

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING June 20, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 20, 2016, at the Spring Lake High School Media Center. President Paul Aldridge called the hearing to order at 6:33 p.m. Board members present: Paul Aldridge, Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Lisa Ashcraft and Dennis Devlin. Absent: Rob Davidson and Keith Frifeldt.

2016-17 SLPS GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Scott Powers, Chief Financial Officer, introduced Brad VanDeVusse, the recently hired Controller. Brad was welcomed by the Board.

Scott Powers then presented the following:

2015-16 Budget

- The current year is projecting to finish in relationship to the amended budget made in January, 2016.
- Budget stability has led to minimal changes.
- Due to the mild winter, the savings in utility costs will allow the District to purchase a replacement maintenance vehicle.

2016-17 Budget

- The positive and negative influences of Michigan's economic outlook were highlighted and the effects on the District's budget were noted.
- Anticipated enrollment on a blended basis of 2508 students is up about 10-13 students from 2015-16.
- The State Aid bill will bring \$120 per pupil for 2016-17.
- Federal funding is based on 2015-16 levels and will be adjusted in the winter.
- OAISD superintendents have approved a one-time payment from the Ottawa County special education fund to all schools within the ISD which has been built into the budget with a solid estimate.
- Teachers and support staff have ratified contracts.
- A 2% wage increase for non-unionized staff has been figured into the budget.
- Continuation of hard cap for health insurance costs is favorable to the budget.
- Required retirement contributions are similar to 2015-16.
- Position modifications/reductions district-wide based on employee turnover and enrollment levels.
- Continued reduction in certain operational budgets due to current bond funding.
- Projecting a slight revenue excess of \$31,200 for 2016-17.

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Debt Fund 2016 Proposed Tax Levy

In order to meet the principal and interest obligations on voter-approved bonds, the District will levy the following:

- 18 Mills will be levied on all industrial, commercial and non-primary residence exempt properties.
- 7.0 mills will be levied on all homesteads.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Paul Aldridge adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING June 20, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 20, at the Spring Lake High School Media Center. President Paul Aldridge called the meeting to order at 6:53 p.m. Board members present: Paul Aldridge, Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Lisa Ashcraft and Dennis Devlin. Absent: Rob Davidson and Keith Frifeldt

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2016, and Special Meeting of June 15, 2016, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #215809 through #216041 totaling \$2,124,390.
- Student Activities – #102668 through #102785 totaling \$45,046.

Payroll – totaling \$1,598,209.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUDGET AMENDMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve the 2015-16 General Appropriations Resolution Amendment as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

REPORTS

N/A

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Lisa Ashcraft moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- New Hires:

Sarah Gray	School Psychologist	District Wide
Gretchen Spoelman	4 th Grade Teacher	Jeffers Elementary
Elizabeth Brace	AI Preschool Teacher	Jeffers Elementary

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- Resignations – Accepted with regrets –
Cheryl O-Keefe SLMS Parapro Effective June 10, 2016
Krystal Lawton SLIS Parapro Effective June 10, 2016
Jeffrey Krieger Bus Driver Effective May 27, 2016
- Fall Coaching Assignments
- MASB Membership/Legal Trust Fund – MASB membership dues have increased by \$178 to \$4,649 and the Legal Trust Fund charges have remained the same at \$205 for a total of \$4,854.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RETIREMENTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve with regrets the following retirements:

Judith Devlin	HS Science Teacher	22 years
Audrey Chambers	MS Special Ed Teacher	21 years

High School Principal, Mike Gilchrist, commented on what a tremendous job Judi Devlin has done with the students over her 22 years at SLPS and that she will be difficult to replace. Superintendent Furton further commented on Audrey Chambers 21 years of service and the great job she has done working in special education for all of those years. Both will be missed!

Vote: Yes – Paul Aldridge, Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune and Lisa Ashcraft
Abstained – Dennis Devlin

2016-17 BUDGET

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2016-17 as presented. President Aldridge and Superintendent Furton both commented on having a balanced or surplus budget 3 years in a row and had praise for Scott Powers, CFO, and Todd Hronek, former Controller, for the work they have done with the budget.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2016-17 TAX LEVY

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the 2016-17 Tax Levy as presented. This includes 7.0 mills levied against all properties for debt retirement, 5.91 mills

levied against commercial personal property and 17.91 mills levied against non-principal residence properties.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the November 8, 2016 Election Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

POLICY ADOPTION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Policy Adoption Resolution as presented. Superintendent Furton further provided that this resolution will allow NEOLA to provide a paper copy of the complete manual for the District with an electronic copy to be available shortly thereafter that will be added to the District's website.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Bond Project Updates –
Superintendent Furton indicated that construction is moving along as expected and provided the following update:
 - Demo of Jeffers and Holmes has begun and is anticipated to be complete within 2 weeks.
 - Site restoration and preparation will begin upon completion of demolition.
 - The "A" wing of Holmes (first floor) is completely punch listed and will continue to be punch listed after school begins.
 - Renovations of "C" and "D" wings have begun.
 - All asbestos abatement work is complete.
 - The portables have been demoed and removed.
 - The roof replacement at Jeffers is complete.
 - Selective demo nearing completion at Middle School.
 - A new air conditioning unit will be put in place this week on the IS/MS roof and Central Offices will be closed Wednesday – Friday due to work on unit/roof.
 - Site work behind the Middle School has begun.
 - First phase of moving is complete and the second phase will begin shortly.
 - Expecting to have bond budget update in July or August.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

N/A

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – July 18, 2016, SLHS Media Center, 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Paul Aldridge adjourned the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary