

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 17, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 17, 2020 at Jeffers Elementary in the Collaboration Studio. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Kathy Breen, Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Katie Pigott, Dennis Devlin and Jeff Lauinger. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal, welcomed the Board and gave a brief recap of what's new at Jeffers for the 2019-20 school year. She introduced Carrie Andrews, art teacher, and Betsy Kipling, STEM teacher, who presented the following information on STEAM:
 - STEAM is an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math to guide student inquiry, dialogue and critical thinking. Examples of how students use STEAM at each grade level were given:
 - Kindergarten* – Research an animal and showcase what they learned about the animal and its habitat.
 - 1st Grade* – Collaborate to create and perform a puppet show.
 - 2nd Grade* – Design and participate in a community improvement project that helps or informs others.
 - 3rd Grade* – Ensure the health and safety of wild animals when taken out of their natural habitat.
 - 4th Grade* – Design and market a product to sell for profit.

Ms. Andrews and Ms. Kipling expressed their appreciation for the Jeffers staff, Ms. Peets and Mr. Furton, along with the following organizations, for their continued support of STEAM: WhizBang Training, Integricoat, John Ball Zoo, GVSU, WMU, SL Township, Jeffers Parent Organization and SL Schools Foundation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 13, 2020 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Jeff Lauinger moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – #223869 through #224096 totaling \$602,337.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,762,675.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

• *New Hires*

Alicia Frees	Bus Aide Parapro	Transportation
Cheyenne Perysian.....	Bus Aide Parapro.....	Transportation
Michelle Williams.....	Bus Driver	Transportation
Molly Secrest.....	Bus Driver	Transportation
Laura Ball	Food Service.....	Middle School
Cristine Tiggelman.....	Child Care Aide.....	Community Child Care

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of new instructional computers for K-8 teachers for a cost not to exceed \$96,286.50, as presented.

Rex Thelen and Brent Gustafson are recommending the purchase of new instructional computers for K-8 teachers including 32 Lenovo ThinkPads, 55 Dell Latitudes, 13 ASUS Flips and 70 Apple iPads7s for a cost not to exceed \$96,286.50. Mr. Thelen provided that the replacement of all teachers’ assigned devices before the end of this fiscal year is consistent with the 2017-2026 10-year Technology Obsolescence and Replacement Plan, these device costs were under what was originally budgeted and that staff were allowed to choose which device would best meet their needs.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Special Revenue Fund Budget Resolution, as presented.

This resolution will allow the creation of a special revenue fund to transfer the funds held by SLPS and identified as student activity accounts and allow for the disposition of said funds according to GASB 84.

Scott Powers provided that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) made a change for all schools across the nation on how student activity funds should be held. This change needs to be implemented before the end of this fiscal year otherwise the district will run the risk of a negative audit opinion and further inquiry by the state. Booster and parent organizations are encouraged to create their own Board of Directors and Bylaws and move the money out of the district before the end of the fiscal year. This will allow them maximum flexibility on how they use their funds. Principals and administrators have been notified of this impending change and the district with aid all groups affected as necessary during this transition period.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DEVELOPMENTAL KINDERGARTEN

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve two classrooms of full-day Developmental Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

Two classrooms of full-day Developmental Kindergarten for the 2020-21 school year was discussed at the January 13, 2020 Board meeting, one classroom at each building. Mr. Furton recapped how discussions initially began, indicating it started with a focus on 2 things: 1) retentions at the Kindergarten level; and 2) an increase in the social emotional issues that teachers and administrators are now seeing - it is not an age factor, but a readiness factor. Other factors considered were space and other programs the district is housing such as the Great Start Readiness Program, SXI, AI preschool and Learning Tree preschool. Mr. Furton further noted that it is understood that a Young 5's program would be very popular with parents for many reasons; however, a Young 5's program is not designed the same way as a Developmental Kindergarten program and the district can only provide what it can afford to provide.

After approval by the Board, the next steps would be to create screening standards and develop an appropriate curriculum.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

5TH – 8TH GRADE SXI PROGRAM

Amy Kendall, Special Education Director, provided that SLPS has been asked by the OAISD to consider opening a middle school SXI center-based program. Ms. Kendall provided the factors that led to the consideration of an extension to Spring Lake's SXI program and noted that the programming is 100% funded by the OAISD so there is no cost to the district. A recommendation to open a 5th – 8th grade SXI center-based program at the Middle School complex for the start of the 2020-21 school year will be brought as an action item at the March Board meeting.

OASBA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 10, 2020, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Muskegon Community College's Ottawa Center in Grand Haven, Rooms 102 & 103, RSVP to Dennis or Kim by February 24. Topic – Credential and lifelong learning for students.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amy Kelly, 307 N. Park St., SL – inquired when parents will be notified of the Developmental Kindergarten program.

Mr. Furton indicated current parents will be emailed within the next few weeks and a notice will be posted on the district's website. He also expects the Grand Haven Tribune to provide information as well.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update provided to the Board.
- Resignations have been accepted with regrets from Rachel McMaster, ASD Paraprofessional, and Libby Sinn, CCC Aide. Cheryl Poel, who has been with the district for 27 years in the Food Service department and has served various roles within the department, has retired. She will be missed by all.
- The preliminary winter count is 2,483, which is a decrease of nine from the fall count.
- As noted to the Board via email last week, finding substitutes has been a challenge in the district. To aid in that regard, the per class period rate for teachers who cover another's class during their prep time has increased, the daily rate for other subs will be increased in an effort to attract quality substitutes and the district is considering hiring permanent subs or on-call subs beginning in the third trimester. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

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- Another opportunity for bond refunding is being considered which could save the taxpayers roughly \$700,000. Expect this on the agenda in March or April.
- Schedule
 - February 25-28 – WMHIP Board Retreat (Austin, TX)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – March 16, 2020 – Holmes Elementary – 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Thune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:58p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary