

## **SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 14, 2022**

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Special Meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022 in the SLHS Auditorium. 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.

Jennifer Nicles addressed issues from the last Board meeting regarding public comments and plans moving forward. She referred to OMA and established rules for public participation and the public comment guidelines printed on the last page of the agenda. The Board will follow the stated guidelines moving forward. She noted that due to the increase in the number of public comments, the time will be limited to 3 minutes but can be extended by a vote of the Board.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2022, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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

No additions; Removed Property Purchase under item 11, Closed Session. This will be rescheduled for a future meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Richard Brown, Spring Lake – expressed his appreciation for the Board’s service to education and their dedication to make sure Spring Lake remains a high-quality district and delivers the best education for the students of this community. He stated he was disturbed by the last meeting and provided, with his background and experience in education as a social worker, he would respond to people in opposition of the book that they should ask themselves “what are you afraid of; what is the anxiety you fear”? He stated he believes that fear generates a lot of issues in the current educational setting.

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the consent agenda as presented that include the September check listings as follows:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$677,908
- Payroll – totaling \$2,586,333

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ACTION ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- New Hire –  
Madison Ostrander .....Child Care Aide.....CCC
- Resignation – Sara West, HS history teacher, will retire at the end of the first trimester. Mr. Furton provided that Ms. West is an excellent educator and will be greatly missed. Ms. Nicles echoed Mr. Furton's sentiments and noted Ms. West will be hard to replace. Board members asked what the process for replacement will look like due to the mid-year departure, and Mr. Furton provided that Ms. West's AP US History class will be taught by Dan Start, who has experience teaching that course, and a long-term sub will most likely be hired to teach the remainder of her class load through the end of the school year. The position would then be re-posted in the spring.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE – COPY MACHINES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the purchase of eight Toshiba e-Studio 7518A copy machines from Copy Tech, Inc. for a total cost not to exceed \$53,661 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ANNUAL SUMMER TAX RESOLUTION**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Annual Summer Tax Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**SNOW PLOW BID**

Curt Theune moved , supported by Bruce Callen , to award a one-year contract with 2 one-year extension options for snow removal services to Mike Rose Landscaping and Irrigation as presented.

Liz Boeve provided that Mike Rose Landscaping was the only bidder for the snow removal services. The bid packet was sent directly to four companies, three of which indicated that they did not have the manpower to fulfill the snow removal needs of the district and would not bid. Ms. Boeve indicated that while Mike Rose Landscaping has not previously handled snow removal services for the district, they have serviced the district in other areas, and she has been pleased with their service. Ms. Boeve also indicated that this bid proposal is quoted at a per-push rate due to the decrease in overall snowfall over the last several years, and it may prove to be a more cost-effective approach.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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### NETHERLANDS STUDENT EXCHANGE TRIP APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Netherlands Student Exchange trip for 2023 as presented.

David Theune requested approval for a 10-day optional trip for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students to the Netherlands during summer break of 2023 with an estimated departure date of June 13, 2023 and an estimated return date of June 23, 2023. Mr. Theune indicated eight students would stay with host families, attend classes, work on projects and tour various cities. Further, there will be seven students from the Netherlands coming to SLPS in May of 2023 for a similar experience. They will stay with host families in the district and have their own teacher from the Netherlands guiding them on days when they are not in school.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### MS SXI SENSORY ROOM APPROVAL

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the contract with TMP for A/E services for the reconfiguring of the SLPS IS/MS girls' locker room footprint to include a SXI sensory room for a cost not to exceed \$29,120 as presented.

Amy Kendall provided that it is essential the SXI students are able to get out of the classroom to move their bodies. The last two years students have been able to utilize the sensory room space at Holmes Elementary but, due to the growing number of students in the IS/MS program, that is no longer feasible.

Liz Boeve provided the preliminary concept for the space is based upon the growing need for the large pieces of equipment this student group requires. They have outgrown the space they are currently in. As they looked at different viable options in the building, this proposal made the most sense with proximity of location, current use of the space and the opportunity to better use the footprint of the proposed space for PE/locker rooms and also for the sensory room.

Amy Kendall provided that the SXI program is funded through OAISD, and the OAISD has committed to cover the majority of the costs associated with this project.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### CLASS OF 2020 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENT CHANGE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to reduce the number of credits for graduation for the class of 2020 from Spring Lake High School and Spring Lake Alternative Education to 21 credits as presented.

Mr. Furton provided the background for this request and noted that Governor Whitmer issued an executive order granting districts latitude for students graduating in 2020 who struggled in light of the changing COVID learning environments during the third trimester could graduate with no less than 21 credits if they met certain other criteria. Board action is required to recognize the one-time reduction in credits to grant qualifying SL High School and Alternative Education students with this exception for graduation in 2020.

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Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

Policy Update – First Reading for policy numbers 6108 (new), 6460, 6700, and 9150, and Board of Education Code of Conduct. The Policy Committee met last week to review the new policy and the updates to existing policy. Below is a summary of each. Questions regarding the policy updates should be sent to Mr. Furton prior to the December 19 meeting. These policy drafts will be brought before the Board for approval at the December meeting.

- 6108 – authorizes EFT and ACH transactions, adds internal controls and puts measures in place to comply with state and federal agencies or programs.
- 6460 – adds language to existing policy regarding preferred vendors for non-district purchases. This language will grant the district, by policy, the opportunity to choose to have preferred vendors for certain things.
- 6700 – updates existing policy regarding Fair Labor Standards Act providing hourly employees who are nursing mothers with a reasonable break time and space for breastfeeding.
- 9150 – updates existing policy regarding Sex Offender Registration Act and provides clarification with regards to certain conditions the superintendent may impose on the individual's campus visit.
- Board of Education Code of Conduct – 13 item listing which, if approved in December, Board members would review and sign in January. Questions or revision suggestions should be sent to the Policy Committee members, Katie Pigott, Paul Aldridge and Kathy Breen.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jennifer Geno, Lannin Lane, SL – stated she is the parent of a 9<sup>th</sup> grader and a 10<sup>th</sup> grader and has concerns about the football stadium not being as up to par as other schools she has visited. She expressed interest in being on the Bond committee. She listed the following concerns: the location being inconvenient for band parents to get their students to and from the high school for uniforms then to and from the stadium's current location for games/competitions, the lack of a turf surface, difficulty and safety of getting in and out of the stadium, cramped stands, sewage overflowing in the bathrooms and confusion to visiting teams as to the location of the stadium. She feels the stadium should be located at the high school or at least be improved and made safer.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Furton provided the following:

- Legislative update – Lane Duck session likely to include:
  - Eliminating WorkKeys
  - Eliminating MME Writing Prompt
  - Retiree Return-to-Work (one-time expansion)
  - Substitute Teaching Flexibility
  - Election Bills (eliminating May elections and holding only in June and November)

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- Calendar/Events:
  - November 22 – Leadership Connect Presentation
  - November 23-25 – Thanksgiving Break
  - December 14 – OASBA – RSVP with Dennis/Kim

### **UPCOMING MEETING**

- Regular Board Meeting – November 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

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

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to move to closed session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board went into closed session at 7:49 p.m.

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 8:09 p.m.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **STUDENT DISCIPLINE**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to issue a long-term suspension to Student A for the remainder of the 2022-23 school year with the ability for the student to petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than June 1, 2023 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

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