

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 18, 2019

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 18, 2019 at the Jeffers Elementary in the Collaboration Room. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Kathy Breen, Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen and Katie Pigott. Absent: Dennis Devlin

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Shelley Peets, Principal of Jeffers Elementary, welcomed the Board and provided information on the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project hosted by Columbia University.
- Mary Cotterall, elementary Reading Specialist, provided a look at the internationally renowned program and why she believes it so important that each of the district's K-4 teachers have a chance to study under this Lucy Calkins program. Workshop attendance has been made possible by grant funds from the GHACF, SL Schools Foundation and support of the district administrators. It was noted that the current grant funds will be exhausted after this year's group of educators attend the workshop.
- Jeffers Elementary teachers Julie Kitchel, Kim Burke, Julie Marcus and Alex Talmadge provided feedback on their personal experience attending this workshop and how it has transformed their teaching of reading to both struggler and high flyer readers.
- Mr. Furton commended Mary Cotterall and the whole team and noted it is remarkable how far ahead SLPS is of other districts with this training.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

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Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #221762 through #221916 totaling \$642,930.
- Student Activities –#105210 through #105270 totaling \$133,447.

Payroll – totaling \$1,285,273.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Jennifer Nicles moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve and adopt the 2018-19 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment.

Scott Powers provided an overview of the proposed budget amendment highlighting the differences from the original projections of the June 2018 Board approved budget and provided explanations as to why the differences. It is currently projected that the district may need to utilize \$144,000 of the fund balance reserves. However, Mr. Powers noted that by audit time next fall that number could decrease.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, support by Bruce Callen, 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 since 2015. It was noted that the district is fully reimbursed for these costs by the OAISD under the Act 18 millage.
- *Spring Coaching Assignments*

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

MASB REGION 3 ELECTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to suspend the standard rules to allow discussion of the three MASB board candidates.

Following discussion, Jen Nicles moved, supported by Curt Theune, to authorize a vote for candidate John Siemion for the open MASB Region 3 board seat. Superintendent Furton's office will confirm the vote online on behalf of the Board.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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FAC POOL EMERGENCY BOILER REPAIR

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the emergency boiler repair for the FAC pool for a not to exceed cost of \$145,000 plus a 12% contingency fee as presented.

Liz Boeve provided the details on the emergency need to repair the current competition pool boiler and explained the 3 repair options. It was noted that replacement of all 5 boilers was part of the future capital outlay plan. The recommendation is to install heat exchangers and re-route piping that serve the competition and family pools and connect to the facility boilers, thus eliminating the need for the two pool boilers. This recommendation ultimately supports the long-term capital plan and would eliminate the replacement of two of the five boilers in the future. It was also noted that the full cost for this emergency repair will come from the Fitness and Aquatic Center fund balance.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

SNOW DAYS

Mr. Furton provided that the district currently has 11 days of weather-related school cancellations, which is five days over the state-allowed six “forgiven” days. He noted that the state does allow for application to the State Superintendent of a waiver for up to three additional days. Of the 125 districts that have applied for waiver thus far, 75 waivers have been granted. Mr. Furton recommends making up five of the 11 missed days as he believes it is the right decision for a variety of reasons and that every day of student instruction should count for something. He asked the Board for feedback and direction. The Board concurred that the five days should be added to the end of the school year, beginning June 10. Mr. Furton will notify parents this week and make available to all an updated school calendar.

It was also noted that Mr. Furton will apply for a waiver of three additional days in case the need arises for more school closing days the balance of this school year. If additional cancellation days occur, this discussion will be brought back to the Board.

OASBA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The winter OASBA general membership meeting is scheduled for March 12 at Jenison Public Schools and the agenda was provided to the Board members. Please RSVP to Dennis Furton or Kim Conroy if planning to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Holleman, 18082 Hammond Bay Drive, expressed her concern for the teachers in having to add back missed days to the school calendar. She encouraged the Board to look creatively at the numbers and keep an open mind as to the type and quality of education received if five days are added to the school calendar in June and if they will really make a difference.

Superintendent Furton reiterated that if one day matters they are no less valuable at the end of the school year.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- MASA Legislative update was provided to the Board. Governor Whitmer’s budget is expected by March 5.
- Resignations have been accepted with regrets from two bus drivers, Tim Williams and Sheila Burt.
- Regional ASD Classrooms – as the resident and regional ASD population continues to grow, the district is planning to add a grades 2-4 classroom at Jeffers next fall. The district currently houses both preschool and K-1 classrooms at Jeffers. These classroom are funded through Act 18 millage.
- Schedule
 - February 26 – March 1: WMHIP Board Retreat

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – March 18, 2019 – Holmes Elementary – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary