



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

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION/SPECIAL MEETING**  
**School Board, Independent School District 16**  
**Spring Lake Park, MN**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2015**

**This meeting was called as a special meeting due to change in location to Park Terrace Elementary School, 8301 Terrace Road, Spring Lake Park, MN (Original location was District Services Center)**

**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, Amy Hennen, Marilynn Forsberg, Colleen Vranish, along with Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg.

School Board members absent: Kelly Delfs, for family matters.

Vice-Chairperson Jodi Ruch arrived at 6:07pm.

**B. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion by Vranish, seconded by Hennen, to approve the agenda with the following change(s):*

a. Removal of Closed Session, Item D

*Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes.*

**C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Master Facilities and Programming Study Update (Board Priority) – Dr. Ronneberg, Superintendent of Schools, Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, and Dr. Hope Rahn, Director of Learning and Innovation, gave updates on three subtopics of the Master Facilities and Programming Study – facilities/election timeline, potential bond refunding opportunity, and innovative learning spaces.

Facilities/Election timeline – target dates for November 2015 – April 2016 were shared and included the following:

Community Facilities Design Team meeting, Nov. 23, 2015;

Facilities Master Plan presentation to the board, Dec. 15, 2015;

Direction from School Board to submit Review and Comment to MDE, Dec. 15, 2015;

Bond proposal presentation to the Board, Jan. 12, 2016;

Resolution calling for election, Jan. 12 or Feb. 9, 2016

Election Day for bond referendum, April 26, 2016.

Bond Refunding Opportunity – Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, and Jodie Zesbaugh, Municipal Advisor with Ehlers, Inc., shared information on a potential bond refunding opportunity, discussing options of advance refunding and current refunding. Board discussion took place around timing, interest rates, and expected benefits to community members.

Innovative Learning Spaces – Dr. Hope Rahn, shared a short video regarding the learning spaces being created and used at the various buildings. She reiterated with the board that it's more than furniture, it's about student learning and engagement – it's being flexible with learning

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spaces to meet student needs, creating welcoming atmosphere, and increasing collaborative learning. These innovative updates stem from the work of the Community Facility Design Team. Board members took a short tour of the Park Terrace learning spaces updates.

2. Branding Project Update: District and school websites – Bob Noyed, Director of Communications, shared an update on work being done to prepare and introduce a new website for the school district. The updated website will be viewable on any device with increased features and navigation opportunities. Roll out is expected to happen at the end of November 2015. Board questions followed.

3. World Languages Project Update – Dr. Hope Rahn mentioned that this project was part of the 2014-15 District Operational Plan and addressed the transition of Immersion students to middle school. Mapping of courses through middle and high school grade levels began this school year and additional course opportunities are being explored for Immersion and heritage speakers for initial implementation Fall of 2016. In addition, investigation of expanded world language opportunities, such as transferrable college credits at the high school and/or additional language offerings is in process, with initial implementation projected for Fall of 2017.

4. Personalized Learning Plans, Grading, and Conferences Project Update (Board Priority) – Dr. Hope Rahn, provided an update on progress towards the milestones of this District Operational Plan board priority. Personalized learning plans are currently being implemented with K-5 students who are below grade level benchmark in reading. At the secondary level a PLP design team has been formed and initial prototypes have been developed for initial implementation later this school year. Full implementation of PLPs for all students, K-12, is scheduled for Fall 2016. Within the grading milestones, refinements were made to the Grade 5 report card in the areas of math and language arts to further align grading tasks with learning targets. These refinements will be implemented with the trimester 1 report card. A brief update was given regarding attendance at fall conferences.

5. East Metro Integration District (EMID) – Project Update – Dr. Ronneberg shared that per the Joint Powers Agreement with EMID, the district needs to let EMID leadership know by mid-January 2016 if Spring Lake Park Schools plans to continue in or exit from the collaborative. Board discussion took place. At this time the board leans towards staying in the collaborative one more year.

6. Other – short discussion on possible mid-year iPad refresh/buy-back for 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade devices. Macbook laptop pilot began Oct. 26 for 10<sup>th</sup> grade students.

#### **D. CLOSED SESSION – REMOVED**

#### **E. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Ruch, seconded by Vranish, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.*

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Amy Hennen, Clerk  
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