

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, February 15, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 15, 2016, at the Spring Lake Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. President Paul Aldridge called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Board members present: Paul Aldridge, Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Keith Frifeldt, Lisa Ashcraft, Dennis Devlin and Rob Davidson. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Shelley Peets, Principal of Jeffers Elementary, and Sandra Smits, Principal of Holmes Elementary, highlighted the following:
 - Programs and partnerships that focus on the whole child have been instituted at both buildings and include counseling support through TCM, Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students), Backpack Blessings and Hope mentors.
 - Mary Cotterall, who works with grade level teachers to improve literacy, has been very beneficial in improving literacy at both schools.
 - Staff meet regularly to discuss data and test scores, assess what is/what is not working effectively and how to improve those areas that are not working well.
 - K-4 all have iPads and while this 1:1 technology was a big learning curve for teachers and students, it has been a very good experience overall. It allows students to read and progress at math at their own level and can provide additional learning opportunities for accelerated students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 18, 2016, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Bond, etc. – #214944 through #215157 totaling \$2,048,878.

- Student Activities – #102357 through #102440 totaling \$38,782.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,552,555.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires:*
Daniel Start Social Studies Teacher High School
Michelle Stalzer..... Parapro/Bus Aide Transportation
- *Resignation*
Hunter Groover Parapro/Bus Aide 1.5 years
- *Summer Tax Collection Fee* – Spring Lake Township’s rate of \$2.90 and Crockery Township’s rate of \$3.05 remain unchanged from the 2015 rates.
- *Spring Coaching Assignments*
- *Middle School Course Addition* – Intro to Graphic design elective for grades 7 and 8 will be offered beginning with the 2016-17 school year.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Bond Purchase – Technology

Rex Thelen, OAISD Chief Technology Officer, recommended bond technology purchases listed below. Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve said technology purchases as presented.

- 81 LightSpeed audio systems, including installation, for a total cost of \$80,433;
- 82 Aver document cameras, including installation, for a total cost of \$34,030;
- 85 Epson PowerLite W29 projectors and 42 spare lamps, including installation, for a total cost of \$40,718.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Bus Purchases

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the purchase of one International 77-passenger bus at a cost of \$89,524 and one International 53-passenger bus with IMMI safe guard seating at a cost of \$94,635 from Capital City Bus Sales. SLPS has utilized the MSBO Buys Purchasing Program to build buses to the district’s specifications and to bid out to vendors.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

HS Track Equipment Purchase

Curt Theune moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve the purchase of track equipment list below for the High School track not to exceed \$100,000. Barton Malow recommended that this would be a good use of bid savings. This will be a direct purchase by the District.

- Fully automatic track timing system;
- High jump system (1);
- Pole vault landing system (1);
- Starting blocks (8);
- Track hurdles (180);
- Hurdle carts (9).

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Bond Project/Construction Update – Nathan Pitters and Jason Powers from Barton Malow presented the following:

- Bid Pack 2 (Holmes and Jeffers) – Good progress is being made at both buildings. The metal panels on the exterior are being installed and the entrance canopies are taking shape. Interior drywall and painting are ongoing. The mechanical, electrical and plumbing are on schedule. Demo and renovations of the existing buildings are scheduled to begin in June.
- Bid Pack 3 (IS/MS) – Work in the Intermediate Building and the “A” wing of the Middle School will commence this summer after school is out of session along with repaving of parking areas around the Middle School building. Access to the athletic fields and parking for those fields will be available this summer.
- Financial Report – The bond budget is very healthy and is trending exactly where it should be. Contingency dollars are in line with the percent of construction complete.

Board Workshops

Two meeting dates will be schedule for the Board over the next six weeks for the purpose of goal setting for the Board with the focus on brainstorming three to five areas to study, research and explore.

OASBA General Membership Meeting – will be held on March 22, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Freshman Campus of Hudsonville Public Schools. State Superintendent Brian Whiston will be the guest speaker and will present his ideas on how to make Michigan a top 10 education state over the next 10 years.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- *Legislative Update:*
 - Governor Synder released his executive budget this week and is proposing an increase to the foundation allowance, which, if approved, would result in an approximate \$108 per pupil increase for our District. Using current enrollment numbers, this would be an additional \$268,184 available to our District for the 2016-17 school year.
 - There is significant support by many districts in this area for removing some of the red tape relating to pre-labor day school starts and allowing the districts to decide start dates which would provide more flexibility in negotiating the school calendar.
 - The House Appropriations Committee is expected to vote on legislation to expand the use of sinking funds for technology and student safety.
 - Legislation was introduced this week to eliminate obsolete and redundant reporting required by school districts.
- *Personnel Updates:* Glenn Gardner and Barry Newman have both provided resignations which were accepted with regrets by Superintendent Furton. Glenn Gardner had been with the District for approximately 24 years, and Barry Newman had been with the District for approximately 5 years.
- *Superintendent's Schedule:*
 - February 16 – SLEA meeting to discuss the 2016-17 school calendar;
 - February 19 – OAISD Superintendents' Meeting;
 - February 23 & 24 – Instructional Rounds at Holland Public Schools;
 - March 3 – SLEA meeting regarding new teacher evaluations and tools.
- *Save the Dates:*
 - March 21 – Tour of Jeffers Elementary prior to Board meeting;
 - March 22 – OASBA General Membership Meeting, RSVP to Kim by March 4
 - April 30 – SLSF Shindig at Spring Lake Country Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – March 21, 2016 – SLIS/MS - Media Center – 7:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – STUDENT DISCIPLINARY ISSUE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to move to closed session at 7:55 p.m.

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The Board returned to open session at 8:31 p.m.

“STUDENT A” LONG-TERM SUSPENSION

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to suspend Student A for 90 days.

Vote: 6-1: Yes – Aldridge, Lauinger, Ashcraft, Frifeldt, Davidson, Devlin; No – Theune

“STUDENT B” LONG TERM SUSPENSION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to suspend Student B for 90 days.

Vote: Yes – 6, Ashcraft abstained

ADJOURNMENT

Jeff Lauinger moved, supported by Curt Theune, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Paul Aldridge adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary