

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MAY 15, 2023

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023, 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, Bruce Callen, Paul Aldridge, Christopher Beck, Katie Pigott and Courtney Holmes. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- SL FAC – Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, and Todd Welscott, Director of the SL Fitness and Aquatic Center, provided the following with regards to the state of the FAC:
 - Membership review showing an increase in memberships over last year
 - Breakdown of membership and user makeup
 - Average entries by hour showing the ebbs and flows of membership traffic throughout the day
 - Member survey results from January of 2023
 - Opening Sundays beginning in June from approximately Noon to 4:00 p.m.
 - Reviewed the impact of COVID from 2019 to the present
 - Fiscal year comparison showing increasing revenues along with increasing expenses due to aging facility and maintenance/repairs costs
 - Comparison of membership pricing to other area fitness facilities indicating the FAC is the best deal in town
 - Rate proposal increase reviewed, still below market costs
 - Noted that rate increases have not occurred since 2015
- SL High School – Principal Ben Arney, along with HS staff members, provided an overview of the HS student support system and its multiple branches:
 - Mike Feasby, School Safety Coordinator, provided his background, reviewed a typical day, and noted the position is evolving and ever changing based on needs within the HS building. He stressed the importance of having a School Resource Officer available to handle things beyond his capabilities.
 - Anne Henke, Guidance Counselor, provided that her position centers around 3 things: student academic, career and social-emotional support. She advised there is no typical day but there are some constants to the job and highlighted those things that occur in the fall such as senior audits, balancing classes/student schedules, smart start, freshmen and senior interviews, college applications, and “I Have a Plan” week.
 - Julia Smith, Guidance Counselor, provided her daily involvement with students and the aspects of her position that happen in the winter such as scheduling for the next school year, Careerline Tech Center applications, Early College for sophomores, Naviance career exploration, Common App mid-year reports, 8th grade scheduling/parent meeting and facilitating girls/boys state with the American Legion.
 - Naomi VanSingel, Guidance Counselor, provided the spring highlights of her position that include scholarship applications, awards banquets for seniors, accommodated testing, master scheduling, dual enrollment, junior parent meeting, mental health awareness month, summer credit recovery, and GHACF scholarships.

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- Cody Mallory, Student Support Specialist, and Kristi Kortman, Social Worker, provided an overview of their work with at-risk students. They provided that the end goal is to address students' academic, social-emotional and behavioral needs and equip them with the skills, resources and support necessary to become resilient, self-sufficient and successful.
- Tony Bush, HS Asst Principal, provided an overview of student engagement and indicated that 93% of HS students are involved in some co-curricular club or team and that 95% of staff coach or lead those activities. He commented on the newly formed Dungeons and Dragons (DND) and Fashion clubs and provided a thorough list of the many clubs available for students.
- Jen Boodt, HS Special Education teacher, provided the highlights of the career readiness pilot course she is teaching which is two trimesters long and works on employability skills for students with IEPs in the 11th and 12th grades. Students are able to discover more about themselves through self-discovery assessments, learning what their skills and interests are, and are then taught employability skills based on their interests. In the final trimester, they put into practice, through paid or unpaid jobs or volunteering, what they have learned. The outcomes reported were that students gain independence, confidence and sustained employment.
- Ben Armev wrapped up the presentation with the thought process behind adding a seminar period to the HS schedule as an enrichment program, which would provide students with extra time on Tuesdays and Thursdays for mentoring, social-emotional and/or peer support. Approximately 40 minutes will be carved out of the 5 class periods (approximately 10 minutes from each period) for those 2 days for this purpose. Students from all grade levels will be randomly mixed into groups and every teacher will have a seminar group. The students will be with the same group and teacher for the entire year. Progress checks will be done throughout the year and students will be able to earn ¼ credit for the year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of April 17, 2023, and Work Session of May 5, 2023 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bob Collins, resident of Village of SL – provided his history in the community and that he is very impressed by the reports from SL High School. He further commented on his understanding of the upcoming OAISD board election and his concern over Ottawa Impact campaigning for candidates and that he would promote the incumbents for re-election.

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Richard Brown, resident of the Village of SL – commented he supports what he has heard from the SL High School presentation tonight and is very impressed with the movement towards student support.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. totaling \$804,055
- Payroll – totaling \$2,556,381

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

RESIGNATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the resignation of Bethany Ballard as of May 17, 2023 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the hiring of the following:

- Seth Anderson, HS Science Teacher
- Madison Hansen, HS English Teacher
- Ben Huitema, HS Social Studies Teacher
- Alexander Sinn, HS English Teacher
- Victoria Brow, FAC Assistant Director
- Salancia Crowley-Picard, Holmes Media Aide

Vote: Yes - Unanimous

NON-UNION STAFF CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the following superintendent and administrator contract extensions:

- Contract extension through 2025-26 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
- Contract extensions through 2024-25 for the following administrators:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Amy Kendall, Director of Special Education
Ben Armey, High School Principal

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Tony Bush, High School Asst Principal
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 the 2023-24 Budget Hearing for Monday, June 19, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the IS/MS Media Center as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

IS/MS GIRLS' LOCKER ROOM & SENSORY ROOM RENOVATION BID APPROVALS

Chris Beck moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the bid award for hazardous material abatement to Quality Environmental Services for a cost not to exceed \$27,900 and the bid award for demolition and general construction of the project to Nugent Builders for a cost not to exceed \$365,700 as presented.

Liz Boeve provided the background on the project, that the district worked with TMP Architecture for the re-design of the locker room to make space for the SXI sensory room, and that the OAISD has approved the financial aspect of the project. She further indicated an anticipated start date of July 10 with the project expected to wrap up by the end of October, 2023.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

HIGH SCHOOL CHILLER REPLACEMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the bid award for the HS chiller replacement to VanDyken Mechanical for a cost not to exceed \$211,000 as presented.

Liz Boeve provided the background on the chillers at the HS, that they have a 25-year life expectancy, chiller two is current down and that the replacement of same has been on the docket the last couple of years. She further provided the district worked with Peter Basso and Associates for the bid, the lead time once ordered is 32-48 weeks and, based on that, the replacement work would start next June.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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FITNESS & AQUATIC CENTER MEMBERSHIP FEES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve FAC rate increases as presented.

Type	MONTHLY			ANNUAL		
	Current	Proposed	Increase	Current	Proposed	Increase
Individual Adult	\$ 34	\$ 39	\$ 5	\$ 360	\$ 390	\$ 30
Couple	\$ 50	\$ 58	\$ 8	\$ 560	\$ 590	\$ 30
Student	\$ 25	\$ 29	\$ 4	\$ 260	\$ 295	\$ 35
Senior	\$ 25	\$ 29	\$ 4	\$ 260	\$ 295	\$ 35
Family	\$ 59	\$ 79	\$ 21	\$ 660	\$ 800	\$ 140

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

STAFF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION STIPEND

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the staff recognition and appreciation stipend as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that this is the 3rd consecutive year the district has been in a position to provide this “thank you” to all staff. He indicated it is a one percent (1%) stipend for those making greater than \$50,000 per year, those making less than \$50,000 will receive \$500.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Delegating the Sale of Bonds as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that this resolution authorizes the district to proceed with the pricing and sale for the first series of bonds in the amount of \$24,900,000. He indicated doing it in two series keeps the interest costs down. The secure entryway at the high school and the fieldhouse are the large projects for this first series with some smaller projects, bus purchases and technology mixed in.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SOCIAL STUDIES RESOURCES PURCHASE APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of Social Studies resources from TCI for \$3,496.50 and from McGraw Hill for \$22,236.51, for a total cost not to exceed \$25,732.91, as presented.

Mr. Ely provided that this a standard purchase for the district, that these resources are by far the best and that there were unanimously selected by the Social Studies team.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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NEEDHAM MEMORIAL GRANT AWARDS APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the 2023 Needham Memorial grant awards as presented.

Mr. Furton provided the background of the grants and that all eight grant requests are being honored with funding.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

OAISD BIENNIAL ELECTION RESOLUTION

Mr. Furton provided the background for the OAISD biennial board election to be held on June 5, 2023, at approximately 5:45 p.m., and the Board discussed designating a voting delegate and alternate. Bruce Callen and Courtney Holmes volunteered to act as delegate and alternate. The Board discussed the candidates and the procedure for adopting the resolution at the special meeting to immediately follow the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steven Dornbush, 16038 148th, SL – inquired about the HS property expansion and why there were no drawings shared with the public for the location of the fieldhouse, asked where he can find that information and expressed his appreciation for the service of the Board and for the information presented by the High School staff.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – provided to the Board.
- Bond Update –
 - First planning meeting will be May 24.
 - First up will be secure entry/admin offices at the high school and the fieldhouse with both expected to break ground in spring or early summer of 2024.
- Schools of Choice – currently open through May 31. Further updates will be forthcoming.
- Calendar/Events –
 - May 21, Graduation at 3:00 p.m., Board members to arrive at 2:30 p.m.
 - July 14, Board Work Session from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
- High School Presentation – Mr. Furton commended the HS team on the great work being done for students and helping them feel supported both academically and social-emotionally.
- FAC Presentation – Mr. Furton commended Todd Welscott on the presentation and the great job he has done getting things straightened out at the FAC.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting – June 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m., Regular meeting to following Budget Hearing
Location: IS/MS Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary