



Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION and MEETING
School Board, Independent School District 16
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, September 27, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

The following School Board members were present: John Stroebel, Jodi Ruch, Amy Hennen, Jim Amundson, Marilyn Forsberg, Tony Easter, and Kelly Delfs, along with Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg. School Board members absent: None

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Delfs, seconded by Forsberg, to approve the agenda with the following change(s):

- a. addition of Employee Negotiations to the Closed Session

Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0)

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Enrollment Update

Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, gave a quick overview of K-12 enrollment, noting that enrollment is up approximately 100 students this year, which is approximately 25 students more than what was budgeted for. A more in-depth enrollment report will be shared at the October 11 board meeting.

2. Facilities Study Update

Dr. Ronneberg, Superintendent of Schools, reviewed the Facilities Guiding Change document with the board. The Guiding Change document guides the decision making within the facilities project. Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, gave an update on summer and recent projects, including: Park Terrace Gym – new floor and now accommodates a regulation sized basketball court; initial work for the new driveway at Westwood has begun; innovative spaces furniture has been ordered for the area outside of the Fine Arts Centered (FAC) at the high school; the summer renovation with the addition of curbs significantly narrowed 91st Avenue, so students who used to walk to Westwood school using 91st Avenue are now being bussed for safety reasons; In August, teams of teachers from each site met to review and design areas of innovative spaces within their buildings. Options for Early Learning spaces are still being developed. Board members asked questions to clarify programming usage of the innovative space outside of the FAC, along with feedback regarding movable classroom walls.

3. Preliminary Taxes Payable Levy 2017 Overview

Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, shared information regarding the preliminary taxes payable levy for 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Schultz mentioned that because of the approved bond, taxpayer tax statements will show an increase. Clear communication will be created to help keep taxpayers informed of the effect of increase due to increase in student enrollment, as well as increase

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due to the approved bond. The Truth In Taxation meeting and final approval of the levy will take place at the December 2016 School Board meeting.

4. Other

Dr. Hope Rahn, Director of Learning and Innovation, shared information on communications going out to parents in the next couple of weeks regarding design of word study practices and re-assessment practices.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval to Certify the Proposed 2016 Payable 2017 Maximum Property Tax Levy

Motion by Amundson, seconded by Hennen, to approve the certification of proposed 2016 Payable 2017 maximum Property Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0)

E. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Easter, seconded by Ruch, to enter in to Closed Session to discuss purchase of property by the school district. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Entered in to Closed Session at 7:30pm.

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Easter, to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Meeting reconvened at 8:05pm.

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ruch, seconded by Delfs, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

Date

Amy Hennen, Clerk
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