

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 16, 2019

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 16, 2019, at Spring Lake IS/MS Media Center. Jeff Lauinger, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Jennifer Nicles, Kathy Breen, Dennis Devlin, Katie Piggott and Bruce Callen. Absent: None.

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Ben Lewakowski, Principal of the Intermediate School, welcomed the Board and provided an update regarding the 2019-20 school year which included:
  - \$40,000 raised by annual walkathon parent club fundraiser;
  - Parent club additions to the playground;
  - Participation in the West Michigan Employment Skills Network;
  - Mindful Schools program implementation in January;
  - 20<sup>th</sup> year of existence for the Intermediate School

Mr. Lewakowski thanked the Board for their continued support and introduced Katie Bator, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, who provided a presentation along with her students on how they are working with the students in Mr. Rotman's SXI classroom at Holmes Elementary. The students shared their experience of visiting the classroom and going to the aquatic center with the SXI students and what they have gained from fostering relationships with the students: respect, patience, acceptance, listening skills, inclusion, overcoming nerves and leadership.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2019, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **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. – #223544 through #223728 totaling \$629,413

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- Payroll - totaling \$2,510,067

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ACTION ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires* –  
Chad Bush .....Mechanic ..... Transportation  
Elizabeth Dyer .....Transportation Coordinator ..... Transportation  
Kysa Meigs .....Instructional Parapro ..... Jeffers Elementary  
Andrea Nienhouse .....Instructional Parapro ..... Jeffers Elementary  
Tracy Start-Core .....Instructional Parapro ..... Alternative Education
- Summer Tax Collection Fee – Spring Lake Township’s rate of \$2.90 and Crockery Township’s rate of \$3.05 remain unchanged since 2015.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM**

- Safety Grant Project Update – Bollards and Security/Safety Window Film. Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, provided the following update:
  - Deadline for both projects to be completed is June 30, 2020.
  - Safety film will be applied to all school entry and vestibule doors over the holiday break with a 30 day cure time before the film can then be sealed. Schematic drawings were reviewed showing the exact locations.
  - During the bid process, contractors provided a per square foot cost for the window film which will allow additional film application to other pertinent windows around the district using funds provided by the safety grant.
  - Schematic drawings were reviewed for bollards and benches that will be put in place around designated areas of Holmes, Jeffers, Intermediate/Middle and High School buildings. These bollards and benches will protect and deter vehicle entry in the designated areas.

Katie Piggott inquired if the safety film will deteriorate over time. Liz advised that she will look into that and report back.

- District Office Holiday Hours –
  - District Office will be closed December 24, 25, 27, 31 and January 1 and 3
  - Office hours for December 23, 26, 30 and January 2 will be 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
  - Regular office hours will resume on Monday, January 6, 2020.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – none.
- Personnel – Resignations accepted from Liz Porter, Holmes parapro, and Cal Vork, bus driver. Both will be missed by students, staff and parents.
- Kindergarten parapro – two have been hired, one for Jeffers and one for Holmes, to aide staff and learners in classrooms with 23 - 24 students. It is anticipated these positions will be just for the balance of this school year.
- Board organization – January meeting. A budget amendment is anticipated at that meeting as well.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Organizational Board Meeting – January 13, 2020 – IS/MS Media Center, 7:00 pm. **Please note this is the second Monday in January in light of Martin Luther King day as the third Monday.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION**

Curt Theune motioned, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to move to a close session at 7:40 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune motioned, supported by Jennifer Nicles, to return to open session at 9:17 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ADJOURNMENT**

Curt Thune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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