



**Spring Lake Park Schools**  
District Services Center  
1415 81st Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**School Board, Independent School District 16**  
**Spring Lake Park, MN**  
**Tuesday, November 1, 2016**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Stroebel called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

The following School Board members were present: John Stroebel, Jodi Ruch, Amy Hennen, Marilynn Forsberg, Tony Easter, and Kelly Delfs, along with Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg. School Board members absent: Jim Amundson – out of town for professional reasons.

**B. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion by Hennen, seconded by Easter, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)*

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Personalized Learning – Overview of October professional learning – Dr. Hope Rahn and Dr. Ronnberg reviewed the district vision, internal and external emerging influences, and provided an overview of recent professional learning for staff centered around personalizing learning, as well as actions that are taking place by teachers throughout the district. Key points were: moving from a teacher centered platform to a learner centered platform, enhancing students' engagement, and an emphasis on creating the conditions where each student becomes self-directed so they really learn how to learn.

2. Project Update: Facilities design and planning – Superintendent Ronneberg shared a brief overview of work taking place in the areas of innovative spaces, core design teams and their progress with the new elementary school design and high school redesign projects, along with current and future early learning space needs. In addition, he reviewed phasing plans and sought school board input, guidance and direction with phasing of each project. Phasing plans will be updated as a result.

3. Project Update: Pathways to College and Career Readiness and "12x12" – Dr. Hope Rahn, Lisa Switzer (learning and teaching coordinator), and Jerelyne Nemanich (learning technology coordinator) gave a brief overview of the four strands of the project: Embedded College, AP Honors, AVID, and Career Tech Ed/STEM/Allied Arts, all of which are part of the 12x12 program.

4. Project Update: World Language and Immersion Programming Update - Dr. Rahn shared an update on the current languages being offered at the secondary level, including the addition of Spanish and Intro to German at grade 7. Pre-Juntos (for heritage speakers) and Juntos (for non-native speakers) has been added as well. The first cohort of Spanish Immersion students entered 7<sup>th</sup> grade this year and are taking science in the Spanish language. German and Spanish language courses at the high school are being strengthened as well.

*High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.*

5. Project Update: regarding future participation in EMID/North Metro Post-Secondary Collaborative JPA – Dr. Ronneberg shared a brief update regarding possible new collaborative and the draft JPA (joint powers agreement). Further review will be done, including meeting with Assistant Commissioner Daron Korte at MDE, for further discussion and clarification of current integration law. Board members will contact Dr. Ronneberg with any questions they may have, with plans to approve the JPA at the December meeting.

6. Other – no ‘other’ this evening.

**D. CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion by Delfs, seconded by Forsberg, to enter in to Closed Session to discuss purchase of property by the school district. Sites being discussed are the properties on 85<sup>th</sup> Ave and at the NSC (National Sports Center). Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0). Entered in to Closed Session at 8:23pm.*

*Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Ruch, to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0) Meeting reconvened at 9:24pm.*

**E. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Easter, seconded by Ruch, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0) Meeting adjourned at 9:25pm.*

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Amy Hennen, Clerk  
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