



Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
School Board, Spring Lake Park Schools ISD 16
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, February 23, 2021

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hennen called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. All School Board members were in attendance, including Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Amy Wheaton, Sarah Bowe, John Stroebel, Marilynn Forsberg, and Michael Kreun, along with Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Wheaton, to approve the agenda with the following change(s):

a. removal of 'as well as purchase of property' from Item D. Closed Session

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Transition Planning Update – Grades 7-12 – Dr. Jeff Ronneberg, Superintendent of Schools, shared information and asked for board feedback regarding an upcoming opportunity for an on-site 1-day vaccination event offered to the staff of Spring Lake Park Schools through Anoka County. While confirmation won't be available from Anoka County until March 5, consideration of the planning variables around student school day has begun. The tentative date is March 11, from 10am – 4pm. March 11 is a scheduled student day and Dr. Ronneberg shared possible scenarios for the school day as well as the timeline and context of a message to families. Board discussion took place regarding options for the March 11 school day, as well as timeline and content of message to families. If March 11 is confirmed by Anoka County, school will be canceled for the day allowing staff to get the vaccine. School will be held March 11 if Anoka County arrangements for the vaccine do not come together. District communication of these options will be sent to parents prior to March 5.

Policy Review and Process Update – Revision to district policy series 100s and 200s was initiated at the February 9 board meeting. Chairperson Hennen asked board members at this work session if they had any questions or comments. Member Kreun shared feedback and suggested changes on several of the proposed revisions. Board discussion took place and focused on ensuring alignment within the 100 and 600 series of district policy, board packet materials, governance and management, and board member role and responsibility.

Legislative Update – Dr. Ronneberg shared an update on current bills being discussed in the legislative session related to summer school and enrollment funding. He stated he may reach out to board members for support at the legislative level. Member Stroebel inquired about the levy renewal bill. Chairperson Hennen mentioned a bill regarding all entities having their truth in taxation presentation all on the same day.

Other – Superintendent Ronneberg shared that currently there is no guidance from MDH/MDE regarding graduation this spring or prom. Member Bowe asked for clarification of communication regarding the recent false alarm(lockdown) at the Westwood Complex. Member Wheaton highlighted the upcoming Panthers for a Purpose silent auction event.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg, to enter into Closed Session to discuss employee negotiations – Principals and Unaffiliated I & II employee groups. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Entered into Closed Session at 8:05pm.

Motion by Wheaton, seconded by Stroebel, to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Meeting reconvened at 8:18pm.

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 8:18pm.