

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MAY 20, 2019

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019, at Spring Lake High School, Media Center. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Jennifer Nicles, Dennis Devlin, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen and Katie Pigott. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mike Gilchrist, Principal of SL High School, welcomed the Board and provided the following:
 - 2018-19 School Highlights.
 - The top two 2019 graduates were in attendance and were commended for their accomplishments.
 - Reported on the Gone Boarding curriculum which is in its first year. 120 students requested the course for 2018-19 and 75 students were accommodated over 3 sections. 150 students have requested the elective for the 2019-20 school year and priority of assignment goes to the seniors on down.
 - Aaron Andres, Gone Boarding instructor, thanked the SL Schools Foundation for providing the initial grant funds for the pilot, along with the GHACF's North Bank Fund. Mr. Andres provided samples of what the students worked on over the year which included longboards, fiberglass snowboards, surf boards and stand up paddleboards.
 - Board member Kathy Breen expressed how happy she was to see this come to fruition as she sat on the Curriculum Advisory Council when this elective was proposed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019 and Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 14, 2019, as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A high school student commented on the current vaping policy indicating it seems unjust, the punishment does not fit the crime, is inconsistent with tobacco policy, contradicts the mission statement and is discriminatory against certain socioeconomic statuses. The student explained a personal experience with the policy and provided some alternate solutions.

Amy Kleppe, 306 Visser St., inquired about any progress on lights being installed outside the High School band room exit.

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Superintendent Furton responded to Ms. Kleppe that the Director of Operations has looked into the cost of adding lighting on the back side of the High School building, which is over \$100,000, and indicated it has been identified as a priority and is on the list of future projects for Board consideration. There are no bond dollars left for this project, and no time commitment can be made.

Board member Curt Theune thanked the Spring Lake fine arts programs for the outstanding performances this school year, including the graduation ceremony by the choir and band. He further indicated that the spring musical, Mama Mia, was very well done. The other Board members concurred.

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, Student Activity, etc. – #222232 through #222377 totaling \$380,246.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,273,237.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- New Hires –
 - Andrew Jablonski Food Service Transport..... High School
 - Julia Wagner..... Guidance Counselor..... High School
 - Kyle Jewett Social Studies Teachers..... High School
 - Hope Kavos ASD Teacher..... Jeffers Elementary
- Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions
 - Contract extension through 2021-22 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
 - Contract extension through 2020-21 for the following administrators:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Scott Ely, Director of Curriculum
Mike Gilchrist, High School Principal
Aaron West, Middle School Principal
Ben Lewakowski, Intermediate School Principal
Sandra Smits, Holmes Elementary Principal
Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal
Jon Fitzpatrick, Asst. High School Principal
- Fall and Winter Coaching Assignments
- MHSAA Membership Resolution

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Curt Theune inquired about the OK conference realignment and Mr. Furton indicated that a new realignment proposal was just released and provided highlights on why the last proposal voted on did not pass. Mr. Furton will keep the Board posted on how the new proposal fairs.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE THE 2019-20 BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Resolution to Schedule the 2019-20 Budget Hearing as follows: Monday, June 17, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the IS/MS Media Center, prior to the regular June Board meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

APPROVAL OF HUNTINGTON BANK PURCHASE CARD PROGRAM

Kathy Breen moved, seconded by Curt Theune, to approve the Huntington Bank purchase card program, including naming Huntington Bank as an authorized depository, and directing the Superintendent and/or Chief Financial Officer to act on behalf of the District to accomplish such, as presented.

The District has participated in the MSBO Purchasing Card Consortium for the past several years through Chase Bank. Rebates in the range of \$15,000 - \$16,000 were received this year by utilizing that program. The current program is undergoing changes that are not overly beneficial to the District, administration has reviewed alternative programs and is recommending the Huntington Bank program, in cooperation with the OAISD, as its provider effective July 1, 2019.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD BIENNIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to designate Jeff Lauinger as the voting representative and Kathy Breen as the alternate representative, and to direct the representative or the alternate to cast a vote on the first ballot on behalf of the SLPS Board for Tara Angus and Ron Eding.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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CONSIDER MASB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019-20

Jeff Lauinger postponed this agenda item until the June 2019 meeting as more information is needed on the value of Board membership with the MASB.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – Provided to the Board. Summary of Revenue Estimating Conference was included. The actual budget may not be available until August.
- Special Education Director – 18 applications were received with six to be interviewed on Friday with the second round scheduled for the following Wednesday. Bruce Callen and Kathy Breen will represent the Board in the process along with a diverse committee of teachers, administrators and support staff. Mr. Furton and Mr. Ely will conduct the final interviews.
- Remaining Vacancies – Final interviews for the 4th grade teaching position will be conducted Tuesday with the two finalists. The HS Math position has been reposted and now includes 24 applicants, which is significantly down from past years.
- Resignations – On behalf of the Board, the following hourly employee resignations have been accepted: Rebecca DeMull and Jennifer DeMarse. Rebecca is retiring from Food Service after six years with the District at the end of May and Jennifer is moving on to another position outside of the District after two years as a bus aide. They will be missed!
- Snow Day Waiver – The application was submitted last Wednesday and a response is expected within the next day or two.
- High School ASD Program – Currently there are at least three resident students attending Grand Haven High School that could benefit from an ASD program at SLHS which is enough for the District to consider staffing a section, with the potential for six students for 2019-20 school year. 100% of the costs would be reimbursed through Act 18 millage for the teacher, parapro and transportation. Mr. Furton would like to hear from the Board any concerns or questions regarding adding this program before finalizing the budget over the next week. It was noted that most other districts within the ISD currently offer similar programs and the student need will likely continue to grow. Jeff Lauinger inquired about classroom space at the high school and Mr. Furton indicated there was no dedicated classroom available at this time and that would need to be worked out.
- Tenure – Nine teachers have fulfilled the requirements set by the State and will reach tenure at the start of the 2019-20 school year. They are:
 - Benjamin Armye
 - Robert Henry

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Alexis Oosting
Jonathan Reinhard
Megan Robb
Karl Sineath
Susan Strobel
Kevin Teays
Meryl VanLente-Vink

- Calendar
 - May 28, 2019, Finance Committee Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – June 17, 2019 – IS/MS Media Center, 7:00 pm, with Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary