

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, April 17, 2017

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 17, 2017, at the IS/MS Media Center. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Aaron West, Middle School Principal, provided “10 for 10” – ten items that have evolved in the last calendar year for the Middle School in less than 10 seconds each – and included the following:

- Special recognition of 3 students; one for countdown round winner at the regional Math Counts competition; one for Model United National event; and one for State Honors Choir;
- Mrs. Woodwyk’s clothing and food drive to support families in need;
- Tops in the OASID for 7th grade English/Language Arts standardized testing performance;
- Best in the OASID for 8th grade math standardized testing performance;
- 7th and 8th grade band recognition for highest marks at the Grand Haven District competition;
- Jazz Band club implementation, which is active and flourishing;
- Athletic teams making the leap in to a new conference, transitioning smoothly and meeting the mark competitively;
- The focus on implementation of high quality teaching strategies for all instructional staff.

Further, 17 students were invited, with their families, to receive special recognition of their exemplary performance on the M-STEP testing in all 3 content areas, which include Language Art, Mathematics and Social Studies, and each student in attendance was awarded a certificate acknowledging their accomplishment, and all were congratulated by Mr. West and the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017 and Special Meeting of March 29, 2017, as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #218109 through #218343 totaling \$1,037,322.
- Student Activities - #103462 through #103583 totaling \$83,173.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,377,273.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires:*
Carol Johnson Bus Aide Transportation
Shannon Hinders CCC Aide Community Child Care

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RETIREMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve with regrets the retirement of Mitzi Milanowski, Alternative Education Teacher, as presented.

Dennis Furton commented that Mitzi has been an outstanding staff member and has had her hands in the alternative education program for 17 years. Through her nurturing personality, she has done an excellent job making the program a success, and finding a replacement for her will not be an easy task.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND PURCHASE - BUS

Dennis Devlin moved, support by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the purchase of one 77-passenger bus at a cost of \$90,124 from Capital City Bus Sales.

SLPS utilized the MSBO Bus Purchasing Program to build buses to the District's specifications and to bid out to vendors. The list of dealers and their bids were provided to the Board. Capital City Bus Sales is the only provider of International buses. They meet all of the District's requirements, are streamlined with the current fleet, at the lowest cost. This is the final purchase of the original 10 provided for in the bond.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

AWARD OF BID FOR TRACK BUILDING MECHANICAL

Curt Theune moved, support by Dennis Devlin, to approve the increase in contract values from \$64,000 to \$109,000 for B & V Mechanical, Inc., as presented.

It was discovered after the Special Meeting of March 29, 2017 that the breakdown of B & V Mechanical's base bid price was incorrect. The net result of the incorrect breakdown was a shift of \$45,000 from the pool project to the track building or an increase to the approved BP4 project of \$45,000. This correction still has B & V Mechanical as the low bidder under Hurst Mechanical by \$17,000. Liz Boeve provided that B & V stated this clerical error was made by B & V when they inserted the \$45,000 in the wrong column on their initial proposal and that it should have been on the high school project mechanicals side and not the MS pool project side.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH TRI-CITIES YMCA

Curt Theune moved, support by Dennis Devlin, to approve the Facility Use Agreement between SLPS and the Tri-Cities YMCA as presented.

Spring Lake Public Schools has been in discussion with the Tri-Cities YMCA about partnering on a pre-school program beginning in the fall of 2017. To that end, a Facility Use Agreement has been negotiated. The rent charge is, at this time, a nominal figure due to the anticipated start-up costs which will limit the Y's capacity to pay something approaching market value. The rent will cover the cost of cleaning the rooms. This agreement has been reviewed by legal counsel and revised accordingly. Inspections are proceeding for licensing and discussions are continuing relative to seeking grant support, co-marketing, and numerous other areas that need to be addressed. Dennis Furton provided that it is anticipated there will be 2 classrooms, one with a morning and afternoon program and the other a full-day program, with 16 students in each section.

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Spring Lake resident students currently enrolled in the Y preschool program will have the first option to enroll in the SLPS location followed by Spring Lake District students and then, if space allows, it will be open to students outside of the District. Further, it will be a blend of tuition and scholarship enrollment based on financial need. The Y will provide the curriculum, staff and handle the financials. Curt Theune inquired if opening in the fall of 2017 was realistic and Dennis provided that it was. Start times are undecided and discussion includes the avoidance of peak drop off and pick up times at Holmes Elementary.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Liz Boeve provided the following bond project update:

- The schedule with the contractors of start dates at the high school should be finalized next week. The contractors would like to begin some site work on the parking area before the end of the school year if possible. The restroom facility work will begin after school is out. Curt Theune inquired if extra parking spaces will be available for Graduation, and Liz advised that it will not be possible for extra parking to be put in place prior to Graduation;
- Dennis Furton provided that the new sound system has been installed in the gymnasium at the High School and will be put to use at Graduation, as well as all future events held in the HS gym, which should be a great improvement.

POLICY FIRST READINGS

Policy numbers 0160; 221; 2461; 2623; 3120.04; 3121; 4121; 5610; 5610.01; 7217; 7540.02; 8330 and 8500 have been updated by NEOLA and provided to the Policy Committee for prior review and now the Board. Dennis Furton asked the Board to carefully review these policies and advise of any questions prior to the next Board meeting in which these policies will be up for approval and adoption. Policy 7217 – Weapons Policy – has changed substantially and will need careful attention.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

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- Proposed 2017-18 State Aid Budget – was provided to the Board and details to be aware of were noted;
- 2017-18 Preliminary Budget – there are several areas of consideration including staffing, enrollment projections and State aid, and the Finance Committee is scheduled to meet on May 31 to discuss;
- Shindig – sponsorship is already close to \$70,000, which is a significant increase from prior years. The committee is working tirelessly towards the event which is expected to be a great success;
- Resignation – Paula Langlois, Holmes Elementary parapro, has submitted her resignation, and it has been accepted. Paula has been at SLPS since 1994 and will be greatly missed;
- Policy Update – the Policy Committee will meet in the near future to discuss two additional policy updates suggested by NEOLA and it is anticipated those updates will be provided to the Board at the next regular meeting;
- MESSA Projections – these were provided to the Board, and it was noted that premium rates will increase at a rate greater than the hard cap increase for 2017-18, and those costs will need to be passed along to staff. It was further noted that while WMHIP rates will also increase, their plans are practically identical and still significantly more affordable than MESSA’s plans.
- Tenure – Four teaching staff members will receive tenure for the 2017-18 school year: Lauren Scholtz, Mathew Keller, Jessie Vought and Katie Bator. They are all outstanding, wonderful teachers and have been great additions to the District’s staff.
- Schedule:
 - April 18 – Thrun Legal Seminar, Grand Rapids
 - April 21 – OAISD Superintendents Meeting
 - April 21 – TIG meeting regarding web design
 - April 25 – Future Prep Judge
 - April 27-29 – Addams Family – The Creepy, Kooky Musical Comedy at SLHS; tickets/information available at <http://www.springlakeschools.org/high-school/adams-family-creepy-kooky-musical-comedy> or by contacting the High School office.
 - April 29 – Shindig, 6:30 p.m. SLCC
 - May 1 – 5 – Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 2 – Excellence in Education Event
 - May 5 – Armed Forces Thanksgiving Luncheon
- Kathy Breen advised that she has filed an application to run for a vacant seat on the OAISD school board. It was noted that this does not preclude her from serving on SLPS Board and she intends to do both. Dennis Furton provided that it would be a great advantage to the District for Kathy to serve on the ISD Board.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – May 15, 2017 – SL High School, Media Center – 7:15 pm – focus on Spring Lake High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary