



Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
School Board, Independent School District 16
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, September 24, 2019

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hennen called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

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

School Board member absent: Jim Amundson, professional reasons.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Preliminary Taxes Payable 2020 Update – Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services shared information regarding the preliminary taxes payable for the 2020-2021 school year. This levy generates revenue for the 2020-2021 school year. Levy components of the final property tax certification will be shared at the December 17th school board meeting. Board discussion followed including clarification that the formulas used to calculate the levy amounts are created by the Minnesota Department of Education

Levy for Learning Update – Ms. Erika Taibl, Director of Communications and Marketing, highlighted the key points, upcoming communication tools, and timelines for the next several weeks in reference to the November 5 Levy for Learning renewal. Two questions are on the ballot which, if approved, would result in no increase in taxes and no increase in funding, but maintain current funding for essential programs and technologies. Absentee in-person voting is available at the District Services Center through Nov. 4. Tools being used to share information about the levy for learning renewal include the district website, fact sheets, videos, flyers, community presentations, Blaine/Spring Lake Park Life publications, parent newsletters, and required mailings. Board comments and questions followed.

2020 – 2021 School Calendar Process Update – Dr. Jeff Ronneberg, Superintendent of Schools, and Tony Mayer, Director of Student Services and Special Education highlighted that the calendar process over the last 7+ years has been very smooth. The Guiding Change document was reviewed. Board discussion and feedback leaned towards being in favor of looking at a 2-year calendar development process and having the calendar development team look at the possibility of this new change. The board will receive an update at October work session regarding the work. Intention is to have calendar approval on the December board meeting agenda.

Flexible Learning Days Plan Update – Dr. Ronneberg and Dr. Hope Rahn, Director of Learning and Innovation reminded the board the board took action at the June work session directing the development of an e-learning day plan per Minnesota statute, reviewing the various components of the plan including required notification to parents and supporting document for teaching staff. Board discussion followed

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and focused mainly on where students and parents will find information on a flexible learning day, when flex days might be used during a school year, clarity of communication to parents, students and staff, request for more tech learning opportunities for parents so they can support their students' work on the various platforms, balancing parent support of student learning on flex learning days with parent ability to be at home with student. Board feedback from the meeting will be incorporated into the final draft and shared back with the board.

Other – Dr. Ronneberg shared an update on work being done refurbishing the bleachers at Panther stadium and recent work with the National Sports Center regarding shifting the Davenport entry road into Centerview with the removal of the Velodrome. Concept drawings are being created. Member Forsberg shared a NE Metro 916 draft resolution she would like the Spring Lake Park school board to consider. Chairperson Hennen mentioned that that AMSD annual conference is taking place Nov 13.

D. ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval to Certify the Proposed 2019 Payable 2020 Maximum Property Tax Levy

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Wheaton, to approve the certification of proposed 2019 Payable 2020 maximum Property Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Easter, seconded by Wheaton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.