



## Spring Lake Park Schools

District Services Center

1415 81st Avenue NE

Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING**  
**Spring Lake Park School Board, Spring Lake Park Schools**  
**Spring Lake Park, MN**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Hennen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The following School Board members were in attendance: Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Amy Wheaton, Marilyn Forsberg, Michael Kreun, and John Stroebel, along with Superintendent Jeff Ronneberg and student representatives Bella Sciara (remote) and Ellie Jeppson. Board member Sarah Bowe was absent due to personal reasons.

**B. AGENDA APPROVAL**

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

**C. SOME FUTURE EVENTS** (Please check the District website at [www.springlakeparkschools.org](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org) for a complete list of monthly events)

- Thursday, December 23, 2021 - Friday, December 31, 2021, No School; DSC and Child Care hours listed on the District Website
- Tuesday, January 11, 2022 School Board Organizational and Regular Meeting, 7:00pm - with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45 p.m.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Wheaton, to approve the following items of the consent agenda:*

1. Minutes of the November 9, 2021 Regular Meeting
2. Bills Paid for October 2021, in the following amounts:

<b>BILLS PAID - October 2021</b>	
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>
General	\$ 3,736,805
Food Service	176,007
Community Education	142,329
Debt Service	-
Trust and Agency	1,300
Building Construction	-
Internal Service Funds	81,011
OPEB Debt Services	-
OPEB Trust Account	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,137,452</b>

### 3. Personnel Items

#### EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
<b>Bartholomew Johnson</b>	SLPHS	Science Teacher	12/6/2021	Replace
<b>Tina Keeler</b>	CV	Child Care Assistant Teacher	11/22/2021	Replace
<b>Kristin McCarthy</b>	WW	Special Education Paraprofessional	11/15/2021	Replace
<b>Megan Nipe</b>	CV	Music Teacher	1/3/2022	Replace
<b>Theodore Salonek</b>	SLPHS	English Language Arts Teacher	12/06/2021	Replace
<b>Joan Scharmer</b>	SLPHS	Social Studies and Business Teacher	1/3/2022	Replace
<b>Benjamin Schnagl</b>	SLPHS	Custodian	11/29/2021	Replace
<b>Elise Schwartz</b>	DSC	Preschool Teacher	12/06/2021	Replace

#### TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
<b>Suzanne Alcantara</b>	DSC	Clerical	Resignation as of December 17, 2021
<b>Haskel Black</b>	WW	Teachers	Resignation as of December 22, 2021
<b>Rachel Carlson</b>	WW	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of December 22, 2021
<b>Natalie Fortin</b>	PT	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of November 23, 2021
<b>Andra Gulenchyn</b>	SLPHS	Teachers	Resignation as of December 6, 2021
<b>Teeanna James</b>	NP	Child Care Professionals	Resignation as of November 15, 2021
<b>Darrin Olmscheid</b>	WC	Teachers	Resignation as of November 30, 2021
<b>Christina Pearson</b>	SLPHS	Nutrition Services	Resignation as of December 2, 2021
<b>Kelly Wilbur</b>	WW	Nutrition Services	Resignation as of December 22, 2021

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
<b>Kelsey Cassidy</b>	SLPHS	Teachers	April 15, 2022 through June 10, 2022
<b>Tabitha Markie</b>	CV	Teachers	March 23, 2022 through June 10, 2022
<b>Sharina Meinholz</b>	WC	Teachers	January 26, 2022 through April 19, 2022

*Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)*

#### **E. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL GUESTS, AND RECOGNITIONS**

1. 2021 Budget and Property Taxes Payable 2022 Presentation - Truth in Taxation Hearing - Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services reviewed the current year budget for Spring Lake Park Schools and the proposed property tax levy, highlighting the various funds and any proposed changes, reviewing the budget review process along with the levy calendar, giving an overview of the various levy components and sharing MN property tax programs and support available to residents. Board comments followed. Time was allowed for public comment and questions. No member of the public came forward.

2. Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 – Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services introduced Mr. Aaron Nielson with MMKR Certified Accountants, and independent auditor for the school district. Mr. Nielson and his staff performed the audit for the year ending June 30, 2021 and issued an unmodified, or clean, report of the district's financial statement, including no instances of non-compliance or material weaknesses. He gave an overview of the issued Management Report, summarizing the results of the annual audit, fund balances, expenditures and revenue, and financial position of the district. The audit is available on the school district website. Board comments followed.

**F. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. Effective Operations: Improve our effective management of human, financial, and physical resources. Monthly Financial Report for October 2021 - Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services shared the monthly financial report for October 2021 including treasurer’s report, revenue, and expenditures.

2. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Jeff Ronneberg thanked the board for their support and planning during the preparation for this Fall. He thanked and recognized all staff for what they do each day for kids within this very unique environment. Dr. Ronneberg thanked the community for their support as well as we welcome more than 6000 students through our doors each day.

**G. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Certification of Final 2021 Payable 2022 Property Tax Levy  
*Motion by Wheaton, seconded by Stroebel, to adopt the Final 2021 Payable 2022 Property Tax Levy and to certify the amounts to the Anoka County Department of Property Tax Administration.*

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Certified 2021 Levy</b>
General	\$ 13,414,811.85
Community Services	\$ 533,113.48
General Debt Service	\$ 9,795,657.00
OPEB Debt Service	\$ 901,111.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,644,694.22</b>

*Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)*

2. Approval of the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 School Calendar  
*Motion by Easter, seconded by Wheaton to approve the proposed 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school calendars. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)*

3. Second Reading to Adopt Proposed Policy Changes  
*Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Easter, to approve the adoption of the following policies with proposed changes:*

707 Transportation of Public School Students

*Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)*

4. Resolution Establishing Combined Polling Places for School District Elections Not Held on the Day of a Statewide Election  
*Motion by Wheaton, seconded by Easter, to adopt the following resolution:*

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COMBINED POLLING PLACES FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTIONS NOT HELD ON THE DAY OF A STATEWIDE ELECTION**

BE IT RESOLVED by the School Board of Spring Lake Park Independent School District #16, State of Minnesota, as follows:

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the precincts and polling places for school district elections are those precincts or parts of precincts located within the boundaries of the school district which have been established by the cities or towns located in whole or in part within the school district. The board hereby confirms those precincts and polling places so established by those municipalities.

2. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the board may establish a combined polling place comprised of several municipal precincts for school elections not held on the day of a statewide election. The combined polling places are to be established annually, prior to December 31, to serve the precincts specified for all school district special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election. Each combined polling place must be a polling place that has been designated by a county or municipality. Those combined polling places are listed below:

Precinct 1: Encompasses all territory in Spring Lake Park ISD #16 located in the Cities of Fridley and Spring Lake Park.

Precinct 2: Encompasses all territory in Spring Lake Park ISD #16 located in the City of Blaine.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.11, the following polling places are hereby designated for said combined precincts for all special and general elections not held on the same day as a statewide election:

Precinct 1: Woodcrest Elementary School  
880 Osborne Road NE  
Fridley, MN

Precinct 2: National Sports Center - The Welcome Center  
1750 105<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Blaine, MN

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 205A.09, the polling places will remain open for voting for school district elections between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

5. The Clerk shall also file a certified copy of this resolution with said County Auditor.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreun, Stroebel, Forsberg, Wheaton, Easter, Hennen; Nays: none

*Resolution was adopted. (6-0)*

5. Acknowledgment of Gifts

*Motion by Easter, seconded by Stroebel to approve the following resolution:*

WHEREAS School Board Policy 706 establishes guidelines for the acceptance of gifts to the District; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 465.03 states that a School Board may accept a gift of real or personal property by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Spring Lake Park Schools accepts with appreciation the gifts as shown.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreun, Stroebel, Forsberg, Wheaton, Easter, Hennen; Nays: none

*Resolution was adopted. (6-0)*

6. Resolution Honoring Departing School Board Members John Stroebel and Amy Wheaton

*Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg, to adopt the following resolution:*

WHEREAS John Stroebel has served on the School Board of Independent School District 16 for a total of 16 years, including as board chairperson from 2013 to 2018;

and Amy Wheaton has served on the School Board of Independent School District 16 for a total of 4 years; and

WHEREAS, They both have always championed the needs of children and students; and

WHEREAS, they have unselfishly given of themselves to represent the students, staff, parents, and the residents of District 16 honestly and fairly; and

WHEREAS we, John and Amy's Board and staff colleagues, wish to share our heartfelt thanks to them for their work and dedication to making District 16, Spring Lake Park Schools, a better place to learn and work.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the School Board of Independent School District 16 extends the district's gratitude to John Stroebel and Amy Wheaton for their selfless work for the district, and our best wishes for their good health, happiness, and rewarding future.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreun, Stroebel, Forsberg, Wheaton, Easter, Hennen; Nays: non

*Resolution was adopted. (6-0)*

#### **H. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS**

Student Representatives Ellie Jeppson and Bella Sciara shared that winter sports at the high school have started and invited board members to come watch any of the events. Students are ready for the winter break. Member Forsberg shared updates on the recent Re-Imagine conference, NEMetro 916's recent 7-minute meeting to change one school date, and the highlights of the delegate assembly meeting. Delegate assembly is the legislative branch of the school board system.

Dr. Ronneberg directed his words to Member Stroebel and Member Wheaton, sharing his appreciation for their passion, great impact on the district, and calm and reassuring guidance over the years.

#### **I. CLOSED SESSION**

*Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Stroebel, to enter into Closed Session to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0) Entered into Closed Session at 8:01pm.*

*Motion by Wheaton, seconded by Easter, to reconvene the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0). Meeting reconvened at 8:08pm.*

#### **G. ACTION ITEMS, continued**

##### **7. Approval of Community Services Labor Agreement for 2021-2023**

*Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg, to approve the proposed 2021-2023 agreement between Spring Lake Park School District 16 and the Community Services Personnel as recommended by the Administration. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)*

#### **J. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Wheaton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.*

Communication to the Board and Administration

A parent with students in the district asked the board to remove the elementary age level mask mandate and let parents decide for themselves what it best for their children.

A member of the community asked the board to revisit the mask mandate decision.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_, Clerk  
Spring Lake Park Schools  
Independent School District 16