

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 18, 2023

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2023, in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge and Kelly VanderHoek. Courtney Holmes arrived at 7:03 p.m. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of November 20, 2023, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

None

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 \$1,024,250.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,881,444.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the hiring of the following:

Julie Cook Shared-time Art Teacher St. Mary's School
Jacob Shivilie Grounds/Maintenance District-Wide

Mr. Furton provided the details of the two new hires to the Board.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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RESIGNATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Jen Boodt, HS Special Education teacher, at the end of the 2nd trimester as presented.

Mr. Furton commented that the district regrets seeing Ms. Boodt leave and wishes her all the best. He provided the details on how the position is expected to be filled for the third trimester.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

REINSTATEMENT OF STUDENT FROM EXPULSION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the reinstatement of student from expulsion as presented.

Ben Armey, HS Principal, provided that a committee consisting of 2 Board members, one parent and two high school staff members recommends the student be reinstated to Alternative Education. He provided the requirements for the reinstatement and that failure by the student to meet any one of the requirements would result in a recommendation of expulsion to the Board.

Discussion was had and questions surrounding the recommendation were answered by Mr. Armey and Rob Henry, Alternative Education teacher.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – None
- Bond Update – The bid packet for the Laker Athletic Center has been released. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Wednesday and the bid opening will be January 16. The HS office bids will be released January 29. A Bond Committee meeting will be scheduled sometime the week of January 15 and TMP will be present at the January 22 Board meeting to present an update.
- OK Conference – Both realignment proposals were approved by a vote of membership today and the new divisions were provided to the Board.
- Curriculum Advisory Council (CAC) – The council met last week and reviewed several curriculum revisions and new course proposals, all from the High School. Recommendations will come to the Board in January.

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- Holliday Office Hours – Central Office will be open December 27-28 and January 2-4 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day.
- Calendar/Events:
 - January 10, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Strategic Planning Steering Committee Meeting
 - January 23-26 – MASA Mid-Winter Conference
 - February 26-March 1 – The Pool (WMHIP) Winter Retreat

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Organizational Board Meeting – January 22, 2024, (4th Monday) 7:00 p.m.
IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session at 7:16 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session at 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEM

ADOPT COMPLETED YEAR-END EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to adopt the completed year-end superintendent evaluation.

Jennifer Nicles read a statement regarding the year-end evaluation and indicated Mr. Furton scored highly effective.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary