

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING JUNE 18, 2018

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 18, 2018, at the IS/MS Media Center. President Jeff Lauinger called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: Curt Theune and Rob Davidson

2018-19 SLPS GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Scott Powers, Chief Financial Officer, advised that a public budget and truth in taxation hearing was required before the Board can adopt next year's budget or tax levy. He then presented the following:

2017-18 Budget

- In review of the 17-18 budget, it was noted that it was rather stable with a slight increase in pupil membership and increased state funding for special education
- The increases noted above allowed for a reduction in the amount of fund balance used from the predicted \$294,900 to just \$54,600. This leaves a fund balance just shy of 9%. This may improve slightly after the 17-18 financial audit in August

2018-19 Budget

The revenue assumptions take the following into consideration:

- 2,490 blended enrollment, which is slightly less than last year due to a large 2017-18 senior class
- \$240 per pupil allowance expected
- Continued increase in state funding for special education

The expenditure assumptions take the following into consideration:

- With ongoing SLEA negotiations, compensation targets were used for wages
- Continuation of hard cap for health insurance costs
- Required retirement contributions per legislative budget recommendation
- Administrative and certified staff retirements and replacement

The proposed budget for 2018-19 is very stable and close to 2017-18 numbers at \$26,120,700. It is anticipated there will be a use of fund balance reserves in the amount of \$43,300 which would leave the fund balance at roughly 8.5%.

Debt Fund 2018 Proposed Tax Levy

In order to meet the principal and interest obligations on voter-approved bonds, the District will levy 7.00 mills on homestead properties for the upcoming year.

18.0 mills will be levied on all industrial, commercial and non-primary resident exempt properties.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

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ADJOURNMENT

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to adjourn the Budget Hearing.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 18, 2018, at Spring Lake IS/MS Media Center. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: Curt Theune

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 21, 2018, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

Appointment of acting Board Secretary for this meeting in lieu of Curt Theune – Jeff Lauinger appointed Jennifer Nicles as acting Board Secretary for this meeting.

Under Consent Agenda A1 – Dana Umlor’s name will be removed as a new hire. She is unable to accept the parapro position at this time.

2A under Consent Agenda will be added for the acceptance of resignation of Marc Millard, HS Biology teacher.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Christine Burns, SL Village Manager – read a personal communication to the Board relating to the oak tree in front of the Middle School.

Mark Powers, 1988 graduate of SLPS, and current President of SL Village Council – addressed the Board on 3 items: Removal of oak tree in front of the MS building and planting further trees; provided his personal opinion on planting trees; and requested the Board to provide something in writing to the SL Village Council regarding the repair of the curb upon removal of the oak tree.

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Darcy Dye, 114 N. Fruitport Road – provided her position as a tree preservation advocate and indicated the need for the oak tree to be removed.

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. – #220635 through #220819 totaling \$485,027.
- Student Activities - #104631 through #104750 totaling \$115,426.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,347,963

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the 2017-18 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Kathy Breen moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires* –
Todd Mitchell Math High School
Michael Rotman..... SXI..... Special Education
Abbey Marlette..... ASD Preschool..... Special Education
Charis Larson..... Physical Education..... IS/MS
Alec Lininger..... Physical Education..... Jeffers Elementary
Alex Smith Physical Education MS/HS
- *Resignation* – Marc Millard, HS Biology Teacher, provided his official letter of resignation today effective August, 2018. Marc has been with the District for 2 years.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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2018-19 BUDGET

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the General Appropriation Resolution for Fiscal Year 2018-19 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2018-19 TAX LEVY

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the 2018-19 Tax Levy as presented. This includes 7.0 mills levied against all properties for debt retirement, and 18.0 mills levied against commercial and non-principal resident properties.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE

Kathy Breen moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Regional Enhancement Millage Resolution, as presented.

Dennis Furton indicated this would be for .9 mills levied for 10 years throughout Ottawa ISD. It is anticipated that, if approved by voters, the District would receive roughly \$600,000 annually. He further indicated this would replace the need for a sinking fund millage.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION FOR PROPERTY TRANSFER

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Resolution for Property Transfer with Fruitport Community Schools for Lot 182 within the Hathaway Lakes Subdivision as presented.

Dennis Furton provided background on the Hathaway Lakes property and Fruitport Community Schools and why this resolution is now being requested.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SCIENCE CURRICULUM REALIGNMENT

Kathy Breen moved, supported by Jen Nicles, to approve the realignment of the science curriculum to meet the new Michigan K-12 Science Standards for the 2018-19 school year as presented.

Scott Ely advised the Board of the process the Curriculum Advisory Council went through to revise and realign SLPS science standards, highlighted some of the notable changes and indicated there are no fundamental or controversial adjustments to the standards.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

OAK TREE

Dennis Furton provided a handout to the Board regarding the items for discussion and indicated that no action will be taken on these items at this meeting. The items for discussion are:

- District's position on hosting or participating in a joint community engagement meeting
- District's position on leaving a portion of the oak tree in place and carving it
- District's position on tree removal and repair of any and all site damage being the full responsibility of SL Village

Discussion was had and Jeff Lauinger summarized as follow:

- The District should participate in the community engagement meeting to state concerns but not as a co-host of the event with the Village
- The District should look to the planting of new trees in the District where possible
- The District should state in writing to the SL Village Council regarding their responsibility of removing the tree and full repair of the site after removal

Dennis Furton will communicate to Christine Burns the discussion results and will draft a letter to the Village Council and copy all Board members.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – None
- Central Office will be located in the "Barton Malow" portable behind the bus garage through July 20, pending completion of office renovations.
- Resignations – On behalf of the Board, the following hourly employee resignation has been accepted: Tracy Johnson, AI Preschool paraprofessional. She will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents!
- Bridget Fogel has accepted the position as Intermediate School administrative assistant in place of Lisa Sabo. Bridget has been with the District as a parapro since September, 2015.
- Certified staff positions are nearly filled for 2018-19.
- Schools of Choice – 86 new applications were accepted, which does not include siblings of students currently attending. The drawing for slots will occur this week with acceptances being mailed by week's end.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – July 16, 2018 – IS/MS Media Center, 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

Rob Davidson motioned, supported by Dennis Devlin, to move to a closed session at 7:34 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Dennis Devlin motioned, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to return to open session at 8:20 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Jennifer Nicles moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary