

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, NOVEMBER 21, 2022

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen, Katie Pigott, Paul Aldridge and Christopher (Chris) Beck. Absent: Kathy Breen and Curt Theune

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jennifer Nicles appointed Paul Aldridge acting Secretary for this meeting due to the absence of Curt Theune.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Beck moved, supported by Katie Pigott , to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting and Closed Session of November 14, 2022, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

None

PRESENTATION/RECOMMENDATION – BOND STUDY COMMITTEE

Dennis Furton provided the basis for the presentation and invited the Board to ask questions during or after the presentation to make sure they get the information they need prior to acting on the Bond Proposal action item.

The following Bond Committee members were present: Garth Trask, Megan Braidwood, Michelle Wahlberg, Dustin Brown and Kari Hill. Brief introductions were given by each and they presented the following information to the Board:

- Committee charge
- Committee makeup/members
- Process steps including discovery, exploration and recommendation, with the focus being on improvements to the High School
- Committee meeting dates
- Discovery
 - District overview including SLPS mission/vision, points of pride, district background information and trends/opportunities
 - Bonding capacity
 - Facilities condition assessment
 - Modern learning spaces
 - Program assessment
 - Guiding principles exercise and prioritization

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- Exploration
 - Review and understanding of concepts
 - Analysis, discussion and consensus-building
 - Survey results from Epic-MRA
- Final Recommendation
 - Proposed a May 2, 2023 ballot initiative for a \$50 million bond program
 - Proposal represents a zero increase to the current bond millage rate of 7.00 mills
 - Bond program includes:
 - Updated safe & secure entry, including staff offices
 - Remodeled Media Center
 - Expanded visual arts spaces
 - Addition of 4 classrooms with outdoor learning & collaborative spaces
 - New fieldhouse
- Visual details and concepts for above were provided
- Cost summary for recommendation shared

The following Q and A was held between Board members and Bond Study Committee:

Q: Will the roof be replaced at the High School?

A: Yes, portions that need replacing will be replaced.

Q: Will the fire suppression system be upgraded at the High School?

A: Yes.

Q: Will interior door hardware be upgraded at all buildings for added security?

A: Yes.

Q: Has community outreach to non-parent voters been discussed?

A: Yes. Next steps include forming a “Yes” committee that may include some of the same committee members, students and other community members and parents.

Q: What are some of the proposed uses for the multipurpose space of the fieldhouse?

A: Visions for use included additional practice space for all athletes and band students, and temporary court space.

Q: What is the turf yardage proposed or needed for practicing, both band and sports programs?

A: 70 yards

Q: What is the percentage of HS students involved in either sports or band that would benefit from the fieldhouse space?

A: Roughly 60%

Q: Why move the current baseball field, and what would the current baseball field space be used for if it was moved to the High School?

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- A: There is a safety concern with students traveling to and from the High School to the Middle School for practice and games. There is also value in shortening the travel time for the athletic trainer to and from the athletic fields located through the district. The vision for current baseball field would be to reconfigure the space for practice fields and play areas for youth athletics as space for that is a real issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kevin Priddy, 15997 Vinecrest, SL – expressed appreciation for the Bond presentation and the time that was put into it. He congratulated the re-elected Board members, stated that 60% of votes on election day supported the Board challengers and the incumbents would have lost if the election was based on that. He commented the takeaway is those parents that showed up and voted on election day are concerned with the direction of the district and the decision making of the Board.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Chris Beck moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$764,689
- Payroll – totaling \$1,734,299

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

WINTER COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the winter coaching assignments as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND PROPOSAL

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Bond Study Committee's recommendation and to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the bond application to Treasury as presented.

The Board discussed the recommendation presented and had the opportunity to ask further questions. Mr. Beck inquired about the proposed learning spaces at the High School, including the outdoor learning space, and how they would be used. Mr. Arney indicated the space would allow for large groups to come together to for cross-circular collaboration and be used during standardized testing. Mr. Trask added that outdoor learning provides teachers with the ability to teach curriculum in different ways, including environmentally, and outdoor learning promotes social emotional wellness also.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

SUPERINTENDENT'S EVALUATION

The MASB evaluation tool was provided to the Board members with instructions to complete before the regular December Board meeting. Mr. Furton requested a closed session for the evaluation. It was noted that this is the same tool used last year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton provided the following:

- Happy Thanksgiving!

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – December 19, 2022, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY PURCHASE

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board went into closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Chris Beck moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to return to open session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 8:44 p.m.

ACTION ITEM

PROPERTY PURCHASE

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the property purchase resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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ADJOURNMENT

Chris Beck moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary