

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 16, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020 at the Holmes Elementary in the Collaboration Studio. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Kathy Breen, Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Dennis Devlin, Katie Pigott and Jeff Lauinger.

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Holmes Elementary Report – None, will be rescheduled

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2020 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – #224097 through #224255 totaling \$434,241.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,813,849.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Spring Coaches- Superintendent Furton announced that SLPS has a full roster.

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- Retirement – Mary (Roni) Marron - HS Science teacher, has provide her official letter of resignation effective at the end of the 19-20 school year. Roni has been with the district for 23 years and will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents. Her resignation is accepted with regrets.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

5TH – 8TH GRADE SXI PROGRAM

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the addition of a 5th – 8th- grade SXI program at the Middle School for the start of the 2020-21 school year, as presented.

Superintendent Furton provided that two Spring Lake students will advance into this program, and it is anticipated a few new students from Allendale will join. Designs for a classroom are in place, thanks to the assistance of Mike Rotman. The request for bids was issued last Friday for the project.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUS PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the purchase of two (2) 2021 International Integrated - 77 passenger buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, for a cost not to exceed \$193,828, as presented.

Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, and Marian Karell, Transportation Director, recommend the purchase of two (2) new buses to replace bus 31 (2006) and bus 29 (2007). SLPS utilizes 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 two buses from Midwest Transit Equipment, as they are the only provider of International buses, meet all of the district's requirements and are streamlined with the current fleet.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

IS/MS TENNIS COURTS – REPAIR AND SURFACING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the repair and surfacing of seven (7) tennis courts at the Intermediate/Middle School complex by Racquet Sports for a cost not to exceed \$54,750 as presented.

Existing conditions of the Intermediate/Middle School tennis courts are substandard and unsatisfactory, requiring extensive repairs and surfacing in order to be safe and fully

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functioning. Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, recommends repairs and surfacing be awarded to Racquet Sport. Superintendent Furton presented the history of repairs and lack of structural work on these courts over the previous decade, concluding that resurface alone is not sufficient. These repairs will allow these surfaces to be playable again, and is estimated to be a 5-7 year fix. In response to a Board member's inquiry, these repairs are backed by a 2 year warranty.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

PROPOSED BOND REFUNDING RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of SLPS 2020 Refunding Bonds as presented.

This resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds to refund the district's anticipated April balance in the State's School Loan Revolving Fund Program. With a favorable interest rate climate for bonds, it is estimated that this action will save taxpayers approximately \$700,000 over the next 11 years on a present value basis. If approved, the bond sale is expected to occur in May, following final qualification from the State's Department of Treasury.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM – K-4 SCIENCE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the purchase of Mystery Science K-4 elementary science resource for a total purchase price of \$21,301 as presented.

Scott Ely, Curriculum Director, and the Curriculum Advisory Council, recommend the purchase of Mystery Science as the primary K-4 elementary science resource which includes a six-year digital license for all teachers at both Holmes and Jeffers, as well as a complete classroom supply pack for each classroom. All 3 curriculum purchases are resource adoptions.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM – 5th GRADE MATH

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of McGraw Hill My Math 2018 as the primary 5th grade math resource for a purchase price of \$20,367, and an add-on product called Redbird for a purchase price of \$5,225, for cost not to exceed \$25,592 as presented.

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Scott Ely, Curriculum Director, and the Curriculum Advisory Council, recommend the purchase of both McGraw Hill My Math 2018 and Redbird add-on as the primary 5th grade math resource which includes a 6-year digital license for My Math and a 3-year license for Redbird for all 5th grade teachers. Redbird is an advancement program as well as an intervention program.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM – 6th GRADE MATH

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life as the primary 6th grade math resource, for a cost not to exceed \$23,369, as presented.

Scott Ely, Curriculum Director, and the Curriculum Advisory Council, recommend the purchase of Big Ideas Math: Modeling Real Life as the primary 6th grade math resource which includes a 6-year digital license and classroom materials for all 6th grade teachers and students.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

COVID-19

With Executive Order 2020-5 issued March 13 which prohibits assemblages of over 250 people and closes all K-12 schools beginning March 13 and extending through April 5, the following information was provided:

- All athletic programs are suspended, including practices, games and scrimmages
- All school sponsored activities are suspended
- Hourly employees will be paid for regular scheduled hours
- Salaried employee will receive continuous pay
- Food service will provide 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches each week for any student with meal pick up dates March 17, March 23 and March 30 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon
- The SLAFAC has started deep cleaning, posted online workout videos and will be evaluating membership refunds; all cancelled events/parties or special service fees will be refunded
- Community Child Care staff is on standby and the space has been given priority status for deep cleaning
- Maintenance staff work day schedule has been reduced to 4 hours/day with the focus on spring grounds work and HVAC filter/belt maintenance
- Custodial services have been enhanced to provide daily cleaning of all facilities with total wipe down of all flat surfaces, touch points, toys, etc.

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- Electrostatic disinfection process will be enacted in all facilities and buses prior to students returning

Mr. Furton will be monitoring the many unknowns such as: will the closure be extended, how does spring break fit into the situation, how will the State treat these days, what impact will the closure have on the school calendar, will flexibility for assessments be allowed, and he will report on any updates received at the April Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update - None
- Personnel: Last week forced a slight delay in some of the personnel work that we have happening within the district. The hope is to move ahead with these processes in the coming weeks, even if that requires use of a platform that supports online meetings.
Current and expected vacancies:
 - Two Developmental Kindergarten - posted internally and we have 2 applicants (which will open 2 other positions)
 - Literacy Coach – posted internally with two applicants
 - 1st Grade Holmes (Rymal) – TBD
 - 1st Grade Jeffers – increase in sections
 - Two school Social Workers – TBD
 - HS Science – Internal posting approximately March 23
 - HS English/Psych – Internal posting approximately March 23
- Budget and Negotiations: Both of these will be focus areas during the time of school closure.
- Schedule
 - COVID-19 has cleared my schedule. Will update Central Office hours.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – April 20, 2020, IS/MS Media Center – spotlight on SL Middle School – 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune moved, support by Jeff Lauinger, to move to a closed session at 7:53 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to return to open session at 8:19 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary