



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, March 26, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hennen called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

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

School Board members absent: none

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0)

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Legislative Update with local legislators – Senator Jerry Newton, Representative Nolan West, and Representative Carolyn Laine gave brief updates on current work at the legislative session. Board questions and discussion followed. Topic highlights included: cross-subsidy, Governor Walz's budget proposal, K-12 and higher education, teacher licensure and licensure structure, safe schools levy, forecasted state budget surplus, school levy renewal, school counselors, school board elections – replacing a board member that resigns mid-term, paperwork/reports required by state mandates.

Facilities Projects: High School and Centerview Summer Projects Update – Dr. Jeff Ronneberg, Superintendent of Schools, and Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, shared images of the upcoming construction projects scheduled for the plaza space (restrooms, concession stand, ticket stand), turf, and baseball fields at the high school. Discussion took place and included information on the projected budget changes and timelines. Bid opening is April 2, 2019 with bids up for board approval at the April 9, 2019 regular meeting. Construction is scheduled to begin the day after graduation. In addition, a brief overview was given of upcoming construction, in partnership with the National Sports Center, of soccer and lacrosse fields at Centerview. Board discussion took place.

Other – Dr. Ronneberg gave the board an update on the new co-op/partnership with St Anthony for girls gymnastics. He also reviewed the draft process and definitions for letter awards at Spring Lake Park Schools, a draft document created by Will Wackman and Renee Van Gorp, in the following categories: MN State High School League (MSHSL), Competition Club Activities/School Organizations, Student Interest Based Clubs. Dr. Ronneberg also mentioned that initial interviews for the Park Terrace principal position will wrap up this week, with next steps beginning next week for formal interviews with teachers.

Chairperson Hennen reminded the board that the school board retreat is April 26. Karen Stifter, executive assistant to the Superintendent and School Board, shared information about the upcoming Tower Days parade.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Wheaton, seconded by Stroebel, to enter into Closed Session to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Entered into Closed Session at 7:23pm.

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Easter, to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Meeting reconvened at 8:02pm.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Date

Tony Easter, Clerk
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