

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MAY 16, 2022

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 16, 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 April 18, 2022, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR POSTED AGENDA

Added under action item 6A(1) – New Hire, Jessica Beebe
Added as action item 6H – English Textbooks Purchase Approval

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Rebecca Koratich, 16789 Bridlepath, SL – provided that she is a 2020 graduate of SLHS and advocates for the district to purchase graduation gowns for students instead of students having to purchase their own gowns. She believes it to be a more sustainable, environmentally friendly approach and would ease the financial burden on students and families. In the alternative, she suggested a donation program be implemented so graduating students who do not want to keep their gowns could return them for use by another student.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$716,352
- Payroll – totaling \$2,677,327

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 Hires –*
Ben Army..... Principal High School (2 Year Contract)
Katie Van Singel Literacy Coach Jeffers/Holmes
Amanda Walker Social Worker IS/MS
Jessica Beebe English Teacher..... High School
- *Resignations/Retirement –*
Susan Strobel, HS English teacher, has provided her official letter of resignation with a retirement date of December 1, 2022. Susan has been with the district for 8 years. Jim Peterson, Maintenance employee, has provided his official letter of resignation with a retirement date of September 1, 2022. Jim has been with the district for 24 years. Both will be greatly missed by staff and students.
- *Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions*
 - Contract extension through 2024-2025 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
 - Contract extensions through 2023-2024 for the following administrators:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Scott Ely, Director of Curriculum
Amy Kendall, Director of Special Education
Aaron West, Middle School Principal
Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Intermediate School Principal
Sandra Smits, Holmes Elementary Principal
Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal
JT Hogan, Athletic Director

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Resolution to Schedule Budget Hearing for June 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in this IS/MS Media Center as presented.

Dennis Furton, Superintendent, provided this resolution is required to be approved by the Board before the budget hearing can be scheduled and that the Budget Hearing has historically been held at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular June meeting. The 2022-2023 proposed budget will be an action item at the June 20 regular meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented.

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Dennis Furton provided that the OAISD is required annually to share its budget with local districts within the ISD. While the local districts and OAISD operate as separate entities, the local districts are required to approve or deny the OAISD budget.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the addition of Employability Skills A and B and Advanced Computer Science and Coding to the High School elective offerings for the 2022-2023 school year as presented.

Scott Ely, Curriculum Director, provided that the Curriculum Advisory Council approved these additions at their April meeting, and he believes them to be two good additions to the HS elective offerings

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

HS SUPPORT STAFF POSITION ADDITION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the addition of a HS School Safety Coordinator support staff position as presented.

It was noted that the job description was included in the Board packet. Mr. Furton provided an overview of the duties and stated that this position has been in the discussion phase for over a year. This support staff position would also extend to the Alternative Education building as needed.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

AWARD OF FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the award of the Food Service Management Contract to Chartwells as presented.

Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, provided that as participant in the National School Lunch Program, the district is required to bid out the Food Service Management Contract every five years. The Michigan Department of Education is involved throughout the process. Ms. Boeve further shared the bid point weighted scoring system, that Chartwells had the highest bid points and that the district has been very pleased with Chartwells performance over the last five years. The agreement with Chartwells will be in effect for one year and may be renewed by mutual agreement for four one-year periods.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

COVID STIPEND

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kathy Breen, to approve the COVID stipend as presented.

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Dennis Furton provided the background for the stipend and noted it is a good opportunity to once again thank staff and show appreciation for their hard work during the last year. The payment structure is as follows:

- 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

These stipends are not retirement eligible and will not be reflected in base pay or wages for the 2022-2023 school year.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS PURCHASE APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the purchase of 100 copies of *The Language of Composition* for a cost not to exceed \$10,743.60 and 130 copies of *American Literature and Rhetoric* for a cost not to exceed \$13,174.98, from Bedford, Freeman & Worth publishers as presented.

Scott Ely provided the background for the purchase of these textbooks, which will be used for 11th grade English. He further advised that the Curriculum Advisory Council and HS English Department also reviewed and approved these textbooks.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMING

Scott Ely provided a packet to the Board of the offerings for summer enrichment and detailed the changes from the previous year's offerings. There are 39 options over all grade levels and enrollment is open through Wednesday, May 18. He noted that staff once again came up with some quality offerings that embed fun and engagement along with academics.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative update – There were a high number of bills proposed last week, two were highlighted:
 - HB 4810 and 4811 would eliminate the requirement to include the Michigan Merit Examination ("MME") score on a student's transcript and eliminate the written component of the MME.

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- HB 5190 would amend the Michigan Merit Curriculum to require every student to complete a .5 credit of personal finance and would reduce the foreign language requirement from 2.0 to 1.5 so the overall total number of credits would not increase.
- Personnel Updates –
 - HS English posting had 22 applicants and Jessica Beebe has accepted the position
 - HS Assistant Principal posting currently has 24 applicants with a deadline of May 20
 - FAC Director position has been re-posted after interviews; 14 applicants had been reviewed from the prior posting
 - 4th Grade at Jeffers has 45 applicants with final interviews scheduled for May 17
 - Melissa Richter, Reading Interventionist/Parapro at Jeffers will retire at the end of May. Melissa has worked in the district for 21 years. She will be missed by students and staff.
- Election Reminders – The SL Board of Education will have three seats up for election in November. The deadline for candidates to apply is Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting – June 20, 2022
Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m.; Regular Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
Location: IS/MS Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary