

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING, JUNE 19, 2023

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 19, 2023, in the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the hearing to order at 6:32 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Katie Pigott, Paul Aldridge and Courtney Holmes. Absent: None

2023-2024 SLPS GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Brad VanDe Vusse, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, advised that a public budget and truth in taxation hearing was required before the Board can adopt next year's budget or tax levy. No action is taken at this hearing.

Mr. VanDe Vusse presented the following:

2022-2023 Budget

Slightly unfavorable changes noted from January 2023 amendment due to:

- Staffing and other compensation adjustments
- Expanded summer school programming
- Additional state funding for specific programs (mental health and school safety primarily)

While the fund balance is growing, a significant portion of the growth is due to one-time funding sources.

Notable changes:

- Proposed amendment to the current budget: Revenues from \$34,892,000 to \$37,051,600 and expenditures from \$33,283,700 to \$35,624,700
- Expected excess revenues of approximately \$1,400,000
- Expected fund balance above \$6,600,000, which equates to a fund balance percentage of 18.58%

2023-2024 Budget

The revenue assumptions take the following into consideration:

- Blended enrollment of 2,344 which is the same as 2022-23 blended count
- Foundation allowance increase conservatively estimated at \$458 per pupil
- Increases to special education and at-risk funding from the state
- COVID-related grant funding estimated at \$1,612,000
- Enhancement millage funding estimated at \$696,000 – year 5 of 10
- State funding for school health professionals – year 3 of 3
- Indirect cost subsidies from Food Service of \$65,000

The expenditure assumptions take the following into consideration:

- Negotiated wages with employees, union and non-union
- Employer retirement contribution rate of 31.34% effective October 2023
- Health insurance state hard cap increase of 4.10%
- Impact of staff retirements/resignations and replacements

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- Portion of year 5 enhancement millage funding earmarked for capital needs
- Inflationary increases to utilities, fuel, supplies/materials and contracted services

The proposed budget for 2023-2024 provides for \$36,569,900 in revenues with assumed expenditures of \$35,213,200. The projected ending fund balance is \$7,977,244, which would leave the fund balance just over 22%.

2023-2024 Proposed Operating Tax Levy

Voters approved an 18.50-mill levy for operations in November 2022. The .50 mill in excess of the 18-mill cap on operational levies was approved as a hedge against potential Headlee rollbacks. The district will be levying 18.0 mills on non-homestead properties for the upcoming year.

2023-2024 Proposed Debt Tax Levy

In order to meet the principal and interest obligations on voter-approved bonds, the district will levy 7.00 mills for the upcoming year. This amount remains unchanged since 2014.

Mr. VanDe Vusse accepted questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to adjourn the Budget Hearing.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 19, 2023

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 19, 2023 in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. following the Budget Hearing. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Calen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Katie Pigott, Paul Aldridge and Courtney Holmes. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular and Special Meetings of May 15, 2023, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

Add resignation of Elizabeth Henry under item 6A, Resignations; add out of state travel request as action item 6H; Amend item 11, Closed Session, to remove Superintendent's Mid-Year Evaluation and move it to July, 2023.

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 \$1,065,072
- Payroll – totaling \$2,686,605

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the 2022-2023 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment as presented.

Dennis Furton gave a brief review from the Budget Hearing.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

RESIGNATIONS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the following resignations as presented: Ashleigh Endres, Connolly Jenkins, Mark Webster and Elizabeth (Lisa) Henry.

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Mr. Furton provided that Mr. Webster has been teaching Spanish for 32 years in the district and has had an impact on roughly 7,000 students over that time. He also commented on Lisa Henry's work ethic and positivity over her many years of teaching high school French and English in the district and that he is sad to see her go. Both will be greatly missed by students, staff and parents.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the following new hires as presented:

- Kathryn Drake, Curriculum Director, District-wide
- Mary VandenBosch, Literacy Coach, 5th- 8th Grades
- Rachel Schlater, FAC Director, SL FAC
- Linda Shavkey-Elenbaas, ASD Teacher Consultant, 5th-8th Grades
- Georgeanne Green, 1st Grade, Holmes Elementary
- Macy McDonald, 1st Grade, Holmes Elementary
- Sarah Sheffield, GSRP Preschool, Holmes Elementary
- Bethany Miltgen, GSRP Parapro, Holmes Elementary
- Tonya Backstrom, 3rd Grade Teacher, Jeffers Elementary
- Erika MacLaren, Spanish Teacher, SL High School,
- Jessica Sharp, Family & Consumer Science Teacher, SL High School (Edustaff Long-Term Sub)

Dennis Furton provided a brief overview of the new hires.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2023-2024 BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2023-2024 TAX LEVY

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the 2023-2024 Tax Levy as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

APPROVAL OF PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the appointment of Maggie Strain as the SLPS representative to the Special Education Parent Advisory Committee for the OAISD as presented.

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Amy Kendall, Special Education Director, provided that the district is required to have a parent liaison representative to walk alongside parents and the district and field any parent concerns or questions. She noted that the liaison meets with the ISD once a month to learn about rules and regulation of special education and that it is a volunteer position.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the 2023-2024 MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented.

Mr. Furton provided the background for the required resolution.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RATIFYING RESOLUTION FOR 2023 BONDS, SERIES 1

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Ratifying Resolution for 2023 Bonds, Series 1, as presented.

Mr. Furton advised that the sale went very well and beat the anticipated interest rate. He stated that funding is expected by June 29.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the out-of-state travel request submitted by JT Hogan for wrestling athletes' travel to Purdue University for the Tony Ersland wrestling camp as presented.

Dennis Furton provided the background of why out-of-state travel approval is needed per Board policy.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

- ◇ June 26 through August 3, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- ◇ Closed July 3 and 4
- ◇ Regular hours resume August 7

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sarah Adams, 13400 Red Leaf Court, Nunica – Raised concerns over students missing special ed 504 accommodations, that nobody in the district truly heads up the 504s and asked how this can be remedied. She further stated she is sad to see racial issues still happening in the district and that the channels that were previously put in place are not being used. She stated she would email Mr. Furton and the Board with specifics.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – provided to the Board. State budget/final bills are expected this week or next. PERA prohibited subject legislation is on hold and may not move before summer recess. Mr. Furton noted his primary concern with this legislation package is that it removes teacher placement as a prohibited subject of bargaining.
- Bond Update – two planning/input meetings are in the books. The high school secure entry way and administrative offices have been narrowed down to two concepts. Three options were reviewed for the fieldhouse. OAK will provide costs for the various options. July 17 is the next scheduled check-in meeting.
- Harassment Complaint – Mr. Furton provided the district's response to the Board. He summarized the six-point action plan as follows:
 - A plan for admin team back-up coverage to allow for a timely response to reports of harassment will be added
 - Students in grades 7-12 will complete a climate and culture survey to examine what types of harassment they are experiencing
 - The district will explore anti-harassment training for students to address all forms of harassment along with the areas identified by the culture and climate survey
 - Correspondence will be sent to parents prior to the start of school regarding this issue and that it has been elevated on the district's radar
 - The school year will start with conversations that are age appropriate at all building levels
 - The district will contract with a third-party Title IX contractor to audit policies and procedures and offer training and other services as needed
- Summer Enrichment – sections and participation numbers were provided to the Board.
- Calendar/Events:
 - July 14, Board Work Session, 10:00 a.m. – Noon
 - August 28, 71 days until first day with students

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – July 17, 2023, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to move to closed session at 7:41 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session at 8:25 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEM

PROPERTY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the property purchase resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary