

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2018

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

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2018, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None. However, The Superintendent's Evaluation under Discussion/Information Items will be moved to Item 11 – Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Vink, 616 Winter Street, provided his background as a current SLPS teacher and SLEA President, and read a prepared statement relating his concerns regarding rumors of discussions between SLPS and Michigan Virtual Charter Academy on the formation of a partnership. Mr. Vink asked the Board to consider his position and report back to the public and staff before moving forward with any decision.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Check Listings
 - Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #221318 through #221495 totaling \$490,789.
 - Student Activities - #104965 through #105056 totaling \$72,383.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,380,468.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- *Winter Coaching Assignments*
- *Summer Tax Resolution* – The Summer Tax Resolution allows SLPS to impose a summer property tax levy to collect 100% of all school district property taxes, including debt services.

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- *New Hire*
Melisa Hoxsie Bus Driver.....Transportation
- *Resignation* - Robert Rebone, HS Social Studies teacher, has provided his official letter of resignation. He will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents.

Vote: Yes - Unanimous

FITNESS AND AQUATIC CENTER FLOOR RE-SURFACING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Fitness and Aquatic Center Floor Re-Surfacing project as presented.

Jason Epplett, Fitness and Aquatic Center Director, is recommending the re-surfacing of flooring for the FAC from Dynamic Sports for a not to exceed cost of \$126,271. This will be paid out of the FAC fund balance. It was noted by Mr. Epplett that this was part of the 5 year capital plan, Dynamic Flooring was lowest bidder and had great feedback from previous customers. Mr. Epplett will be meeting with the athletic department and others that could be affected by the re-surfacing to find the least disruptive timeline for all for this project. All rubber or carpeted floors that have not been re-surfaced since the initial construction, with the exception of the HS gym balcony, will be affected.

Liz Boeve provided that the HS gym balcony was intentionally not included with this bid, but was bid separate because it does not fall 100% in the jurisdiction of the FAC but is shared with the high school. That bid came in at \$32,000 on the low end and that cost could be split between the FAC fund balance and District bond funds if recommended in the future by the Bond Committee.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK STORAGE FACILITY

Kathy Breen moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the High School Track Storage Facility bid as presented.

Liz Boeve is recommending the HS track storage building construction project be awarded to Tailored Building/Hersch Electric for a building cost not to exceed \$58,975, and architectural, site prep, concrete and contingency costs not to exceed \$32,298, for a total project cost not to exceed \$91,273. This building is designed for housing track equipment and other items the athletic department deems appropriate.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SABBATICAL LEAVE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the Sabbatical Leave request of David Theune as presented.

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David Theune, HS English teacher, is requesting a sabbatical leave from January 3 through June 7, 2019. He was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to work in the Netherlands and expand The Share Chair Podcast. He presented information on his podcast project and how it started 5 years ago. The Fulbright scholarship will allow him to take his idea to the Netherlands, collect stories from students, parents, teachers and administrators, and allow him to teach the district he is visiting how to produce something similar. He will further be a guest writer for the GH Tribune for the year contributing an article once a month on this experience. The community can subscribe to his podcasts through iTunes, SoundCloud or Facebook. He has had nearly 23,000 listens since the inception of this project. Mr. Theune further indicated that Spring Lake students provide the stories as well as produce the podcasts. In closing, he provided a list of goals he has for the project, indicated he would report back on his experience in the Netherlands to the Board when he returns and gave thanks to SL Public Schools, SL Schools Foundation, SL Rotary, colleagues, friends and family.

Vote: Yes – Breen, Nicles, Lauinger, Devlin Abstained – Theune

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Regional Enhancement Millage – Mr. Furton provided the Board with the precinct vote results for the three millage proposals on the November ballot. He noted the funds from the Regional Enhancement Millage are expected to be received in October, 2019 as funds will be collected in the summer of 2019, and will be budgeted as part of the normal budgeting process for the 2019/2020 school year but will be tracked separately within the budget. The anticipated amount is \$225 per student. The funds are expected to be utilized in following areas, and the ongoing strategic planning will provide specific direction once it is complete:
 - Student mental health
 - Class sizes
 - Infrastructure/facilities
 - Program offerings
 - K-12 to world or work

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – None
- National Blue Ribbon Schools Celebration – A first-class celebration for Holmes and Jeffers staff will be scheduled once funding has been secured.
- New Board Members – Mr. Furton will be meeting with Katie Pigott and Bruce Callen next week.
- Bond Committee – Met prior to the Board meeting and it was noted there is an additional \$278,000 to allocate in bond funds due to interest earnings, bid pack 4 finishing under budget, and open POs from previous years now closed. The committee will have items to bring to the Board for discussion and approval next month with a hope to maintain some balance over the next few years to help with repairs that may pop up unexpectedly.

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- Policy Committee – Will meet next week, then again in December/January to catch up on a slate of new policy for Board approval.
- Board Organizational Meeting – Will be held in January with officers being elected and committee assignments being made.
- Schedule:
 - November 21 & 23 – Vacation
 - November 28 – Policy Committee Meeting
 - November 28 – New Board Member Meeting

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – December 17, 2018 – IS/MS Media Center, 7:00 p.m. – Spotlight on the Intermediate School

EXECUTIVE SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

Curt Theune motioned, supported by Dennis Devlin, to move to a closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune motioned, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to return to open session at 8:13 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary