

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING May 16, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016, at the Spring Lake High School. Vice President Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Keith Frifeldt, Lisa Ashcraft, Dennis Devlin and Rob Davidson. Absent: Paul Aldridge

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Mike Gilchrist, Principal of SLHS, welcomed the Board and introduced Mike Truskowski and Robin Kieft who presented the highlights of band and choral activities that happened throughout the 2015-16 school year and the great success of both programs. Mr. Truskowski and Mrs. Kieft both thanked the administration and staff for their continued support of these programs.
- The two top senior scholars – Ellen Lauinger and Meryn Campbell – were introduced by Principal Gilchrist.
- A list of SLHS highlights for 2015-16 was further provided to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016, and Special Meeting of April 26, 2016, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

CORRECTION – Under Action Item 7(A)(2) Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions – Ben Lewakowski's name will be added to the 2017-18 contract extension list. His name was inadvertently left off the initial Agenda listing.

BUS PURCHASE – will be added to Agenda as item "E" under Action Items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dan Martin, 13733 Cottage Dr., Grand Haven, introduced himself, indicated he is running for Ottawa County Circuit Court Judge to replace Ed Post upon Judge Post's retirement and gave a brief bio for himself. Mr. Martin further noted the election would be held August 2, 2016.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

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Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Bond, etc. – #215626 through #215808 totaling \$318,202.
- Student Activities – #102610 through #102667 totaling \$30,963.80.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,498,189.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

REPORTS

N/A

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Resignation – Ashley JohnsonSLIS ParaproEffective June 10, 2016.
- Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions –
Contract extension through 2018-19 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
- Contract extension through 2017-18 for the following administrators:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Adrian Breting, School Psychologist
Scott Ely, Director of Curriculum
Mike Gilchrist, High School Principal
Ben Lewakowski, Intermediate School Principal
Aaron West, Middle School Principal
Sandra Smits, Holmes Elementary Principal
Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal
Jon Fitzpatrick, Asst. High School Principal
Cavin Mohrhardt, Athletic Director
- One-year contract extensions through 2016-17 for the following employees:
Cheryl Poel, Food Service Director
Marian Karell, Transportation Director
Kim Conroy, Admin, Assistant to the Superintendent
Jason Epplett, SLCFAC Director
Jennifer (JJ) Fox, SLCFAC Assistant Director
Melissa George, Community Child Care Director
Brent Gustafson, Technology Coordinator
Kathy Orlebeke, Occupational Therapist
Deborah Clark, Great Start Readiness Program Teacher

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- MHSAA Membership Resolution – Authorized SLMS and SLHS membership in the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) for 2016-17

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE THE 2016-17 BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the Resolution to schedule the 2016-17 Budget Hearing as follows: Monday, June 20, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the SLHS Media Center, prior to the regular June Board meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Rex Thelen, OAISD Chief Technology Officer, recommended the following bond technology purchases. Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Lisa Ashcraft, to approve the purchase as presented:

- Hewlett Packard network switches and Ruckus Wireless Access Points for the SL Middle School and Holmes and Jeffers elementary schools from Zones, Inc. for a not to exceed (NTE) cost of \$51,726.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BUS PURCHASE

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the purchase of one International 77-passenger bus at a cost of \$89,524 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. This new bus will replace Bus #16 which is in need of multiple repairs which would cost the District more than \$11,000 and is currently in unusable condition. It was noted that this purchase will be paid with bond funds and that the purchase had been slated to occur in the 2016-17 school year but will be brought ahead to this year due to the need to replace Bus #16.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Bond Project Updates – Liz Boeve reported the following:
 - Jeffers Elementary completion of the first and second floors is coming quite rapidly and is expected to be done within the next month with the exception of punch list items.
 - Holmes Elementary is on target as well.
 - Hard surfaces are complete at both buildings.
 - Kitchen equipment is installed at both buildings.
 - Teachers are cleaning out their classrooms and are on target for June 10 move.
 - Pre-planning at the SLMS and SLIS buildings for summer work is ongoing.
- Class of 2016 Graduation – The Class of 2016 will graduate on Sunday, June 5. The Board will assemble at 2:30 p.m. in the coaches' conference room at SLHS.
- End-of-the-year Lunch - Due to teachers and staff moving out of Holmes, Jeffers and the Intermediate buildings following the conclusion of school on June 9, the usual end-of-the-year lunch will not be held this year but will resume in 2016-17.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- The West Michigan Talent Triangle Legislative Update was provided to the Board and touches on Revenue Consensus, the US Department of Education's communication on LGBTQ access to bathrooms and action on House Bill 4338 regarding 457b investments.
- 2016-17 Enrollment – The District is on target to meet or slightly exceed current enrollment.
- 2016-17 Budget Projections- Scott Powers and Todd Hronek are finalizing details on the current fiscal year amended budget and 2016-17 budget and are approximating a pre-audit \$100,000 surplus for 2015-16.
- Schools of Choice – The 105c process has been successfully put in place and families affected have been notified of the new process. The open application period closes May 25 and families will be notified of the results by early June.
- 2016-17 Calendar – The calendar has been agreed upon with the SLEA and will include 180 days of instruction required by the State, which is up from 175 days of required instruction from 2015-16. A copy of the calendar was provided to the Board.
- Teacher evaluation – Superintendent Furton will be meeting with Patty Keller in June to finalize plans for the teacher evaluation changes.
- Health Insurance - Bidding out for new health insurance rates has begun.

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- The goal setting workshop will be scheduled in the near future, look for suggested dates from Superintendent Furton in the next week.
- The Finance Committee will meet in May or early June to review final amended budget and projected budget.
- The Personnel Committee will meet in May to discuss administrative and non-union salaries.
- Staffing changes:
 - Todd Hronek, Controller, has accepted a job at Oakridge Public schools. Superintendent Furton praised Mr. Hronek for the wonderful job done here at SLPS and noted that he will be missed. The OASID has recently hired his replacement who will begin in June.
 - Lynn Carlsen, current part-time psychologist, will be leaving at the end of this school year. Sarah Gray, a current school psychologist working for the Van Buren ISD, has been offered the position and her appointment will be brought before the Board in June.
 - Due to larger class sizes at Jeffers, a full-time 4th grade teacher will be hired for 2016-17. This position has been posted and will be filled within the next few weeks.
 - A portion of a math position is needed at SLHS to meet scheduling and class size needs. Emily Nieboer has been working at the HS as a math paraprofessional and has accepted the additional teaching duties for 2016-17.
- Transgender Guidance – Superintendent Furton will be working with the OAISD as they begin to digest and understand the Department of Education’s guidance on LGBTQ students.
- Superintendent’s Schedule:
 - OAISD Meeting re: LGBTQ – May 17, 2016
 - OAISD Superintendent’s Meeting – May 20, 2016
 - Senior Awards Night – June 2, 2016
 - Graduation – June 5, 2016

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – June 20, 2016, SLHS Media Center, 7:15 p.m. – Budget Hearing 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

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APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary