

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 11, 2021

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021, via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 831 6251 9473, as permitted by Open Meetings Act amendments.

Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen, Katie Pigott, Paul Aldridge and Christopher Beck. Absent: None

- Board Appreciation Month, i.e. "Pie Month". Dennis Furton expressed his deep appreciation for the dedication to the district and time spent by all the Board members.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Katie Pigott moved, supported by Curt Theune, to suspend the rules and present a slate of officers.

Vote: Yes - Unanimous

Katie Piggott nominated the following officers:

Jennifer Nicles – President
Kathy Breen – Vice President
Curt Theune – Secretary
Bruce Callen – Treasurer

Katie Pigott moved, supported by Curt Theune, to return to regular order for the vote.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Identify the District's legal status and District's official name – The School District Legal Reference Note reflects the Board member terms.
- Check Signature Authorization – The accounts are unchanged from July 2020.
- Establish 2021 Meeting Dates – Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the SLIS/SLMS Media Center, 345 Hammond St. unless noted, with the exception of the meeting in December scheduled for the second Monday of the month due to Christmas break. Discussion was held regarding the January 2022 meeting date due to MLK day falling on the third Monday of January. It was determined that it be tentatively set for January 17, 2022 and was noted that it may be changed after the 2021-2022 school calendar is established.

February 15, 2021	June 21, 2021	October 18, 2021
March 15, 2021	July 19, 2021	November 15, 2021
April 19, 2021	August 16, 2021	December 13, 2021*
May 17, 2021	September 20, 2021	January 17, 2022**

*Second Monday **Tentative Date

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Vote: Yes – Unanimous

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Jennifer Nicles indicated she is in the process of confirming the committee assignments with the Board members and should have those in place by the end of the week. It was noted that the Bond Committee is no longer necessary and the Curriculum Advisory Council will have one Board member assigned.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dennis Furton provided the remote meeting protocol for public comment.

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. totaling \$443,031.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,006,395.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve and adopt the 2020-21 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment as presented.

Dennis Furton shared the Budget Amendment Summary and Scott Powers, CFO, provided details on the revenue and expenditure assumptions. He noted it is a much more favorable picture than was

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anticipated in June due to the state not cutting the per pupil foundation allowance as originally expected and the receipt of federal funding for COVID-related expenses.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

EXTENDED CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

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

Dennis Furton is recommending that the district continue with the current plan with no modifications. He shared the following information with the Board:

- Per the Ottawa County Department of Public Health, there is a delay in scheduling vaccination for teachers and other school staff due to local availability of the vaccine. He is optimistic that a schedule will be available soon.
- New county COVID case information shows there has been a significant decline in numbers from November to January.
- District COVID-19 Dashboard from Friday, January 8 - it was noted there was very little change as of Monday, January 11.
- Two-way interaction rates with students as required by the state.

Katie Piggott inquired about the percentage of students currently in virtual learning. Mr. Furton advised that he would get that information to the Board via email this week.

Vote:

Yes – Kathy Breen, Curt Theune, Bruce Callen, Paul Aldridge, Christopher Beck, Jennifer Nicles

No – Katie Piggott

BUS PURCHASES

Christopher Beck moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of two (2) International CE S-77 passenger buses with undercarriages and mile extended warranties from Midwest Transit Equipment for a total purchase price not to exceed \$201,524, as presented.

Mr. Furton noted that there is a need for additional buses with undercarriage capabilities for athletics and these purchases would avoid having to send two buses to certain athletic events, saving on operational costs. Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, confirmed that these purchases would replace the two oldest buses, which range from 13-15 years in age.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Furton reported on the following:

- Jon Fitzpatrick has happily transitioned to the Principal at the Intermediate School.
- High school athletics will resume next week with girls' swimming resuming this weekend.
- Personnel hiring will occur over the next few months.

Due to technical difficulties, Kathy Breen stepped in for Jennifer Nicles to chair the remainder of the meeting.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – February 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. Location TBD

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Thune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Kathy Breen adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary