

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 19, 2020

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020 in person at the IS/MS Media Center and via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 882 5679 3974, as permitted by Open Meetings Act amendments. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Dennis Devlin, Kathy Breen, Katie Pigott, Jeff Lauinger and Bruce Callen (attending remotely).

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 21, 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 Kathy Breen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Check Listings

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – wires, EFTs and checks totaling \$418,564.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,654,112.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

REPORTS

2019-20 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Nicholas Kossaras, lead auditor with Maner Costerisan, presented the audit report of the financial statements for SLSP to the Board via Zoom.

Mr. Kossaras provided that while the audit was conducted 100% remotely this year, the job was as easy as it could have been, and Scott Powers and Brad VanDeVusse were very well prepared and have a deep understanding of the operations and finances. Further, no issues or findings were present, and Maner

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Costerisan is able to provide an unmodified opinion, which is the highest level of assurance that the financial statements accurately reflect what happened in the district.

A summary of the audit included notes on the adoption of GASB 84, the influence of an increase to the net pension liability on the net position, the general fund balance at 9.5% of revenues, and a negative variance of just 1.0% of budgeted revenues due to state revenue shortfalls established in August of 2020.

Mr. Kossaras also reviewed upcoming changes with GASB 87 slated for June of 2022 and that a single audit of the Child Nutrition program was conducted with no findings noted. Recommendations are noted in a separate management letter geared to the food service management company.

There were no questions from the Board members, and Mr. Furton summed it up indicating once again the district is in good financial health, and Maner Costerisan continues to provide the district with good feedback.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires* –
Nicole WindbergDispatcher Maintenance/Transportation

Vote – Yes – Unanimous

EXTENDED CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that the district has moved from a block schedule to a traditional schedule for grades 7-12 and for the optional assignment of lockers for students in grades 1-12.

The 2-way communication with teaching staff tracking requirement was provided to the Board with an explanation on how the percentage is computed and the reporting requirements. The COVID dashboard was also shared and discussed.

Mr. Furton further noted that approximately half of the high school virtual learners are returning to in-person learning at the start of 2nd trimester. The number of students at the middle school is unconfirmed at this time but will be reported to the Board when known.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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PURCHASE OF COMMERCIAL FRONT MOWER WITH ATTACHMENTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the purchase of one John Deere 1500 Terrain Cut Commercial Front Mower with recommended snow blowing and salt spreading attachments for a cost not to exceed \$30,308.00, through GreenMark Equipment, Inc., as presented.

Liz Boeve provided this is a direct replacement piece of equipment for one that has lasted 25 years but would now cost the district \$17,000 to repair.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Millage Facts – provided to Board with details on the upcoming non-homestead millage proposal. This will also be shared with parents and posted on the district's webpage.
- COVID – staff continue to do a wonderful job managing the current situation.
- October 9 Staff PD – Scott Ely provided that the core concept of October 9 PD was virtual learning, mostly in the guise of homework and fine tuning teacher tools to more closely resemble in-person instruction.
- HVAC Filter Follow Up – engineers have indicated that what the district has in terms of HVAC filters is very, very good. There are high-grade HEPA filters that could be purchased for a cost around \$100,000 per building, which are limited in availability, cost prohibitive and not a consideration at this time. Engineers have further advised that the best and safest mode is to maintain the factory settings for the systems.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune moved, support by Kathy Breen, to move to closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to return to open session at 8:14 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 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary