



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

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

School Board, Spring Lake Park Schools
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, February 8, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Hennen called the meeting to order at 7:09pm. All board members were in attendance including Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Marilynn Forsberg, Sara Bowe, Michael Kreun, Sam Vilella, and Melody Skelly, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg and student representatives Ellie Jeppson and Bella Sciara (remote).

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

C. SOME FUTURE EVENTS (Please check the District Calendar and Resource Guide or the District website at www.springlakeparkschools.org for a complete list of monthly events)

- Tuesday, February 22, 2022, School Board Work Session, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8, 2022, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. - with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45 p.m.
- Friday, March 11, 2022, No School - Staff Professional Work Day
- Monday, March 14, 2022 - Friday, March 18, 2022 No School, Spring Break
- Monday, March 21, 2022, No School – Staff Professional Work Day

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Bowe, to approve the following items of the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the January 11, 2022 School Board Organizational and School Board Regular Meetings
2. Bills Paid for December 2021, in the following amounts:

BILLS PAID December 2021	
Fund	Total Payments
General	\$ 3,805,431
Food Service	203,646
Community Education	145,573
Debt Service	-
Trust and Agency	1,500
Building Construction	20,034
Internal Service Funds	177,356
OPEB Debt Services	-
OPEB Trust Account	-
TOTAL	\$ 4,353,540

High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.

3. Personnel Items – including employments, terminations/resignations/non-renewal of contract, leaves of absence, 2021-2022 lane changes for teachers, and 2021-2022 Seniority Lists for Spring Lake Park School District 16 Employees.

EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Emily Anderson	CV	Kindergarten Teacher	1/12/2022	Replace
Mark Dusosky	WW	Nutrition Services Associate	1/11/2022	Replace
Melody Madsen	CV	Child Care Assistant Teacher	2/7/2022	Replace
Katelyn Scharmer	CV	Academic Specialist	1/24/2022	Growth
Britney Schulz	CV	Kindergarten Teacher	2/3/2022	Growth
Shannon Sorenson	SLPHS	Custodian	1/17/2022	Replace
Kachina Tracy	WW	Nutrition Services Associate	1/19/2022	Replace

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Robert Lowery	PT	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 31, 2022
Michael Malan	NP	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 13, 2022
Melissa Netzloff	WCSI	Health Care Specialists	Separation as of January 7, 2022
Shannon Sorenson	SLPHS	Nutrition Services	Resignation as of January 14, 2022

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Mellissa Dainty	WW	Custodians	December 16, 2021, through April 1, 2022
Victoria Erickson	SLPHS	Teachers	March 21, 2022, through June 10, 2022
Sophia Kutina	CV	Paraprofessionals	July 29, 2022, through October 14, 2022
Stephanie LaMere	CV	Teachers	March 21, 2022, through June 10, 2022
Francesca Miller	PT	Healthcare Specialists	March 9, 2022, through June 10, 2022
Amanda Moravec	PT	Teachers	April 1, 2022, through June 10, 2022
Leah Obrycki	CV	Teachers	May 2, 2022, through June 10, 2022
Christina Stewart	PT	Teachers	April 5, 2022, through June 10, 2022

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

E. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **Effective Operations:** Improve our Effective Management of Human, Financial and Physical Resources

Monthly Financial Report for December 2021 – Ms. Amy Schultz, Director of Business Services, gave an overview of the December 2021 cash basis financial report including treasurer’s report, revenue, and expenditures. She talked regarding the Child Care Grant funds received as well as the continued cost increase of Nutritional Services for the school year. Board comments and questions followed.

2. Superintendent’s Report - Dr. Jeff Ronneberg, Superintendent of Schools, shared highlights of some of the great student learning and student achievements taking place despite the ongoing challenges that Covid 19 has brought for staff and students, including but not limited to students involved in DECA and FCCLA, Honors Band Festival and concert, Find their Spark activities at Park Terrace, recent SLPHS activities such as Panther Mentors, Bowling Team, Knowledge Bowl and Robotics, OSHA training for students participating in the welding course partnership with Irondale High School.

In addition, he shared information on enrollment, registration and grade level transitions events taking place this month, the upcoming Panthers for Purpose event, and the opportunity between Spring Lake Park Schools, Metro North Chamber of Commerce, and area small and large business leaders for conversations around skills needs development for students' future in the work force.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Updated School Health and Safety Measures

Dr. Ronneberg reviewed the Face Mask Decision Making Guide that was board approved in August 2021. Students age 5 and over now have access to the vaccine, January's focus was on managing COVID 19 related absences in our schools, and we are coming out of the recent surge. Dr. Ronneberg thanked all staff district wide for their role in keeping our students in school during the surge, emphasizing that this cannot go unnoticed. Dr. Ronneberg reassured that all parties are being heard and as a district we seek to find a balance for all involved, always seeking to give the best personalized education to each student in a safe, healthy environment.

Dr. Ronneberg presented proposed updates to the guide highlighting that school-based indicators will be used to guide masking requirements. Masks will only be required if the threshold of student and staff cases in a building reaches 5%. Student and staff absence data will be reviewed each Friday. If masking requirements must change based on the data review, families will be communicated with on Friday for the implemented change the following week. Upon approval of the board tonight, implementation of the updated guide will begin end of the day February 25th.

Board members discussed several aspects of the proposed guide, including a sunset provision. Dr. Ronneberg shared that the proposed guide would sunset at the end of the last day of the 2021-2022 school year. Board members also clarified that there would be no contact tracing and quarantine would take place only within immediate family members. Further discussion took place regarding timeline and process of the rollout as well as possible effects on families and staff. Several board members shared comments regarding the proposed updates.

Member Kreun requested a roll call vote. Hennen asked Member Forsberg to call the roll as part of the action item.

Motion by Easter, seconded by Bowe, to approve the updated Face Mask Decision-Making Guide as presented.

Ayes: Skelley, Vilella, Bowe, Forsberg, Easter, Hennen; Nays: Kreun

Motion carried with a 6-1 vote.

2. NE Metro 916 Updated Joint Powers Agreement (JPA)

Motion by Vilella, seconded by Easter to approve the NE Metro 916 Joint Powers Agreement.

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

3. Acknowledgment of Gifts

Motion by Easter, seconded by Bowe to adopt 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 to the district.

Roll Call: Ayes: Kreun, Skelly, Villella, Bowe, Forsberg, Easter, Hennen; Nays: None

Resolution was adopted. (7-0)

G. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS

Student representatives Ellie and Bella shared updates on recent and upcoming events at the high school including Music Festival, winter sports team successes, and upcoming Panther Mentor events.

Member Forsberg shared that NE Metro 916 completed an extensive study and has decided to continue with School Resource Officers. She also mentioned the introduction of a bill at the state level regarding full funding of Special Education and encouraged board members to follow the bill.

Chairperson Hennen attended the recent AMSD conference virtually, highlighting a presentation on demographic changes in Minnesota and the effects on education. She encouraged board members to check it out online on the AMSD website.

Member Villella shared that his recent interaction with the counseling staff at Westwood Middle School regarding student preparation for the year ahead was great.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes. (7-0) Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Communication to the Board and Administration

Several parents and community members addressed the board this evening voicing their preference for no masking of students and staff. Chairperson Hennen thanked the attendees for addressing the board.

Date

Marilynn Forsberg, Clerk
Spring Lake Park Schools
Independent School District 16