

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 15, 2019

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2019 in the SL 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, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen and Katie Pigott. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Aaron West, Principal of SL Middle School, welcomed the Board and introduced Mr. Kipling, middle school technology teacher, and three middle school students to present on the recently implemented robotics curriculum.
- Mr. Kipling provided that with help from GHACF and SLSF grant awards, they have been able to acquire 29 robots, which allows each student in the class the ability to work with their own robot.
- The three students in attendance demonstrated how to program the robots to make them move, how the sensors worked and some of the fun challenges they had during the class.
- Mr. West provided that the Curriculum Advisory Council along with Scott Ely have worked to put together a computer science discovery class elective for next school year that will expose even more students to this kind of contemporary curriculum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2019 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Kleppe, 306 Visser Street, Spring Lake, expressed her concern for student safety over the lack of lighting behind the high school building (east side) near the band door and student pick up/parking area.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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- Accounts Payable – Check listings for Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Activity Account, etc. – #222065 through #222231 totaling \$424,356.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,337,698.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Curt Theune, supported by Kathy Breen, to accept and approve the resignation of Adrian Breting, Director of Special Education, with regrets. Adrian has been with the district for 42 years, with the last 30 as the Special Education Director. He will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE – HP CHROMEBOOKS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the purchase of 370 HP Chromebooks from SEHI and Google ChromeOS management licenses for a total project cost not to exceed \$73,881.60, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE – APPLE IPADS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the purchase of 480 Apple iPads, Jamf Pro iOS management licenses from Apple and Brenthaven Edge cases from Staples for a total project cost not to exceed \$158,696.64, as presented

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

APPROVAL OF PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the appointment of Jennifer Burt as the SLPS representative to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee for the OAISD as presented.

VOTE: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

COMPETITIVE SCHOOL SAFETY GRANT PROGRAM

Liz Boeve provided the background on the Competitive School Safety Grant that SLPS was recently awarded in the amount of \$220,000. By reviewing the current crisis plan and taking a long-term strategic look at setting a district standard for public school safety, with the help of the Ottawa County Sheriff's Department Emergency Management Team and Officer Christensen, SLPS met the qualifications for the grant. All five buildings will see safety improvements with the installation of bollards (type of barrier), safety film for glass entryways and vestibules and card access equipment on doors that currently do not have them. It was noted that lighting was not an option under this grant application. The projects will be completed by June, 2020.

Curt Theune inquired about the lighting previously approved by the Bond Committee, specifically if it was for lighting on the east side of the high school. Ms. Boeve provided that the approval was for lighting affixed to the high school building, not for parking lot or pole lighting.

Mr. Furton and Board members thanked Ms. Boeve and staff for their work on obtaining the grant funds.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- MASA Legislative update was provided to the Board. It was noted there is still debate over the snow day fix and what they are going to do, if anything.
- Special Education Director – Tami Mannes from the OAISD will step in as the interim director for the remainder of the school year. A tentative timeline for filing the vacancy will be forthcoming in the next week or two. Mr. Furton will ask one or two Board members to be involved in the hiring process.
- Review of new course offerings – Scott Ely provided information for the Board on the courses that were approved last year and implemented in 2018-19.
- OAISD school board candidate – A letter from candidate Ronald Eding was provided to the Board.
- WGHN – Mr. Furton will be interviewed by WGHN following Board meetings beginning this month to discuss the happenings in the district. The interviews will be aired on Sunday mornings.
- A Wall Street Journal article was provided to the Board highlighting local Fitness and Aquatic Center trainer, Kim Evans.

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- Graduation – Sunday, May 19, 3:00 p.m. Please notify Mr. Furton if you are not able to attend. Plan to meet at 2:30 p.m. in the meeting room off the hallway behind the high school gymnasium.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – May 20, 2019 – SL High School, Media Center– 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary