

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MAY 18, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2020 via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 849 9068 6264, as permitted by Executive Order 2020-75 and due to the COVID-19 emergency. 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. Absent: None

Remote meeting protocol was given by Superintendent Furton and the public comment process was explained.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 20, 2020, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – #224367 through #224425 totaling \$234,501.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,726,201.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Retirements –
Lori Gomez, Jeffers Special Education teacher, and Shelly Ellingboe, Middle School English teacher, have provided their official letters of retirement effective at the end of the 19-20 school year. Lori has been with the district for 30 years, and Shelly for

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26 years, they will both be greatly missed by staff, students and parents. Their resignations are accepted with regrets and best wishes to both.

- New Hires –
Madison NogarSocial Worker Jeffers Elementary
- Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions -
 - Contract extension through 2022-23 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
 - Contract extensions through 2021-22 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
Amy Kendall, Director of Special Education

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE 2020-21 BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Resolution to Schedule the 2020-21 Budget Hearing as follows: Monday, June 15, 2020, at 6:30 p.m., via electronic video conferencing prior to the regular June Board meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the recommended purchase of HP Chromebooks and Google Chrome OS licenses for a cost not to exceed \$81,970.90, as presented.

Rex Thelen and Brent Gustafson are recommending the purchase of new HP Chromebooks for the 5th and 9th grade student 1:1 program for a cost not to exceed \$81,970.90. The items and cost per unit are as follows:

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Item	Unit Cost	# Required	Extended Cost	Vendor
HP Chromebook 11 G8 EE	\$167.13	430	\$71,865.90	SEHI
Google ChromeOS MGMT License EDU	\$23.50	430	\$10,105.00	SEHI

The replacement of 1:1 devices for students in grades 5 & 9 is consistent with the 2017-2026 10-year Technology Obsolescence and Replacement Plan.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

SCHOOL CLOSURE UPDATE

Dennis Furton provided a PowerPoint with information from the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC) held recently in Lansing regarding potential budget revisions. Information provided indicates the School Aid Fund (SAF) is down \$1.25 billion from where it stood in January. Net SAF revenue is estimated to decrease 6.5% from 2018-19.

Next year’s forecasted school aid revenue is expected to decrease. One possible bright spot – economists at the university level are projecting a quicker rebound than what has been anticipated by most state legislatures so these figures could be adjusted upward.

Circumstances we are now facing:

- Schools are facing steep cuts because of COVID and shelter in place orders.
- The economy will not be fully open until schools are safely open. This will take additional resources.
- We need immediate action from our federal and state elected officials to put forward additional funds for schools.
- There is misalignment between state and school district fiscal years (June 30 vs Sept 30).
- Executive Order 2020-65 required payment to all district employees to continue to receive state funding.
- Any proration for this fiscal year will result in districts pulling directly from their fund balances.
- K-12 schools are considered a 5th phase (containing phase) of the state’s re-opening plan with the Governor indicating we are currently in phase 3 (flattening phase).
- CARES Act v. ARRA Funds – less than 1% dedicated to K-12 schools. This was significantly less than a previous stimulus package in 2008 (ARRA). We need renewed and enhanced investment from federal government.

Planning for the future:

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- If we are to follow continued social distancing guidelines – it will significantly increase costs for the district and the following will be considerations:
 - Smaller class sizes
 - Transportation costs
 - Technology
 - PPE, contact tracing, testing and other supplies
 - Special education compensatory services
 - Remedial education

Ask for legislators:

- Push for Congressional action on additional funding for state governments – letters of support and resolutions.
- Request Congress provide flexibility in already allocated funds for COVID-19. Michigan was allocated \$3.1 billion that cannot be used to backfill the budget.
- Remove Community Colleges and Universities from the School Aid Fund (\$764 million).
- Utilize Budget Stabilization Funds (\$1.2 billion) to offset costs.
- Redirect any unnecessary spending either in the General Fund or School Aid Fund to protect operational line items.
- Provide certainty in pupil count by allowing districts to use prior year or current year count – whichever is greater.
- Reexamine MPSERS payment schedule to lower annual costs.
- Suspend 5% fund balance/fiscal distress laws.

In closing, Mr. Furton indicated SLPS is not meant to be a school system based on cyber learning and that the district needs to do everything possible to safely bring the staff and students back to school in the fall.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update – CREC discussion provided above.
- Personnel – Gerald Wright submitted his letter of retirement as a regular bus driver. He was first hired in 2002. He will be greatly missed by all.
- New Hire Updates –
 - Jeffers Kindergarten – final interviews tomorrow
 - Holmes 1st Grade – final interviews tomorrow
 - School Social Worker (2) – filled

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- MS English – final interviews Thursday
- IS/MS SXI – filled from within
- HS Science – filled
- Meal Distributions – 665 students served 9,310 meals. It was noted that SLPS has served the 6th highest number of meals within the county.
- Schools Choice – application timeframe has been pushed backed pending more guidance from the Governor regarding safely and legally holding kindergarten screening.
- Dance Team – has petitioned administration to become a varsity sport and part of the Athletic Department. Their application was denied with guidance to increase the number of competitions in which they participate, create by-laws (as a parent-funded organization) and to build a youth program to bolster sustainability. It is anticipated that they will reapply next year.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting – June 15, 2020, IS/MS Media Center – Budget Hearing, 6:30 p.m.; Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION – NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune moved, support by Jeff Lauinger, to move to a closed session at 7:42 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to return to open session at 8:10 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jen Nicles, Kathy Breen, Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Katie Pigott, Jeff Lauinger, Dennis Devlin

No: None

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:11 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary