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
April 9, 2024

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Hennen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Amy Hennen, Kelly McClellan, Allie Schmidt, Marilynn Forsberg, Sam Villella, and Melody Skelly, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg and Student Council Representatives Onyinye Udemezue and Evan Jefferson. Chair Tony Easter was absent.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Villella seconded by Forsberg, to approve the agenda with the following changes: to remove the student presentations and to remove the action item resolution for abatement. 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)

- Friday, April 26, 2024, No School for students, Staff Professional Workday
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024, School Board Retreat, location TBD
- Tuesday, May 14, 2023, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Skelly, seconded by McClellan, to approve the following items of the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the February 13, 2024, Regular Meeting and March 5, 2024 Work Session

2. Bills Paid for January and February 2024, in the following amounts:

BILLS PAID JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2024	
Fund	**Total Payments**
General	$ 7,884,807
Food Service	501,094
Community Education	349,314
Debt Service	9,061,075

Internal Service Funds		129,535
OPEB Debt Services		243,653
OPEB Trust Account		-
TOTAL	**$**	**18,169,478**

3. Personnel Items - including employments, terminations/resignations/non-renewal of contract, leaves of absence for Spring Lake Park School District 16 Employees.

EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Johana Garcia Matienzo	WCSI	Educator Apprentice	2/13/2024	Replace
Laura Gutierrez del Angel	WCSI	Preschool Teacher	3/4/2024	Replace
Jasmine Kurtz-Becker	CV	Grade 4 Teacher	3/18/2024	Replace
Mayra Leon	WCSI	Nutrition Services Associate	2/20/2024	Replace
Mannar Matroud	PT	Nutrition Services Associate	2/20/2024	Replace
Ahsha Mims	PT	Educator Apprentice	2/28/2024	Replace
Marissa Rudquist	WW	Academic Specialist Long Term-Sub	2/28/2024	Replace
Casandra Salcedo	WCSI	Preschool Assistant	3/19/2024	Replace
Jamie Ulferts	SLPHS	Nutrition Services Associate	2/26/2024	Replace

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Anne Carlson-Buren	NP	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of February 21, 2024
Cynthia DeBrobander	PT	Nutrition Services	Retirement as of June 6, 2024
Ashley Dohmen	WW	Teachers	Resignation as of June 7, 2024
Mai Dong	SLPHS	Teachers	Resignation as of March 8, 2024
Amy Hatchner	WW	Teachers	Resignation as of February 23, 2024
Theresa Holland	SLPHS	Teachers	Retirement as of June 7, 2024
Lisa Janke	PT	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of March 29, 2024
Jodine Jones	PT	Teachers	Retirement as of June 7, 2024
Jessica Linden	WW	Teachers	Resignation as of June 7, 2024
Carson McMahon	CV	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of April 1, 2024
Mary Mohr-Scinocca	SLPHS	Teachers	Retirement as of June 7, 2024
Deborah Munter	WW	Teachers	Retirement as of June 7, 2024
Jose Pecina Galvan	WCSI	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of March 7, 2024
Shalyn Quandt	WW	Teachers	Resignation as of June 7, 2024

Jada Richardson	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of February 21, 2024
Rachel Roth	NP	Teachers	Resignation as of June 7, 2024
Elyssa Scheuerell	PT	Teachers	Resignation as of June 7, 2024
Christina Stewart	PT	Teachers	Resignation as of March 29, 2024
Eric Tibbetts, Jr	SLPHS	Custodians	Resignation as of February 26, 2024
Susan Wimler	EC	Community Services	Retirement as of May 29, 2024
Patchia Xiong Vang	DSC	Unaffiliated 2	Resignation as of April 2, 2024

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Cynthia DeBrobander	PT	Nutrition Services	March 19, 2024 to June 6, 2024
Delyla Doshie	SLPHS/WW	Teachers	March 4, 2024 to April 12, 2024
Ahmed Hassan	SLPHS	Custodians	March 11, 2024 to April 12, 2024
Alicia Hazel	WCSI	Teachers	May 25, 2024 to August 23, 2024
Melodee Madsen	CV	Child Care Professionals	June 13, 2024 to September 5, 2024
Leena Mansour	PT	Paraprofessionals	May 9, 2024 to September 13, 2024
Daryn Roufs	WW	Teachers	August 26, 2024 to August 22, 2025
Celeste Stimack	CV	Teachers	August 26, 2024 to August 22, 2025
Mark Wallinga	NP	Teachers	February 20, 2024 to August 23, 2024
Whitney Worwa	CV	Teachers	April 19, 2024 to August 23, 2024

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

E. PRESENTATIONS

1. **Proposed Property Tax Abatement Presentation (Public Hearing) –** Dr. Ronneberg shared with the board and the public that the City of Blaine approached the school district to participate in a property tax abatement to fund development projects in the city. He explained that an abatement, is a tool for governmental jurisdictions to fund development projects using anticipated property tax receipts. The property taxes for existing Spring Lake Park Schools taxpayers would not increase due to the new development picking up the taxes to pay for the abatement. Dr. Ronneberg highlighted that our participation in this project would position us to reduce property taxes in the future. There is a resolution that will need to be approved in the future. The public hearing followed Dr. Ronneberg's presentation and there were no questions.

F. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS

1. **General Obligation School Building Refunding Bonds, Series 2024A Pre-Sale Report** – Ms. Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services introduced Aaron Bushberger, from Public Financial Advisor from Ehlers, to present this report. Mr. Bushberger mentioned that this is for refunding the 2014a bonds. Refunding bonds are similar than refinancing a mortgage, if you are able to achieve lower interest rates, you are able to do it. He mentioned that the district will participate in the State Credit Enhancement Program.

All refunding savings go to the district taxpayers. Mr. Bushberger also shared the proposed debt issuance schedule.

2. **Engaged and Enthusiastic Learners –** Dr. Hope Rahn, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation, presented an update on the District Operational Plan Project Update under K-12 Science Implementation. Dr. Rahn shared that full implementation of the revised science state standards, must be in full implementation by the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Rahn shared that our curriculum continuous improvement cycle follows three phases: research evidence-based practices and study current practices, develop intended curriculum and professional learning and implementation. Currently we are on phase two for grades 9-12 science. Ann Enstad, Continuous Improvement and Innovation Coach shared the resource review steps, the team recommendation, and the next steps for this project.

3. **Effective Operations -** Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for the months of January and February 2024. Ms. Schultz shared the cash basis financial report including the treasurer's report, revenue, and expenditures.

4. **Superintendent's Report –** Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg highlighted in his report different activities taking place throughout the district. Some of his highlights were: that the Panther Foundation raised $148,000 to support activities and programs benefiting the students at Spring Lake Park Schools, winter activities and athletics, State Math Tournament, Career Fair, to mention a few as well as upcoming events.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10, 2024

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Schmidt, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country and world; and
WHEREAS, educators fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and
WHEREAS the outstanding staff of Spring Lake Park Schools demonstrate their commitment daily and use their diverse talents to personalize learning and help each student develop and achieve their dreams in preparation for life beyond high school; and
WHEREAS educators continuously adapt to numerous external challenges while caring for each student and creating meaningful learning opportunities as they also manage the realities of their own lives; and
WHEREAS educators continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; so
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the School Board of Spring Lake Park Schools extends its thanks and appreciation to all staff for making this a world-class learning community of choice and hereby declares May 6-10, 2024, as Staff Appreciation Week in Spring Lake Park Schools.

Roll Call: *Ayes:* Forsberg, Hennen, Villella, Skelly, McClellan, Schmidt *Nays:* None

Resolution was adopted (6-0)

2. Designation of School Board Meetings for the 2024-2025 School Year

Motion by McClellan, seconded by Schmidt, to designate the second Tuesday of the month for the Regular School Board Meeting (7:00pm, with communication to the Board and Administration starting

at 6:45pm) and the fourth Tuesday of the month for School Board Work Sessions (6:00pm) for the 2024-2025 school year (unless otherwise noted) at the District Services Center, 1415 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN:

July	No meeting
August 12	Regular Meeting
August 27	Work Session
September 10	Regular Meeting
September 24	Work Session
October 8	Regular Meeting
October 29	Work Session
November 12	Regular Meeting
December 5	Board Retreat
December 17	Regular Meeting
January 14	Regular Meeting
January 28	Work Session
February 11	Regular Meeting
February 25	Work Session
March 4	Regular Meeting
March 25	Work Session
April 8	Regular Meeting
April 29	Board Retreat
May 13	Regular Meeting
May 27	Work Session
June 10	Regular Meeting
June 24	Work Session

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

3. Adopt Proposed Policy Modifications

Motion by Forsberg seconded by Schmidt to approve the adoption of the following policies with proposed modifications. (*School Board Policy 208 states: If a policy is modified with minor changes that do not affect the substance of the policy or because of a legal change over which the school board has no control, the modified policy may be approved at one meeting at the discretion of the school board.)*

410 – Family and Medical Leave
514 – Bullying Prohibition Policy
533 – School Meals Policy
601 – School District Curriculum and Instruction Goals
613 – Graduation Requirements
709 – Student Transportation Safety

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

4. First Reading to Initiate Review of Policy

Motion by Skelly seconded by McClellan to initiate the first reading of policy for review:

506 – Student Discipline
806 – Emergency Preparedness/Response

Motion carried unanimously (6-0).

5. Acknowledgment of Gifts

Motion by Forsberg, 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: Ayes: Forsberg, Hennen, Villella, Skelly, McClellan, Schmidt Nays: None

Resolution was adopted (6-0)

G. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS (IF ANY)

Student council representatives, Udemezue and Jefferson shared information of the athletics and activities happening at the high school. Member Forsberg attended the Park Terrace PTO meeting, an AMSD meeting, and a 916 meeting. Member Hennen attended the Northpoint PTO meeting.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes (6-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm.

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