

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING, JUNE 15, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 15, 2020, via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 826 5626 6788, as permitted by Executive Order 2020-75 and due to the COVID-19 emergency. Jennifer Nicles called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Dennis Devlin, Katie Pigott and Jeff Lauinger. Absent: Kathy Breen

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

2020-21 SLPS GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Scott Powers, Chief Financial Officer, advised that a public budget and truth in taxation hearing was required before the Board can adopt next year's budget or tax levy. He then presented the following:

2019-20 Budget

In review of the 19-20 budget, the following was noted:

- Improved bottom line primarily due to reduced spending as a result of COVID shutdown which will help offset expected funding cuts for coming school year
- Anticipate entire potential per-pupil funding reduction in the 2020-21 budget
- Current budget of \$29,067,100 has a proposed amendment of \$28,980,300
- Expected excess revenues of \$567,300
- Expected fund balance percentage of 10.35%

2020-21 Budget

The revenue assumptions take the following into consideration:

- Blended enrollment of 2475, which is 18 less than 2019-20
- Foundation allowance decrease of \$685 per pupil
- Special education funding – county funding based on current funding formula
- CARES Act funding estimated at \$90,000 (federal government relief)
- Enhancement millage funding estimated at \$615,000 – year 2 of 10
- Indirect costs subsidies as follows: Food Service, \$45,000 / FAC, \$50,000

Due to the pandemic, both the School Aid Funds (SAF) and the state's General Fund (GF) are projecting significant revenue shortfalls. Based on current information, state lawmakers and economists are predicting that the funding crisis will likely last through the 2021-22 school year. Additional assistance from the federal government has been discussed in Washington, but no formal bill has been introduced to the legislature as of this time.

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The expenditure assumptions take the following into consideration:

- Salary/wage freeze for administrative and non-union staff
- Negotiations are ongoing with teachers
- Continuation of hard cap for employees health insurance costs
- Required retirement contributions per legislative budget recommendation
- Impact of teacher retirements and replacements
- Portion of year 2 enhancement millage funding earmarked for capital needs

The proposed budget for 2020-21 is \$28,308,500. It is anticipated there will be a use of fund balance reserves in the amount of \$937,400, which would leave the fund balance at roughly 7.0%.

Debt Fund 2020 Proposed Tax Levy

Voters approved an 18-mill levy for operations in November 2018. They also approved a 1-mill Headlee override millage to ensure that the entire 18 mills could be levied on all industrial, commercial and non-primary resident exempt properties.

In order to meet the principal and interest obligations on voter-approved bonds, the District will levy 7.00 mills on homestead properties for the upcoming year. Mr. Powers noted that this levy is recalculated every year and 7.00 mills is the lowest allowed by the School Bond Loan Fund. Anticipated payoff is within next 13 years, which is way ahead of schedule.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 15, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020 via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 826 5626 6788, as permitted by Executive Order 2020-75 and due to the COVID-19 emergency. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m., immediately following the Budget Hearing. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, , Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Dennis Devlin, Katie Pigott and Jeff Lauinger. Absent: Kathy Breen

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2020, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Theune, 15151 Cross Creek Dr, Spring Lake – parent and district teacher, presented information on the Spring Lake District Library millage renewal as the chair person for the “Vote Yes” committee. He provided details on the critical need for the services of the district library for the students of Spring Lake and asked for the support of the district in spreading the word to vote yes and further indicated that yard signs are available if anyone is interested.

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. – #224426 through #224582 totaling \$197,495.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,670,181.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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BUDGET AMENDMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the 2019-20 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- New Hires –
 - Adam ReedScience Teacher High School
 - Nicholas ZacekEnglish Teacher Middle School
 - Gabriella Perez PalaSocial WorkerHolmes Elementary
 - Jenna Visniski.....1st Grade TeacherHolmes Elementary
 - Amanda Lauher-Smith.....Special Ed TeacherHolmes Elementary
 - Melanie Kohley.....Kindergarten Teacher Jeffers Elementary
- MHSAA Membership Resolution

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2020-21 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2020-21 as presented.

Jeff Lauinger advised Board members to keep in mind that there are still so many unknowns with the state financial situation as to what per pupil funding will be and to expect a bumpy road ahead with lots of changes.

Dennis Furton advised the Board to anticipate more adjustments/amendments to the budget than would be typical in a fiscal year.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2020-21 TAX LEVY

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the 2020-21 Tax Levy, as presented. This includes 7.0 mills levied against all properties for debt retirement, and 18.0 mills levied against commercial and non-principal resident properties.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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RATIFYING RESOLUTION FOR 2020 REFUNDING BONDS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Ratifying Resolution for the 2020 Refunding Bonds, as presented.

This resolution ratifies the Bond Purchase Agreement and the issuance of the 2020 Refunding Bonds approved by the Board on March 16, 2020. Dennis Furton provided that with this refunding the tax payers will see significant savings, roughly \$1.7 million, which is very good news! He commended Scott Powers on a job well done with this refunding.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SHARED SERVICE COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH BRIGHTON AREA SCHOOL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Shared Service Cooperative Agreement with Brighton Area Schools as presented.

SLPS has been approached by Brighton Area School (BAS) to enter into a cooperative agreement whereby BAS will provide non-core courses (art, gym, music, etc.) to private and/or parochial schools located within Kent and Ottawa Counties. Mr. Furton explained the reasoning for the agreement and advised that the district would not be employing, supervising or evaluating any of the teachers, or incurring any other costs, by entering into this agreement. Further, the district would receive 10% of the net profit made by BAS, which would be paid out in June of each year.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OUR KIDS, OUR FUTURE BOARD RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Our Kids, Our Future Board Resolution as presented.

Districts throughout Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa Counties are partnering in an advocacy campaign aimed at drawing attention to the need for additional federal funding in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. This resolution calls on the US Congress to appropriate funds to states and local school districts as the CARES act provided less than 1% of funds be appropriated to schools. Mr. Furton provided that this is a grass roots effort to engage state leaders throughout the ISD.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update – None
- Tenure – The following ten teachers are eligible for tenure:
 - Carrie Andrews
 - Katie DeVries
 - Rachel Immink
 - Brandon Suchecki
 - Alex Talmadge
 - Michael Rotman
 - Todd Mitchell
 - Alec Lininger
 - Charis Larson
 - Heather Gannon
- Resignation – Chad Bush, bus mechanic, has submitted his resignation. Chad was with the district for five months and vacancy has been posted.
- Schools of Choice – Opened June 5 and runs through June 26. Numbers and process shared.
- Racial equity issues – Mr. Furton advised the Board that he would be crafting a statement about the district's stance on issues of racial equity.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – July 20, 2020, 7:00 p.m., tentatively set for IS/MS Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:25p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary