

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2021

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 15, 2021, via electronic video conferencing using Zoom Webinar, Webinar ID: 868 4884 1108, as permitted by Open Meetings Act amendments.

Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Kathy Breen, Bruce Callen, Paul Aldridge and Chris Beck. Absent: Katie Pigott

Dennis Furton provided the remote meeting protocol for public comment.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 11, 2021 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

**ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- *Accounts Payable – Check Listings*
  - Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. totaling \$440,121.
  - Payroll – totaling \$1,817,403.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ACTION ITEMS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- *New Hires –*
  - Emily Page Vantol ..... Food Service Asst ..... Middle School
  - E. Christie Larke..... Food Service Asst..... High School
  - Matthew Augustin ..... Student Support Specialist ..... Middle & High Schools
  - Rebecca DeMull ..... Playground Aide..... Jeffers Elementary

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 15, 2021 (Cont.)

### BIOLOGY TEXTBOOK SERIES PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of 220 copies of the Miller-Levine Biology textbook series (with a one-year digital license) from Savvas Learning Company for a price not to exceed \$22,826.74, as presented.

Scot Ely, Curriculum Director, provided that the current Biology textbooks have a copyright date of 2002. A full science curriculum review was done in 2018, but the financial resources to purchase new textbooks to support the curriculum were not available at that time. The HS Biology teaching team did a formal study on two of the most highly rated resources and determined the Miller-Levine textbook series to be a better quality item.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT CURRICULUM APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the following Advanced Placement courses at Spring Lake High School: AP Psychology, AP World History, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Art Studio and Music Theory and Composition, as presented.

Scott Ely provided that these additions are in response to continuing to offer high level courses in lieu of elimination of the International Baccalaureate program in 2021-22.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### EXTENDED CONTINUITY OF LEARNING PLAN

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan as presented.

Dennis Furton is recommending that the district continue with the current plan with no modifications.

He provided the following information to the Board:

- Vaccines have become more available for staff – approximately 1/3 of staff have been vaccinated or have received the first dose to date per a recent survey.
- COVID case update within Ottawa County provided.
- Positivity rate is currently 4.6%.
- SLPS dashboard shared - three students in quarantine within the district at this time.
- Two-way interaction chart shared.
- Sports update provided regarding testing protocol and tickets for events.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Furton reported on the following:

- The Governor has released her initial budget recommendations providing a 2x formula that would generate an estimated \$164 per pupil increase for SLPS for 2021-22. It was noted that this is just a starting point in the process, and it is unknown if the district will have a clear answer by June.
- Board meetings are expected to remain virtual through the end of March.
- The 2021-22 school calendar has been agreed upon and will be posted to the district’s website tomorrow.
- Personnel – the Athletic Director position will be posted sometime in March, and it is anticipated that a candidate decision will be made sometime in April. Some Board member participation will be requested with that decision process. The Assistant Principal position at the high school will also be posted in March with a target to have a candidate decision made in April as well.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Regular Board Meeting – March 15, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – expected to be virtual.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Curt Thune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Board Secretary