

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING, JUNE 17, 2024

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 17, 2024, in the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge, and Kelly VanderHoek. Courtney Holmes arrived at 6:33 p.m. Absent: None

### 2024-2025 SLPS GENERAL FUND BUDGET & TRUTH-IN-TAXATION HEARING

Brad VanDe Vusse, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, advised that a public budget and truth-in-taxation hearing was required before the Board can adopt next year's budget or tax levy. He indicated that the budget must be adopted by July 1 per state requirement. No action is taken at this hearing.

Mr. VanDe Vusse presented the following:

#### **2023-2024 Budget**

- Wrapping up the current school year with a reduction to the budgeted surplus from the first amendment due to:
  - Carry-over of state categorical funding into fiscal year 24-25 to better align with planned programming
  - Key investments made in staff, student technology and curriculum

While the fund balance is growing, a significant portion of the growth is due to one-time funding sources, primarily ESSER funds

Noted changes for the 23-24 budget amendment:

- Reduction in revenues from \$38,025,500 to \$37,986,500
- Expenditures increased from \$36,418,900 to \$36,701,300
- Projected fund balance of \$7,905,905, a decrease from 22.59% to 21.54%

#### **2024-2025 Budget**

The revenue assumptions take the following into consideration:

- Blended enrollment of 2,319, which is the same as 2023-24 blended count
- Foundation allowance increase conservatively estimated at \$241 per pupil
- Increases to mental health, literacy and at-risk funding from the state
- Discontinuation of ESSER funding, roughly \$1,279,000
- Enhancement millage funding estimated at \$757,300 – year 6 of 10
- Indirect cost subsidies from Food Service of \$75,000

The expenditure assumptions take the following into consideration:

- Negotiated wages with employees, union and non-union
- Employer retirement contribution rate of 31.34%, no change from 23-24
- Health insurance state hard cap increase of 0.20%

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- Impact of additional programing, staff retirements/resignations and replacements
- Portion of year 6 enhancement millage funding earmarked for capital needs
- Inflationary increases to contracted services and supplies/materials

The proposed budget for 2024-25 provides for \$37,069,400 in revenues with assumed expenditures of \$37,797,000. The ending fund balance is projected to be \$7,178,305, which would leave the fund balance at approximately 18%.

**2024-2025 Proposed Operating Tax Levy**

Voters approved an 18.50-mill levy for operations in November 2022. The .50 mill in excess of the 18-mill cap on operational levies was approved as a hedge against potential Headlee Amendment rollbacks.

With taxable values rising faster than the rate of inflation, the Headlee Amendment will still impact the district's ability to levy the full 18 mills for the upcoming property tax cycle. The district will levy 17.9894 mills, resulting in a slight loss of operating revenue for the 2024-25 school year.

**2024-2025 Proposed Debt Tax Levy**

When bonds are approved, voters agree to tax themselves enough to repay the debt over a prescribed number of years. Based on the annually-required calculation, the district will levy 7.00 mills for the upcoming year.

Mr. VanDe Vusse accepted questions from the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to adjourn the Budget Hearing.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Board Secretary

## SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 17, 2024

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 17, 2024 in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m., immediately following the Budget Hearing. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Calen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge, Courtney Holmes and Kelly VanderHoek. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular of May 20, 2024, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### **ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$947,904.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,796,838.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

#### **2023-2024 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the 2023-2024 General Appropriation Resolution Amendment as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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**ACTION ITEMS**

**NEW HIRES**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the following new hires as presented:

Kelly Klouw ..... 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher ..... Holmes Elementary  
Anna Hultman ..... CCC Aide ..... Community Child Care  
Brandi Brower ..... Food Service Production Asst..... High School  
Heidi Fairfield ..... Special Ed Parapro ..... High School

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ADMINISTRATOR CONTRACT**

Kelly VanderHoek moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve a two-year administrator contract for David Theune, Director of Communication, as presented.

Mr. Furton provided the details behind the reason for this action item.

Yes – Nicles, Callen, Beck, Aldridge, Holmes and VanderHoek

Abstained – Curt Theune

**2024-2025 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the General Appropriations Resolution for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**2024-2025 TAX LEVY**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the 2024-2025 Tax Levy as presented.

Mr. Furton advised that a November 2024 election resolution for the Headlee override will be brought to the Board for approval at the July regular meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**MHSAA MEMBERSHIP RESOLUTION**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the 2024-2025 MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented.

Mr. Furton provided the background for the required resolution.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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### MHSAA COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH ST. MARY'S AND WALDEN GREEN

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the MHSAA Cooperative Program Resolution as presented.

Mr. Furton advised that Walden Green reached out JT Hogan, Athletic Director, asking to allow participation by their middle school students in non-cut sports. The district views this as a great opportunity for those students to participate with our students. St. Mary's students have participated in the same capacity for several years.

Questions from the board were answered.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### SL RECREATION COMMISSION 2024 BUDGET

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve the SL Recreation Commission district contribution of \$6,545 for 2024 as presented.

Mr. Furton noted that the district contribution amount has not changed since 2007, and that it benefits participating families by keeping the costs down.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the purchase of CrowdStrike Falcon Complete MDR from CrowdStrike for a three-year term for a total cost not to exceed \$38,893.50 as presented

Brent Gustafson provided the background on what threat protection software the district has been using and what the difference is between that product and the recommended CrowdStrike MDR product. He stated that a bid went out by the state for MDR software to try to bring down the overall cost and that this CrowdStrike MDR product has just recently been made available to the local districts.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

### DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

#### DISTRICT OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

- ◇ June 24 through August 1, Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon
- ◇ Closed July 3
- ◇ Regular hours resume August 5

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – provided to the Board.
- Bond Update – A full update from TMP and OAK will be on the agenda for the July meeting.
- Personnel – One newly hire teacher decided to take a position in another district and withdrew her acceptance. The position has been posted.
- Calendar/Events:
  - June 26 – SLESPA negotiations begin
  - July 2, 4:00 p.m. – Policy Committee meeting
- BOE Meeting Start Times – Mr. Furton suggested that a discussion item be added to the July regular meeting or work session regarding changing the start time of regular Board meetings.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

- Regular Board Meeting – July 15, 2024, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

**CLOSED SESSION – SLEA COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT & SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-YEAR EVALUATION**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session at 7:03 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session at 8:00 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

**ACTION ITEM**

**RATIFICATION OF SPRING LAKE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the CBA with the SLEA as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Curt Theune moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

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