



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

SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Spring Lake Park Schools School Board
Spring Lake Park, MN
January 9, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Easter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Board members present were Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Allie Schmidt, Marilynn Forsberg, Kelly McClellan, and Sam Villella, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg and Student Council Representatives Harper Mack and Evan Jefferson. Board member Melody Skelly was absent.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by McClellan seconded by Hennen, 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 for a complete list of monthly events)

- Monday, January 15, 2024 - No School for Students or Staff; buildings, childcare, and District Services Center closed.
- Tuesday, January 23, 2024 - School Board Work Session, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 13, 2024 - School Board Regular Meeting, 7:00p.m. with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Hennen, to approve the following items of the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting and Work Session
2. Bills Paid for November 2023, in the following amounts:

BILLS PAID NOVEMBER 2023	
Fund	Total Payments
General	\$ 3,389,866
Food Service	179,552
Community Education	185,236

Debt Service	-
Internal Service Funds	72,203
OPEB Debt Services	-
OPEB Trust Account	-
TOTAL	\$ 3,826,857

3. Personnel Items

EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Abigail Busch	SLPHS	Resident Math Teacher	01/02/2024	New
Olivia Garcia	WCSI	Kindergarten Teacher	11/27/2023	Replace
Jennifer Hansen	PT	Health Care Specialist – LPN	01/02/2024	Replace
Alyssa Hoff	CV	Long-term Sub, Academic Specialist - SPED	01/02/2024	Replace
ElleAnne Matthews	SLPHS	OEC Teacher	12/13/2023	Replace
Judy Myers	CV	Nutrition Services Associate	01/02/2024	Replace
Anthony Nichols	WW	Paraeducator	01/02/2024	Replace
Jolynn Oliver	SLPHS	Resident English Teacher	12/18/2023	New
Erik Olson	DSC	SPED – Multiple Disabilities Par.	01/02/2024	Replace
Jada Richardson	SLPHS	SPED EBD Paraprofessional	01/02/2024	Replace
Duane Schumann	DSC	Floating Custodian	12/13/2023	Replace

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Elisa Botker	WCSI	Community Services	Resignation as of December 21, 2023
Thea Boucher	WW	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 5, 2024
Emily Byers-Ferrian	DSC	Unaffiliated II	Resignation as of December 26, 2023
Olivia Garcia	WCSI	Educator Apprentice	Resignation as of November 22, 2023
Jennifer Good-Neiss	SLPHS	Teachers	Resignation as of January 2, 2024
Heather Guyer	PT	Educator Apprentice	Resignation as of January 12, 2024
Leah Howe	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 3, 2024
Dylan Johnson	CV	Teachers	Resignation as of December 11, 2023
Bertha Ortiz-Robles	WCSI	Teachers	Resignation as of December 21, 2023
Elizabeth Rey	WCSI	Community Services	Resignation as of December 21, 2023
Alyssa Teachman	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 5, 2024

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Samantha Erickson	EC	Teachers	April 30, 2024 to September 30, 2024
Leah Howe	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	November 29, 2023 to January 3, 2024
Leonard Parkin	WW	Custodians	December 15, 2023 to January 12, 2024
Emily Reimers	PT	Teachers	March 18, 2024 to May 13, 2024

E. PRESENTATIONS, SPECIAL GUESTS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive 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, 2023, 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 – Ms. Erika Taibl, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, and Ms. Colleen Pederson, Executive Director of Community Education, shared an update highlighting upcoming enrollment, registration, and grade level transition events being held to enhance connections with families. Enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year opened on December 1, 2023. Outreach to families regarding enrollment has begun including mailings to the community as well as communication with current families with children of kindergarten age. Dates for upcoming opportunities were shared for students/families moving from 4th to 5th grade, 6th to 7th grade, 8th to 9th grade, and for new students/families to the district for the 2024-2025 school year. A brief overview of registration for grades 7 – 12 was given, including opportunities for parents and students to learn more about courses and supports in planning for career and college.

2. Effective Operations - Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for the month of November. Ms. Schultz shared the cash basis financial report including the treasurer's report, revenue, and expenditures.

3. Superintendent's Report – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg highlighted in his report different activities taking place throughout the district. He mentioned the wonderful experience that students had with Shark Tank, where students pitched their business plans to a panel of judges and industry experts amongst other activities taking place throughout the district as well as upcoming events like Live on 65, One Act play, Panthers for a Purpose, and the Westwood Musical.

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Acknowledgement of Gifts

Motion by Vilella seconded by McClellan 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: Aye: *Villella, Schmidt, McClellan, Easter, Forsberg, and Hennen. Nays: None*

Resolution was adopted. (6-0).

H. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS (IF ANY)

Student council representatives Mack and Jefferson, shared information about winter spirit week, winter activities and athletics, and upcoming spring registration. Member Hennen attended the PTO meeting at Northpoint Elementary. Member Forsberg attended the AMSD meeting, and Park Terrace Elementary PTO meeting.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Villella, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Date

Marilynn Forsberg, *Clerk*
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