

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, January 18, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, January 18, 2016, at the Spring Lake Intermediate/Middle School Media Center. Paul Aldridge called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Board members present: Paul Aldridge, Lisa Ashcraft, Curt Theune, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt and Rob Davidson. Absent: Jeff Lauinger

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Board Appreciation Month - Superintendent Furton thanked the Board for the work they do year round and expressed his appreciation for the time and effort they all put in. He further presented each of them with a pie.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- President – Rob Davidson nominated Paul Aldridge as the 2016 President, supported by Keith Frifeldt. Vote: Yes – Unanimous
- Vice President – Curt Theune nominated Jeff Lauinger as the 2016 Vice President, supported by Keith Frifeldt. Vote: Yes – Unanimous
- Treasurer – Lisa Ashcraft nominated Keith Frifeldt as the 2016 Treasurer, supported by Rob Davidson. Vote: Yes – Unanimous
- Secretary – Dennis Devlin nominated Curt Theune as the 2016 Secretary, supported by Keith Frifeldt. Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CONSENT AGENDA

Dennis Devlin moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Identify the District’s legal status and District’s official name – The School District Legal Reference Note also reflects the Board member terms.
- Check Signature Authorization – The accounts are unchanged from August, 2015 with the exception of adding investment accounts with Chemical Bank and 5/3 Bank and closing accounts with Mercantile Bank and Bank of America.
- Establish 2016 Meeting Dates – Regular Board Meetings are scheduled on the third Monday of each month at 7:15 pm in the SLIS/SLMS Media Center, 345 Hammond St. (unless noted).

February 15, 2016 – Holmes & Jeffers @
IS/MS Media Center
March 21
April 18 – SLMS
May 16 – SLHS
June 20
July 18

August 15
September 19
October 17
November 21
December 19 - SLIS - 6:00 p.m.

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- Designation of Member of Election Coordinating Committee – Authorizes the Board Secretary to designate the Superintendent of Schools to serve on the District’s Election Coordinating Committee. The Superintendent will then designate Kim Conroy to serve on the District’s Coordinating Committee in place of the Board Secretary and Superintendent.
- Vote: Yes – Paul Aldridge, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt, Curt Theune and Rob Davidson. Lisa Ashcraft abstained.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board members will review the 2015 Board Committee assignments and will notify Paul Aldridge or Dennis Furton of any changes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2015 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sandra Smits, Principal of Holmes Elementary, introduced recently hired Special Education teacher Sarah Davidson. Sarah has been a teacher for 8 and ½ years and recently came from Oakridge Public Schools. Principal Smits reported that she is a welcomed addition to the staff, and they are all very excited to have her.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #214748 through #214943 totaling \$2,460,012.
- Student Activities –#102284 through #102356 totaling \$75,927.

Payroll – totaling \$2,224,269.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Lisa Ashcraft moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve and adopt the 2015-16 General Appropriation Resolution Agreement. Superintendent Furton reported there was little movement from the initial budget and no substantive changes in terms of the bottom line.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

MATERNITY LEAVE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve Lisa Baillargeon’s maternity leave from approximately March 21, 2016 through May 6, 2016.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the technology purchase and installation of multimedia equipment for K-6 classrooms using bond funds. Rex Thelen was present to give the Board background and answer questions.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Bond Update – Liz Boeve reported the following: Bid Pack 3 punch list items were mostly complete over Christmas break; they are in the planning phase for renovations to segments A & F of the Intermediate/Middle School buildings; Bid Pack 2 masonry is nearing completion; painting in the interior of the buildings is ongoing; glass and metal panels are going up on the exterior of both buildings; planning for summer renovation is ongoing; they have met with Principals and Administrators to prep for the move over this summer; and the furniture bid will be finalized this week along with the moving bid.

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- Building/Constructions Tours – Tours of Holmes Elementary will be available for Board members February and April before the regular Board meeting, at 6 p.m. Tours of Jeffers Elementary will be available for the Board March and May prior to the regular Board meeting, at 6 p.m. Tours of both buildings for Board members will be available prior to the Board meeting in June.
- Legislative Updates:
 - Expect a decrease in revenues from the School Aid Fund from what was initially predicted due to the lower than projected sales tax revenue. The primary cause is due to the decrease in sales tax collection from gas and diesel fuel.
 - Debate continues on how to fix Senate Bill 571 and what that fix would look like. The change appears to be very minimal and is discouraging to school districts.
 - There are professional development bills in the works in the House that could affect how teachers and administrators adhere to the certification process.
- M-Step Math Results – Superintendent Furton shared results of M-Step math testing. The scores were very positive. Scott Ely will present all of the M-Step test results at the February 15, 2016 Board meeting.
- 2016-17 School Calendar – SLPS will be going from 175 days of instruction to 180 days next year. Negotiations will start this week with SLEA and Administrative team.
- Administrative Retreat – The school principals, Scott Ely and Superintendent Furton will be on retreat February 12, 2016. The topic of discussion will be teaching with technology and how best to support teachers in the classroom with that technology.
- Personnel – Interviews for the recently posted teaching and football coaching positions will be held January 20 and 21. There was a good response to the posting with 26 applicants. Six will be interviewed.
- K-4 Internet Filtering Update – The Technology Department is currently trialing an internet filter for the school-issued iPads. There are a few bugs that need to be worked out yet. Once that is in place, Administration will look to re-open sending iPads home with children and will communicate further parent education to go along with that. Teachers will also have the freedom to decide if and when the iPads need to go home with the children.
- Dates to Note:
 - School Nursing Program Meeting – January 19, 2016
 - Hosting Leadership Connect – January 20, 2016
 - Laker Tailgate – January 30, 2016
 - OASBA General Membership Meeting – March 22, 2016
 - Shindig – April 30, 2016 – Spring Lake Country Club

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – February 15, 2016 –Holmes @ SLIS/SLMS Media Center – 7:15 pm

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Paul Aldridge adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm.

APPROVED:

Date

Board Secretary