

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING JULY 20, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2020, via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 819 8053 3112, as permitted by Executive Order 2020-129 and due to the COVID-19 emergency. Jennifer Nicles called the hearing to order at 7:04 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Dennis Devlin, Kathy Breen, 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 Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting of June 15, 2020, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

Resignation of Abbey Marlette added under Item 6(A)(2).

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rob Davidson, 15524 Oak Ridge Dr., Spring Lake – urged the Board as they plan for school reopening to adopt the highly recommended standards from the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap and review the American pediatric guidelines. He further advised that a good communication strategy should be put in place when someone does test positive for COVID on how staff, parents and students will be notified and what the protocol for all will be thereafter.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Check Listings

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – #224583 through #224678 totaling \$387,983.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,368,243.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

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- *New Hire* –
Matthew VanOpynen MechanicTransportation
- *Retirement/Resignations* – Cara Guzman, 6th grade teacher, has submitted her letter of retirement. Cara has been with the district for 27 years. Jessica Laug, MS Math teacher, has submitted her resignation. Jessica has been with the district for 2 years in a teaching capacity. Abbey Marlette has submitted her resignation. Abbey has been with the district for 2 years. Their resignations are accepted with regrets and best wishes to all.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SCHOOL FUNDS RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Official Depository for School Funds Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ANNUAL LOAN/REPAYMENT ACTIVITY APPLICATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 ELECTION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the November 3, 2020 Election Resolution as presented.

Mr. Furton noted that there will be two 6-year board member terms on November ballot and a 2-year renewal of the non-principal residence operating millage of 18.0 mills with a .225 cushion, which is the renewal of the current cushion in place.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISTRICT PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the scheduled PD dates of August 19, 2020, October 9, 2020 and January 22, 2021 as student instructional time for the 2020-21 school year as presented. Mr. Furton provided that the district still exceeds the state minimum of student instructional hours with this approval.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

RETURN TO SCHOOL ROADMAP

Mr. Furton provided that the return to school roadmap planning is changing almost daily as the committee works through the details. He further thanked the staff members for giving up their time for the several meetings required and commended them on a great job working through the information.

The timeline for the rollout of the plan is as follows:

- Plan in draft format no later than end of next week to be shared with staff and Board
- Webinar scheduled thereafter for staff to ask questions and provide feedback
- Special Board Meeting on August 3 with a work session to review elements of the plan and provide staff feedback to the Board
- Special Board Meeting on August 10 for the Board to approve the plan
- Submit plan to the OAISD by August 15, which is the required due date
- OAISD transmits plan to the State and plan is posted on the SLPS website by August 17

Mr. Furton noted that there has been a tremendous response to the parent survey recently sent out asking parents if they plan to send their students back this fall if the state remains in Phase 4: 77% said yes, 21% were undecided and just 2% said no. A second survey will be sent after parents have been given the opportunity to review the plan.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curt Theune, Board member, congratulated the Class of 2020 and Mike Gilchrist for a wonderful graduation ceremony this past Saturday. He commented it was very honoring and deservedly so for the Class of 2020.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – None
- Personnel – 4 resignations have been accepted: Nicole Hansen, At Risk Parapro, Hana Lubbers, Playground & Instructional Parapro, Kaylie Stearns, Occupational Therapist, Cheyenne Perysian, and Bus Aide. Four teaching positions remain open and are expected to be filled shortly – MS/HS PE, SXI for IS/MS, 6th Grade, and MS Math.
- GHACF – thank you! SLPS has received a \$67,000 grant from the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation for the specific purpose of funding elementary social worker positions, which is a tremendous boost to the district's budget.
- Graduation – Echo of Curt's comments above and special thanks to Laurie Draeger, Jerry Rabideau, Brent Gustafson, and all others involved in the graduation ceremony preparation. Remarkable job.
- In follow up on Rob Davidson's comments above – Any deviation from the strong recommendations contained in the MI Safe Schools Return to School Roadmap will be spelled out specifically on what SLPS is doing and provide a rationale for the variance. The Ottawa County Dept. of Public Health has advised they will provide a flowchart of what happens when

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there is a positive test case within the school community. This flowchart will be incorporated into the SLPS plan or into the communication piece the district shares with parents and staff.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – August 17, 2020, tentatively set for IS/MS Media Center, 7:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune moved, support by Jeff Lauinger, to move to a closed session at 7:30 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to return to open session at 8:02 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary