

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 18, 2019

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

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Sandra Smits, Principal of Holmes Elementary, welcomed the Board and provided history on the SXI classroom and how it came to be at Holmes. Ms. Smits introduced Mike Rotman, the SXI classroom teacher.
- Mr. Rotman introduced his staff and noted the services they provide for the students: general instruction support; speech therapy, nursing, social work, occupational therapy, and physical therapy. Mr. Rotman provided the program overview and the skills that are worked on each day for the five students in the program, which includes up to 80 minutes of inclusion with the general education students.
- Mr. Rotman introduced Jen Burt, mother to one of the students, and she expressed her appreciation for the program being at Holmes, the level of inclusion that it provides and what it means to have her daughter be a Laker like her dad was and siblings are.
- Mr. Rotman invited the Board members to visit the classroom.
- Curt Theune thanked Mr. Rotman and his team and noted how impressed he is to see the level of inclusion and indicated it is priceless.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune noted that there is a correction to the Agenda in that the Minutes being approved are the February 18, 2019 Minutes, not January 14, 2019.

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2019 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

### **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA**

Resignation/retirement of Debi Mertz Hulverson added under Action Item 6(B).

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

N/A

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #221917 through #212064 totaling \$300,508.
- Student Activities –#105271 through #105293 totaling \$10,825.

Payroll – totaling \$1,274,326.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ACTION ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- *New Hires*

Emma Tober .....Aide ..... Community Child Care

Priscilla Schultz.....Food Service..... High School

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT**

Jennifer Nicles moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to accept and approve the resignation of Brian Sabo, High School guidance counselor, and Debi Mertz Hulverson, High School math teacher, with regrets. Mr. Sabo has been with the district for 21 years and will retire at the end of the 18-19 school year. Ms. Mertz Hulverson, will retire at the end of the 18-19 school year after 26 years of service in the district. Both will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents. Curt Theune wished them all the best in their futures.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**CURRICULUM**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the recommended Social Studies and Computer Science Discovery elective curriculum changes for the 2019-20 school year for grades 7-12, as presented.

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Scott Ely provided the background of the curriculum mapping and how curriculum changes/additions are determined.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUS PURCHASE – BOND FUNDS

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the purchase of one 2020 International Integrated CE S bus, 77 passenger, for a cost not to exceed \$92,684, as presented.

SLPS has utilized MSBO Bus Purchasing Program to build buses to the district's specifications and to bid out to vendors. Approval is sought for the purchase of one bus from Midwest Transit Equipment, as they are the only provider of International buses, meet all for the district's requirements and are streamlined with the current fleet.

Liz Boeve provided that this is the last bus that will be purchased with bond funds. This would be the 13<sup>th</sup> bus purchased with bond funds.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- MASA Legislative update was provided to the Board.
- Resignations have been accepted with regrets from Cheryl Merz, food service worker, who will retire from the district after 25 years of service, Teri Rowles, Community Child Care aide with 2 years of service and Jessica Johnson, food service worker, with 3 years of service.
- Personnel – The following positions are posted:
  - Kindergarten
  - HS Guidance
  - HS Economics
  - HS/ALT ED Math

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- Liaison Officer – The history on funding for the current liaison officer position was provided. Mr. Furton has been approached by SL Township about reverting back to the previous cost sharing model which saw SLPS, SL Township and the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Department each paying 1/3 of the cost. It is expected that the district will pick up the additional 11% of the cost beginning next fiscal year.
- Band – All four bands, 7-12<sup>th</sup> grades and approximately 250 students, had a very successful District Band Festival, receiving straight Division 1 ratings! Congratulations to them.
- Legislative Day – The agenda was provided to the Board for review. Mr. Furton will be attending the entire day.
- Schedule
  - March 19 – Legislative Day
  - March 26 – NHS Induction

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Regular Board Meeting – April 15, 2019 – SL Middle School – 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Board Secretary