

## **SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 19, 2024**

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024, 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, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge, Courtney Holmes and Kelly VanderHoek. Absent: Bruce Callen

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jennifer Nicles called for a moment of silence to honor the memory of Vicki Geyer.

### **PRESENTATION**

David Theune, Communications Director, shared how his job has evolved since he started this new position in April of 2023. He provided that he sees himself as the storyteller of SLPS and shared the following:

- The impact of internal and external communications
- Enhancement of staff morale
- Staff social hours implemented
- Increase in social media engagement by the numbers
- Methods of communications implemented: newsletters, Laker Land calendars, SL stories, podcasts, student brand ambassador program, press releases and crisis communication support
- Biggest successes on social media
- What to look forward to in the coming months
- New website overview
- Membership to professional development groups

Mr. Theune answered questions from the Board.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of January 22, 2024, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kevin Priddy, 15997 Vinecrest, SL – provided that he is videotaping and live streaming the school board meeting tonight and asked the Board to take up a resolution to live stream future school board meetings. He referenced what SL Township is doing and indicated he thinks it would foster open dialogue and community engagement.

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Richard Houtteman, 700 E. Sternberg, Norton Shores – provided that he is with Consumers Energy and that they are working on a 5-year plan to heavily invest in their infrastructure, making their system robust enough so that no more than 100,000 customers are out of power at any given time and no customer is without power for more than 24 hours. He noted a few upcoming changes with the closing of the Campbell plant and the purchase of the Covert plant and stressed the importance of keeping the lights on so kids can be educated.

### **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 \$953,509.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,507,319.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **NEW HIRE**

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

Felicia Nietering .....Assistant Athletic Director .....SL Middle School

Mr. Furton provided that this new position was driven by the reality that we have more athletic teams than other schools our size and have expanding club activities which puts more work and stress on the athletic department. This is one of the ways the district has decided to be strategic, breaking it down by grades 9-12 and 7-8. He noted this is a less than full-time position and the job entails supervising games and activities at the middle school, working with, hiring, firing, and supervising the middle school coaches and improving the culture and support for student athletics.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **WELLNESS POLICY**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve the Wellness Policy as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that during the recent food service audit there was a finding that the district wellness policy had not been updated. This update is required as part of the corrective action plan.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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### BOND BID PACKAGE 01 – ATHLETIC FIELD HOUSE ADDITION APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve bid package 01 for the athletic field house project including cost of work, project alternates, general conditions, adjustments, allowances, CM/AE fees and contingency in the amount of \$14,441,755 as presented.

Bid Category	Contractor	Base Bid	Alternate #3: Parking Area North	Alternate #4: Parking Area South	Vol Alternates & Adjustments	Total
Bid Category No. 01 - Earthwork	Terra Contractors	\$472,240	\$19,240	\$46,300	-\$4,200	\$533,580
Bid Category No. 02 - Asphalt Paving	Black Gold Transport	\$63,659	\$18,115	\$61,004		\$142,778
Bid Category No. 03 – Concrete	Proline Concrete	\$725,820				\$725,820
Bid Category No. 04 - Masonry	JK Masonry	\$820,220				\$820,220
Bid Category No. 05 - Metals	FCC	\$166,250				\$166,250
Bid Category No. 06 - General Trades	Bultsma Construction	\$147,400				\$147,400
Bid Category No. 07 - Metal Wall Panels	Accuform Industries, Inc	\$21,763				\$21,763
Bid Category No. 08 - Roofing	Versatile Roofing Systems	\$20,400				\$20,400
Bid Category No. 09 - Joint Sealants	Premier Caulking, Inc	\$15,000				\$15,000
Bid Category No. 10 - Overhead Doors	Barmen Associates	\$29,995				\$29,995
Bid Category No. 11 - Aluminum, Glass & Glazing	Grand Valley Glass	\$602,175				\$602,175
Bid Category No. 12 – Doors, Frames & Hardware	Automatic Equipment Sales & Service	\$70,715				\$70,715
Bid Category No. 13 - Lath, Plaster, Drywall, Acoustical (LPDA)	The Bouma Company	\$84,950				\$84,950
Bid Category No. 14 – Flooring	Sobie Company	\$276,656				\$276,656
Bid Category No. 15 – Gymnasium Equipment	C&M Associates	\$652,525				\$652,525
Bid Category No. 16 – Synthetic Turf	Astroturf Great Lakes	\$318,790				\$318,790
Bid Category No. 17 - Painting	Vork Brothers	\$112,800				\$112,800
Bid Category No. 18 - Signage	Visual Entities	\$17,712				\$17,712
Bid Category No. 19 - Lockers	LG2	\$40,733				\$40,733
Bid Category No. 20 – Elevators	Schindler Elevator Corporation	\$131,000				\$131,000
Bid Category No. 21 – Metal Buildings	Pioneer Construction	\$2,955,092				\$2,955,092
Bid Category No. 22 - Fire Protection	Brigade Fire Protection	\$101,410				\$101,410
Bid Category No. 23 - DDC Controls	Grand Valley Automation	\$197,619			\$2,877	\$200,496
Bid Category No. 24 - Mechanical/Plumbing	Mall City Mechanical	\$1,521,150				\$1,521,150
Bid Category No. 25 - Testing and Balancing	Aireconomics	\$1,495				\$1,495
Bid Category No. 26 – Electrical	Kleyn Electric	\$645,950				\$645,950
Bid Category No. 27 – Weightlifting Equipment	Sorinex	\$441,553			\$37,096	\$478,649
Allowances						
PEMB Misc Steel & Substrate(s)		\$100,000				\$100,000
Utilities		\$65,000				\$65,000
Additional fine aggregate at Turf		\$20,000				\$20,000
Unsuitable Soils		\$85,000				\$85,000
Detention Pond		\$75,000				\$75,000
Owner Keying		\$12,000				\$12,000
General Conditions & Reimbursable	Owen-Ames-Kimball	\$750,000				\$750,000

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CM Fee	Owen-Ames-Kimball	\$430,988				\$430,988
	Billing Subtotal	<b>\$12,193,060</b>	<b>\$37,355</b>	<b>\$107,304</b>	<b>\$35,773</b>	<b>\$12,373,492</b>
Building Contingency		\$1,322,707	\$3,736	\$10,730	\$3,577	\$1,340,750
AE Fee		\$715,785	\$2,428	\$6,975	\$2,325	\$727,513
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$14,231,552</b>	<b>\$43,519</b>	<b>\$125,009</b>	<b>\$41,676</b>	<b>\$14,441,755</b>

Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, Matt Hulswit with OAK and Tracy Ezell with TMP were present. Mr. Hulswit provided that the project went out to bid on December 14, closed January 17 and included 27 bid categories. He stated there was an overwhelming response with 92 bids for the project. Post-bid reviews were conducted to validate that the bidders understand the scope of the project and construction schedule. Further, he commented that they are right where we want to be and are under budget. Start of construction will be following graduation in May.

Mr. Furton provided that the original budget was \$15.8 million when the bond went out to voters and after the design phase was completed, it was forecasted over \$17 million. However, bids came in well below the original forecast as noted above.

Questions from the Board were answered.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – was shared with the Board. Mr. Furton indicated it is still early in the process but the Governor has recommended a \$241 increase to the foundation allowance along with some additional funding based on tax revenues at the state level. He noted that there is a lot yet to be determined and it seems the Governor's proposal may be a bit of an overreach.
- Strategic Planning – a survey to collect perceptions around a vision for SLPS is being finalized and will be distributed soon to staff, parents, HS students and community members.
- Bond Update – the bid opening for the administrative offices is later this week. Tree work at the high school will begin next week. Design work of the space by the current high school offices has begun. Traffic flow is going to be changed with the construction projects and will be communicated to staff and parents as details become available.
- Calendar/Events:
  - February 20 – Fundraiser dinner with Senator Darren Camilleri, Senate K-12 Appropriations Chair
  - February 26-March 1 – The Pool (WMHIP) Winter Retreat

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Regular Board Meeting – March 18, 2024, 7:00 p.m.  
Location: IS/MS Media Center

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Board Secretary