



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, Spring Lake Park Schools

Spring Lake Park, MN

Tuesday, October 25, 2022

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hennen called the meeting to order at 6:04pm. All board members were in attendance including Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Marilyn Forsberg, Sarah Bowe, Michael Kreun, Melody Skelly, and Sam Villela, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Enrollment Update: Ms. Amy Shultz, Director of Business Services provided the school board with an update on enrollment. Ms. Shultz mentioned that Spring Lake Park Schools have currently more than 6000 students based on average daily membership. In the last 10 years, the first eight years, there was an increase of 950 students but the last two years enrollment has been flat due to Covid and this year we have seen a decline. Ms. Shultz mentioned that more in depth information will be presented at the January board retreat. Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg mentioned that we staffed for the number of students that we have and that this year it has been more stable than the last two years. He also mentioned that in K-5 there has been a decline while in the higher grades it has been stable. This is happening in a lot of districts that are still struggling to rebound.
2. Project Update: Study District Demographic Trends: Ms. Amy Shultz, Director of Business Services and Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg communicated to the board that they are looking at doing a demographic study. Ms. Shultz and Mr. Ronneberg are looking at obtaining a couple different proposals from Teamworks International and Hazel Reinhardt; each of them uses a different methodology. Questions from board members were based on the timeline for the demographic study.
3. Project Update: Enhance Community and Industry Partnerships: Ms. Erika Taibl, Marketing and Communications Director, and Ms. Melissa Olson, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Practices, gave an update on the District Operational Plan project around Enhance Community and Industry Partnerships, which work is focused around strengthening connections and partnerships to support student learning specifically in our career and college pathways. Ms. Olson presented the three group pathways: Business and

Entrepreneurship, Technology, Engineering and Design, and Health and Human Services and highlighted some of the courses under each pathway. Ms. Taibl mentioned there are five achievement points: an annual calendar, communication approach, industry roundtable event, expansion beyond 9-12 and advisory board. The roundtable event was on October 13th, with 30 participants and consisted in an introduction to SLP and the pathways, table discussions, networking, informal connections and the opportunities, barriers to do this as well as the creation of an advisory board was an The annual calendar focuses on the two anchoring events of the industry roundtable and the career fair as well as the strategic placement of pathways with specific events in between (Shark Tank, guest instructors, site visits, HR interviews, etc.). Under communication approach, Ms. Taibl and Ms. Olson mentioned to get a consolidated list of partners and a monthly partner update that was launched in September. Questions from the board members focused on checking if we had partners from industries like financial advisers, banks, therapists, etc.

4. Other – Board Chair Hennen finalized the date for the board retreat, that will take place on January 24th and adding a work session on November 29th at 6pm. Ms. Hennen provided the board with information regarding American Education week and that an email will be sent with all dates, times, and locations. Ms. Hennen also mentioned to the board the different options the board has in the case Mr. Kreun needs to leave the board after the election. Ms. Forsberg mentioned to the board of the National Conference that will take place in the spring, encouraging everyone to go as well as to register for the MSBA Leadership conference in January. Superintendent Ronneberg informed the board that 916 is no longer taking students as they are at their maximum capacity.

D. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Skelly, seconded by Bowe, to enter into closed session to discuss employee negotiations. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0)

Motion by Easter, seconded by Skelly, to reconvene the meeting at 7:41pm. Motion carried unanimously with all board members present voting yes. (7-0)

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Easter, seconded by Forsberg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:41pm

Date

Marilynn Forsberg, Clerk
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