

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MAY 17, 2021

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021, in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center and via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 817 5371 2735, 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, Katie Pigott, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen, Paul Aldridge and Christopher (Chris) Beck. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dennis Furton provided the remote meeting protocol for public comment. And special meeting protocol after closed session

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2021 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

Add Security Camera Storage Purchase as Action Item F

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandy Betten, address not provided, expressed her feelings about the detrimental effects of student mask wearing and encouraged the Board to have a non-discriminatory plan for next school year for the wellbeing of all Spring Lake students. She further indicated she would follow up with the Board via email to provide background on her remarks.

Kathy Kasnowicz, Cleveland St., Nunica, expressed her concerns with student mask wearing and suicidal kids. She asked the Board to consider what the year has done to the students and to not make vaccines or masks mandatory for attendance next school year.

Kelly Kilpatrick, 15288 N. Scenic Dr., communicated her concerns with student mask wearing and student vaccinations, and further provided that the decision should be left up to the families and should not be mandated by the health department or governor. She asked the Board to stand behind her and fight for the students for next school year.

Ronny Alan [sic], 11240 Timberline, spoke about her concerns over mask and vaccine mandates for next school year. She asked the Board to advocate to the Ottawa County health department to remove masks from students without any strings attached to the vaccine.

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- *Accounts Payable – Check Listings*
 - Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. totaling \$747,135.
 - Payroll – totaling \$2,603,821.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- *New Hire –*
James T. HoganAthletic DirectorAdministration
- *Resignations/Retirements –* Lori Rhem, 1st grade teacher at Jeffers Elementary, and Sharon VanderBroek, 2nd grade teacher at Holmes Elementary, have provided their official letters of retirement effective at the end of the 20-21 school year. Lori has been with the district for 20 years, and Sharon for 32 years. Both will be greatly missed by staff, students and parents.
- *Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions*
 - Contract extension for the following administrator through 2023-24:
Dennis Futon, Superintendent
 - Contract extensions for following administrators through 2022-23:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Scott Ely, Director of Curriculum
Amy Kendall, Director of Special Education
Mike Gilchrist, High School Principal
Aaron West, Middle School Principal
Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Intermediate School Principal
Sandra Smits, Holmes Elementary Principal
Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE 2021-22 BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Resolution to Schedule the 2021-22 Budget Hearing for Monday, June 21, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. in the IS/MS Media Center as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented. The OAISD is required to share their budget annually with local districts within the ISD and give districts the opportunity to approve or deny it.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

EXTENDED CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, 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 provided the following COVID update to the Board:

- Masks are no longer required for outdoor activity
- County COVID case information as provided by Dept. of Public Health
- Current county positivity rate is 11.8% on a seven-day average
- SLPS Dashboard shared
- Two-Way Interaction Rates shared

Discussion: None

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

COVID STIPEND

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the COVID Stipend as presented.

Mr. Furton is recommending the Board approve the following one-time stipends for all district employees:

- Staff who earn \$25,000 or more annually will receive a 1%, one-time stipend
- Staff who earn between \$10,001 - \$24,999 annually will receive a \$250, one-time stipend
- Staff who earn \$10,000 or less annually will receive a \$100, one-time stipend

Jennifer Nicles commented that the Board would like the staff to know that they are appreciated for all they have done to make this school year successful.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SECURITY CAMERA STORAGE PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the security camera storage purchase proposal with ROK Systems for the Velasea storage appliance, project planning and implementation for a total project cost not to exceed \$31,816.40 as presented.

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Brent Gustafson, Technology Coordinator, is requesting replacement of the servers that store security camera footage for the 153 security cameras around the district implemented in 2015. The current servers are ending their 6th year of operation and are difficult to service. ROK Systems came in as the lowest bidder from an RFP released in late April. ROK is also the original installer and support provider for our current cameras and storage solution and have provided good service to the district. It was also noted that the pricing came in well under what was expected.

The replacement of the camera system storage solution is consistent with the 2017-2026 10-year Technology Obsolescence Plan.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

OAISD BIENNIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION

The Board discussed designating a voting delegate and alternate for the OAISD biennial election to be held on Monday, June 7, 2021, at approximately 5:45 p.m. Kathy Breen will act as the voting representative with Bruce Callen as the alternate representative. Carol Slagh is the only candidate for the 6-year term, and Robyn Afrik is the only candidate for the 4-year term. The resolution will be adopted at the Special Meeting immediately following this Regular Meeting.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING

Scott Ely presented on the Summer Enrichment program offering for 2021. It was determined that a traditional summer school to catch kids up was not needed. This summer programming will provide an enriching experience that includes the core curriculum of math, writing, reading and science and will:

- Interrupt student isolation by shrinking the summer gap
- Embed core academic content
- Make the experience fun and engaging, yet purposeful

There were 51 submissions by teachers in K-12 grades. There are 81 course sessions offered in three windows during June, July and August with 704 seats filled. Courses will run for ten school days in each window (30 total hours) and have two session options per day: 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 12:00 Noon to 3:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided for all students by SLPS food service, and transportation will be available with approximately 90 student riders anticipated.

There is a waitlist of students to pull from if a spot should open up, and not all courses listed in the catalog had enough participants sign up to be run.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curt Theune, Board member, announced that the Spring Lake Recreation Department released its summer catalog of activities for students this evening.

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SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Mr. Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update – The revenue consensus hearing scheduled for this week should provide more insight into the pupil funding allowance for 2021-22.
- Public comments – The Board never responds to public comments in real time but commenters should expect a response from either the Board or Mr. Furton before the next Board meeting. The Board can further decide to take up a topic and make an agenda item of it at a future meeting.
- Student count projection - 2,475 is the starting enrollment projection number for 2021-22, and the Schools of Choice application opened on Sunday, May 16.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting – June 21, 2021, IS/MS Media Center
Budget Hearing, 6:30 p.m.; Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (or immediately following Budget Hearing)

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION - NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to move to closed session at 7:58p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session at 8:17 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING, MAY 17, 2021

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, May 17, 2021, immediately following the Regular Meeting, in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center and via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 817 5371 2735, as permitted by Open Meetings Act amendments.

Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 8:18 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Katie Pigott, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen, Paul Aldridge and Christopher (Chris) Beck. Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEM

OAISD BIENNIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the Resolution designating Kathy Breen as representative and Bruce Callen as the alternate representative to the electoral body of the OAISD Biennial Election to be held on June 7, 2021, and directing the representative or alternate to cast a vote on behalf of the Board for Carol Slagh for the 6-year term and Robyn Afrik for the 4-year term as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Thune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary