



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, February 23, 2016

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Stroebel called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

The following School Board members were present: John Stroebel, Jim Amundson, Marilyn Forsberg, Jodi Ruch, Tony Easter, along with Superintendent Ronneberg.
School Board members absent: Kelly Delfs and Amy Hennen.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

- a. removal of Budget Update: 2015-2016 Revisions

Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes.

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Accelerated Student Learning Project Update - Nate Levenson, District Management Council; Hope Rahn, Director of Learning and Innovation; Mike Callahan, Director of Student Services.

Spring Lake Park Schools' partnership with The District Management Council focuses on understanding current practices for supporting struggling learners and using best practices to increase student achievement at high levels in a cost effective manner. Mr. Levenson congratulated the district on its strong and well executed implementation of this structural change. Implementation began Spring 2015. Next steps include: continue to examine student needs in reading and math; verify that implementation of best practices continues to be done well, in every classroom; monitor progress and refine the plan on a continuous basis so the strategy becomes standard practice in every classroom.

Core structure of the strategy is to identify struggling students early: provide extra time for instruction in the student's schedule, which is tied directly to classroom instruction; and extra instruction is delivered by a teacher who is an expert in the content area (reading/math).

Chairperson Stroebel mentioned that the base of trust that has been built with our teaching staff has been instrumental in making implementation of this strategy a success. Member Forsberg stated that she is very supportive of having staff that have expertise in the areas that they are teaching.

~~Budget Update: 2015-2016 Revisions - removed~~

2016-17 School Calendar – Mr. Mike Callahan, Director of Student Services, reviewed a draft of the 2016-17 calendar with the Board and the process by which the draft was created. Board discussion followed. The calendar will be up for approval at the March 8 School Board regular meeting.

2015-2016 Indian Education Consortium Update – Mr. Mike Callahan updated the board on the current consortium with Fridley and Columbia Heights school districts.

Other – Dr. Jeff Ronneberg gave a brief update on Bond Informational meetings that are taking place. The meetings include: Feb. 22 community leaders information meeting, visits with ECFE parents, Spring Lake Park Lions meeting in March, informational meetings for parents in April.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ruch, seconded by Easter, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

_____ Date

_____ Amy Hennen, Clerk
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