Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
School Board, Spring Lake Park Schools
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, September 26, 2023

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Easter called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. All board members were in attendance including Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Sarah Bowe, John Stroebel, Melody Skelly, and Sam Villela, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg. Member Forsberg arrived at 6:09pm.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Project Update: Monitor Implementation of Student Absences Approach: Ms. Kaline Sandven Marinello, Director of Student Services and Special Education presented an update of the 2023-2024 District Operational Plan, under the Communications and Connections Strategic Anchor, highlighting Monitor Implementation of Student Absences project. Ms. Sandven Marinello mentioned that similar to school districts around the country, we have experienced increased chronic absenteeism following the pandemic. She shared that last year a review of attendance processes and practices was conducted, as well as provided a brief overview of improvement implemented. She also shared that after our initial implementation of these strategies and processes, we identified areas for further refinement and a need for deeper implementation. Ms. Sandven Marinello highlighted a number of the components of the attendance improvement efforts, including: providing consistent messaging, learning opportunities and community building to support attendance for all, use good data to identify students who need attendance support, and intervene with empathy, care and interventions to meet the needs of the student and family while removing barriers to attendance.

2. Preliminary Taxes Payable 2024 – Dr. Jeff Ronneberg, shared a brief update on the process and timeline for the proposed property tax levy. The board will see details of the proposed budget over the next several months, including discussion around any necessary adjustment to the preliminary levy.

3. Other – Vice Chair Hennen requested a small summary about the demographic study of the district.

D. ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Certify the Proposed 2023 Payable 2024 Maximum Property Tax Levy

Motion by Villela, seconded by Forsberg, to approve the certification of proposed 2023 Payable 2024 maximum Property Tax Levy. *Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0)*

E. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Bowe to enter into Closed Session to discuss employee negotiations at 6:56pm. *Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.* (7-0).

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Bowe to reconvene the meeting at 7:50pm. *Motion carried unanimously with all members voting yes.* (7-0).

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Hennen to adjourn the meeting. *Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes*. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:51pm

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Date *Marilynn Forsberg, Clerk*
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