

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 21, 2022

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, in person at the Spring Lake IS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen, Katie Pigott, Paul Aldridge and Christopher (Chris) Beck. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2022, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$456,203.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,924,536.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- New Hires –  
Cody Mallory ..... Interventionist/Head Football Coach ..... High School
- Spring Coaching Assignments

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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### TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE – WIRELESS NETWORK EQUIPMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the purchase of 72 Ruckus Wireless R650 Access Points from Vector Tech Group for a total cost not to exceed \$35,359.20, as presented.

Brent Gustafson, Technology Coordinator, recommends the purchase as the current Ruckus R500 access points were installed in 2015 and 2016 and have reached the end of their service life. This purchase will replace about 40% of the current Wi-Fi radios covering the district. An E-Rate reimbursement request has been submitted in the amount of \$14,143.68 which will result in a total effective cost of \$21,215.52. Original planning had this purchase being funded through the tech bond budget. However, the current general fund tech budget can support this purchase and will be adjusted accordingly.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### RESOLUTION TO CHANGE DECEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, change of the December Regular Board meeting date from Monday, December 12, 2022, to Monday, December 19, 2022, as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that the recently approved school calendar has Christmas break beginning later than originally expected which allows the Board to meet on its usual third Monday of the month instead of the second Monday of the month.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

#### HIGH SCHOOL SAFETY ZONE

Liz Boeve provided that the paperwork has been submitted to and permission granted from the Ottawa County Road Commission for a school safety zone along Leonard near 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. Ms. Boeve presented a visual of what the flashing speed limit beacon signs would look like and where they would be placed along Leonard Road near the high school. The maximum allowed time for the signs to be active is 30 minutes before school and 30 minutes after school, and the maximum decrease in speed is 20 MPH. The sign locations have been marked and are expected to be in place shortly after spring break.

Curt Theune asked about the final cost for the signs, and Ms. Boeve provided it was approximately \$7,000 per sign, which is less than originally expected. Mr. Theune also inquired about having a school safety zone on 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. near the high school entrance, and Ms. Boeve provided that is something that can be looked into if the Board so desires.

#### POLICY UPDATE

Policy numbers 2340, 3120, 5517, 6110, 6114, and 6325 were provided to the Board for the first reading, and Mr. Furton reviewed the proposed changes to each. The Board has the opportunity to review the changes and ask questions over the next month. These policies will be brought before the Board at the April meeting for final approval.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Shelly Slater, 15815 144<sup>th</sup> Ave., SL – stated there is a social media site that shows students sleeping in class, not at desks, but lying on the floor, some with blankets, eye masks and ear buds. She stated this was unacceptable to her and nobody benefits from it. She believes the classroom teachers should refer the students to the guidance counselors for assistance if they are having difficulties staying awake.

Jennifer Nicles inquired on which social media sites these posts were found, but Ms. Slater would not share the name of the site.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update – The House and Senate budgets are expected after spring break.
- Grade Change Form – The form is now being utilized at the high school, and a copy was provided to the Board.
- Board Member Engagement in Buildings – HS EA leadership asked if Mr. Furton could arrange for Board engagement in the buildings. He and Jen Nicles will correspond with Board members to see what kind of schedule can be worked out over the next few weeks.
- Forgiven Days – The state waiver was applied for and granted last week to have the one high school excess day over the six “Act of God” days forgiven. Mr. Furton noted that the State Superintendent has indicated he will not approve waivers next year for districts that utilize professional development as part of the 180 day requirement. SLPS currently uses 4 days of PD to meet that requirement.
- SLHS LGBTQ+ Club – celebrates ALLY week this week at the HS. A copy of the email from the club’s advisor to staff detailing ways staff can show support was provided to the Board.
- Why Have Books – A one-page explanation of the thinking and rationale that goes into book selection for the district media center was prepared by Laurie Draeger and shared with the Board.
- AP Stand on Curriculum Debates – An article was included in the packet for the Board relative to how AP curriculum is taught in high school and the importance of taking a principled rather than partisan approach in response to the political-ideological debates raging across the country.
- Schedule: Mr. Furton will be off on vacation the week of spring break and mostly unavailable, except in cases of emergency.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

- Regular Board Meeting – April 18, 2022, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

**CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARING AT REQUEST OF PARENT**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to go into closed session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board went into closed session at 7:37 p.m.

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Paul Aldridge moved, supported by Curt Theune, to return to open session at 7:48

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to expel Student A.

Roll Call Vote: Yes – Beck, Pigott, Theune, Nicles, Breen, Callen, Aldridge  
No – None

Motion approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Board Secretary