

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 22, 2024

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2024, in person at the Spring Lake IS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Paul Aldridge, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Courtney Holmes and Kelly VanderHoek. Absent: Bruce Callen

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Board Appreciation Month, i.e. "Pie Month". Dennis Furton, Superintendent, presented pies to the Board and expressed appreciation for their dedication and care for students and staff.

PRESENTATION

Bond Update

Tracy Ezell with TMP Architecture and Adam Tweedy with OAK presented a bond summary of the last nine months of work and included the following:

HS Administrative Offices

- Finalized floorplan shared including secure entryway, welcome center, administrative offices, conference room, flex lounge, and upper level counseling center
- Construction documents have been turned over to the contractor and are ready to go out for bid next week
- Interior and exterior renderings shared
- Interior color palate shared
- Cost estimates reviewed
- Preliminary projections show project costs are on track
- Schedule is on track
- Bid schedule explained

HS Athletic Fieldhouse

- Finalized floorplan shared including turf field, weight room, training room, reception area, mechanical room, and mezzanine
- Floor finishes and color schemes provided
- Interior and exterior renderings shared
- 92 individual bids were received last week
- Cost estimates were reviewed and projected to be under original estimate
- Schedule is tracking ahead

Board questions were answered by Mr. Ezell and Liz Boeve, Director of Operations.

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ATHLETICS

JT Hogan, Athletic Director, and Jasmine Stark, Athletic Trainer, provided the following:

- There are currently 41 varsity sport teams; 57 total teams when factoring in JV and Freshman
- 490 total HS participants
- 238 total MS participants
- Day in the life of the athletic trainer provided
- Summer conditioning programs are increasing
- Working to become a MI HeartSafe School and NATA Safe Sport school
- Implementation of pre-season coaches' meetings, early season parent meetings, national signing day celebrations, student-athlete leadership team (SALT), varsity head coaches' meetings, and captains circle

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Kelly VanderHoek moved, supported by Chris Beck, to suspend the rules and present a slate of officers.

Paul Aldridge nominated the following officers:

Jennifer Nicles – President
Bruce Callen – Vice President
Chris Beck – Treasurer
Curt Theune – Secretary

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Identify the District's legal status and District's official name – The School District Legal Reference Note reflects the Board member terms.
- Check Signature Authorization and Investment Accounts.
- Establish 2024 Meeting Dates – Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the SLIS/SLMS Media Center, 345 Hammond St. unless noted.

February 19, 2024	June 17, 2024	October 21, 2024
March 18, 2024	July 15, 2024	November 18, 2024
April 15, 2024	August 19, 2024	December 16, 2024
May 20, 2024	September 16, 2024	January 20, 2025

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Jen Nicles will accept committee assignment requests from the Board and will assign a chair for each committee. The current assignments will continue unless she hears otherwise from Board members.

SLPS BOARD OF EDUCATION CODE OF CONDUCT

This is reviewed and signed by the Board members on an annual basis.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of December 18, 2023 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. totaling \$517,747.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,048,978.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve and adopt the 2023-24 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment as presented.

Scott Powers, CFO, provided details on the revenue and expenditure assumptions in the amended 2023-24 budget. He advised the amendment was reviewed in detail with the finance committee and touched on the following highlights:

- Original budget adopted in June was built on assumptions as fall enrollment and state aide were unknown at that time

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- Original budget assumed \$43 million to fund operations for 23-24, with \$36.5 million projected revenues and \$35.2 million of assumed expenditures, anticipating nearly an \$8 million fund balance at the end of the year
- Amended budget conservatively projects \$44.6 million to fund operations for 23-24, with \$38 million estimated revenues and \$36.4 million of projected expenditures, which would leave an \$8.2 million fund balance at the end of the fiscal year
- A final amendment will be brought to the Board in June
- Examples of other revenues sources were provided, including special education funds collected by the county and shared with local districts and the county-wide enhancement millage funds.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the the hiring of Jennifer Lepore to fill the vacant food service position at the High School, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESIGNATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve with regrets the resignation of LaPrea Brown effective February 1, 2024, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM APPROVAL – 5 HS COURSES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve the approve the additions of the following five course offerings at the High School, all beginning with the 2024-25 school year: AP Freshman Human Geography, History of Sports elective, Product Realization Design & Making Prototypes elective, Physics C elective, and English C for 10th graders, as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that all of these courses were brought to and gained support of the Curriculum Advisory Council (CAC) and Mr. Armey, and that each course was developed by a department or an individual staff member at the high school.

Board questions were answered by Kate Drake, Curriculum Director.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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BID APPROVALS FOR HVAC UPGRADES FOR JEFFERS, INTERMEDIATE & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the mechanical prime contract bid award for HVAC upgrades for Jeffers, Intermediate and Middle Schools to VanDyken Mechanical in the amount of \$946,400, with contingencies estimated at \$70,000, and design fee costs for PBA and Structural Consultant in the amount of \$56,700, for a total estimated project cost of \$1,073,100, as presented.

Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, provided that the bid went out in late November for approximately 21 pieces of HVAC equipment for Jeffers, Intermediate School and Middle School buildings as part of the 2023 bond project and VanDyken Mechanical was the low bidder.

Paul Aldridge commented that he had heard there was an air flow issue at Jeffers and asked if this would improve the airflow. Ms. Boeve stated she was not aware of an issue with air flow at Jeffers and that this project is only for replacement of the current HVAC rooftop units.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Furton reported on the following:

- Snow Days – the district has used five of the allotted six days thus far. The district may request up to 3 days of additional forgiven time from the MDE should it become necessary.
- Legislative Update – provided to the Board.
- Special Meeting Cancelled – It was determined a Special Meeting tentatively set for February 5 would not be needed
- Calendar/Events –
 - January 23-26: MASA Mid-Winter Conference
 - February 7, 4:00-6:00 pm: Strategic Plan Steering Committee Meeting
 - February 26-March 1: The Pool (WMHIP) Winter Retreat

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – February 19, 2024, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINE HEARINGS (3 STUDENTS) AT REQUEST OF PARENTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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The Board went into closed session at 7:58 p.m.

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to return to open session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 9:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS

DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENT A

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to not pursue disciplinary action for Student A at this time as the student has completed all requirements to graduate from SL Alternative Education.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCIPLINE FOR STUDENT C

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to suspend Student C from SL Alternative Education for the remainder of the week, to allow the student to attend CTC class, to not pursue expulsion, to require the student enter into a contract with administration and the teacher as a condition to return to Alternative Education, and that the contract serve as a “last chance” for the student.

Vote: Yes – Aldridge, Holmes, Nicles, Theune, VanderHoek
No – Beck

Motion carried, 5/1.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Thune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 9:34 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary