



Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
1415 81st Avenue NE
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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
School Board, Independent School District 16
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, January 24, 2017

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stroebel called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

The following School Board members were present: John Stroebel, Amy Hennen, Jim Amundson, Marilyn Forsberg, Tony Easter, along with Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg.

School Board members absent: Jodi Ruch and Kelly Delfs

Kelly Delfs arrived at 6:06pm

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Easter, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (5-0)

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2016 Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, introduced Mr. Aaron Nielson with Malloy, Montague, Karnowski, Radosevich & Co. P.A. (MMKR) Certified Accounts, an independent auditor for the district.

Mr. Nielson gave a review of the issued Management Report, which summarizes the results of the annual audit, including the audit opinions and findings of the past school year, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures. A clean opinion of the district's financial statements was issued. The full report can be viewed on the district website on the Business Services department page.

2. Project Update: Self-directed, Engaged Learner - Focus on "dean's role review and refinement" milestones. Mr. Mike Callahan, Director of Student Services; Ms. Jane Stevenson, Principal, Spring Lake Park High School; Ms. Megan Jahnke, Associate Principal, Westwood Middle School; Ms. Shannon Bentancourt, Dean of Students (A-D), Spring Lake Park High School. Mr. Callahan shared that the 3D Design Process was used to capture current reality and alignment, further refining and clarifying the expectations, roles and responsibilities of the dean position. Discussion centered on the current refined dean position with expectations of creating relationships with each student, guiding each student in academics, behavior, career skills, social/emotional skills, supporting and partnering with families and teachers for the best learning and preparation of each student for life after high school.

3. 2017-2018 School Year Calendar Development: Brief Process Update – Mr. Callahan shared a tentative first draft of the 2017-2018 calendar with the board. Further input and feedback from building staff and parent groups (PTO, PTA, PAC) will be collected over the next few weeks. A final draft will be shared with the board at the February work session, with final approval being requested at the March 7 school board regular meeting.

4. FY17 Budget Status and FY18 Budget Development Updates – alignment of expenses for upcoming facilities projects continues and a review of FY17 revisions will be shared and up for approval at the March or April school board regular meeting. The Guiding Change for FY18 budget development was shared regarding context and reality, desired results, and unacceptable means. Items highlighted in the Guiding Change include: enrollment projections, class size targets, projected revenue changes and projected expense changes. Budget reductions for FY18 are not planned. The board will be updated throughout the spring on FY18 budget development, which will be reviewed at the May board work session.

5. School Board Policies Review: Process Update – Superintendent Ronneberg gave a brief review of the timeline and process of the school board policy review project, involving the 400 – 900 series of school board policies. The first readings of the first phase of policies revisions will take place at the Feb. 14, 2017 School Board regular meeting.

6. MN Equity Alliance Membership Discussion (EMID) – at the Jan. 12, 2016 School Board regular meeting, the school board approved a resolution to withdraw from MN Equity Alliance (at that time EMID), effective June 30, 2017. The discussion tonight centered on if the withdraw should continue, thus ending the district’s membership in EMID on June 30, 2017, or if the district should continue in the collaboration. Superintendent Ronneberg shared the current programming the district accesses through MN Equity Alliance. Dr. Hope Rahn shared a cost analysis. A new collaboration has been formed – North Suburban Post-Secondary Success Collaboration. The member districts of the collaboration are: Mounds View, Columbia Heights, Fridley, Roseville, and Spring Lake Park Schools. Based on board conversation regarding geography of districts within the new collaboration vs MN Equity Alliance and comparing programming and partnerships available within the two collaborations, the board agreed that no further action is needed and it is in the best interest of the district to carry through with the Jan 2016 resolution and withdraw from EMID on June 30, 2017.

7. Other – no other this evening

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Delfs, to enter in to Closed Session to discuss employee negotiations and purchase of property (National Sports Center Site) by the school district. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0) Entered in to Closed Session at 7:27pm.

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Forsberg, to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0) Meeting reconvened at 8:25pm.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Delfs, seconded by Easter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm. (6-0)

Date

Amy Hennen, Clerk
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