for long periods of time and only move when they have to.
 - Mary Borchers, Kindergarten Teacher, provided that Holmes has been building on certain themes for the last 3 years as whole school activities; "Be Nice", "Everyday Superheroes", and "Word of the Month", initiated this year.
 - Kevin Teays, 4th Grade Teacher, added that he consistently sees acts of kindness by students stemming from the themes that they have been building upon at Holmes. The teaching of these themes in the classroom has had an affect on the whole building and the lessons have been taken home and seem to follow the students wherever they go.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 19, 2018, as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #220264 through #220402 totaling \$678,837.
- Student Activities - #104354 through #104407 totaling \$39,618.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,331,549.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires* –
Debra BullardBus DriverTransportation
Jessica MerrittFood Service Asst Middle School
- *Resignations/Retirements* – Carrie Kendro, HS Math Teacher, Janelle Kuiper, PE Teacher, and Sarah Bulthuis, PE Teacher, have provided official letters of retirement effective at the end of this school year. Carrie has been with the District for 26 years, Janelle for 23 years and Sarah for 19 years. They will all be missed by staff, students and parents.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUS PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the purchase of one 2019 International 77 passenger bus for a cost not to exceed \$91,860 and one 2019 International 53 passenger bus for a cost not to exceed \$94,804, as presented.

SLPS has utilized MSBO Bus Purchasing Program to build buses to the district’s specifications and to bid out to vendors. The list of vendors and bids were provided to the Board. Approval is sought for use of bond dollars to purchase two busses from Capital City Bus Sales, as they are the only provider of International buses, meet all for the district’s requirements and are streamlined with the current fleet.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the addition of *Wild Reads* as an elective at the Middle School and 5th and 6th Grade *STEM* Encore curriculum for the 2018-19 school year, as presented.

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Scott Ely and the Curriculum Advisory Council are recommending these elective additions for the 2018-19 school year. Kathy Breen commented that she has attended the CAC meetings and is excited about these offerings as well as the previous offerings approved. It was noted that, over time, attrition plays a role in some electives being eliminated based on the lack of students signing up for those electives.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Capitol Day – Superintendent Furton will join other area superintendents in Lansing for a legislative day.
- Resignations – On behalf of the Board, the following hourly employee resignations have been accepted: Karie Weber, Food Service, Laura Gould, Transportation, Barb Jobin, Jeffers Media Center, and Linda Nass, Food Service. Barb Jobin is retiring after 25 years with the district and Linda Nass is retiring after 17 years with the district.
- National Walkout Day –a significant number of students at the high school and middle school participated in a peaceful manner. Administrative discussions have started regarding the next targeted walkout date of April 20, which is the anniversary of the tragedy at Columbine. Some national organizers are calling for a protest type approach to the date. Mr. Furton will keep the Board informed about what to expect in the district as students share more about their plans for April 20.
- April PD – the schedule for the April 10 PD day was provided to the board. It was noted that a viewing of Screenagers will be held in the afternoon as well as at 7 p.m. to allow the community to attend. Mr. Furton welcomed the board to join for any part of the day on April 10.
- Property transfer – will be on the agenda at the April meeting regarding a split lot between Spring Lake (80%) and Fruitport (20%). Fruitport has agreed to transfer their portion to Spring Lake.
- Schedule:
 - March 20 – Capitol Day
 - March 21 – Release of 2017 YAS survey results
 - March 23 – Mark Howe
 - March 27 – WMHIP Board Meeting & OASBA Meeting
 - March 31 ~ April 5 – Spring Break
 - April 10 – PD and Screenagers Viewing
 - April 28 – Shindig for the Arts

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – April 16, 2018 – SL Middle School, 7:00 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary