

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 15, 2024

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024, in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge and Kelly VanderHoek. Absent: Courtney Holmes

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of March 18, 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 \$776,616.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,718,316.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the hiring of Kiya Near as the Transportation/Maintenance Coordinator and Laura Lamppa as a Food Service Assistant.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of 150 Apple iPad 10s and Brenthaven 360 cases from Apple, 370 Dell Chromebook 3110s from Presidio, and 370 Chrome management licenses from SEHI, for total cost not to exceed \$152,664.50 as presented.

Brent Gustafson, Technology Coordinator, provided the details on this technology refresh. It was noted that this purchase will be made with general fund dollars.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

CURRICULUM PURCHASE APPROVAL FOR 9-12 MATH RESOURCES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of Math textbooks and resources for grades 9-12 from Savvas for \$24,327.16 and McGraw Hill for \$72,433.70, including 6-year licenses, for a total cost not to exceed \$96,760.86 as presented.

Kate Drake, Curriculum Director, provided the details on the review process of the Math materials with Curriculum Advisor Council (CAC) and that this purchase will be partly funded by a generous gift from the SL Schools Foundation. She further provided that this purchase is anticipated to cover all of the Math classes at the HS.

Kelly VanderHoek commented that she sits on the CAC and was impressed with the presentation made and the very thoughtful process.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Graduation – May 19, 2024, 3:00 p.m., it will be livestreamed as well
- CAC Report – Kate Drake, Curriculum Director, reported on the work of the Curriculum Advisory Council throughout this school year, which included a world language review with a recommendation of resources to purchase, a review of the K-2 phonics pilot and a recommendation of resources to purchase for the newly added AP courses.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kenneth Willison, 14887 Hunter's Court, provided that he is active in township politics, was previously in education, and is interested in knowing what the SL Board is doing so that when he hears negative comments in the community, he is informed and can respond accordingly. He further stated that he is here to help and not to attack.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

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- Legislative Update – Nothing to report.
- Strategic Planning – A small committee will be working on the vision statement this week.
- Bond Update – Schematic designs for HS Media Center and current offices are close to final. Mr. Furton provided some design details. Very preliminary design discussions are next for the baseball field, 4 classroom additions and fine arts renovation/addition. Groundbreaking is scheduled for May 30, 10:00 a.m.
- Personnel –
 - HS English: Application closed, 29 applicants, final interviews set for April 25
 - HS Family & Consumer Sciences: Application closed, 4 applicants, final interviews set for April 29
 - HS Special Ed: Application closes 4/19, 7 applicants, final interviews set for May 3
 - HS PE & Health: Application closed, 29 applicants, final interviews set for May 3
 - Behavioral Health Coordinator (Alt Ed): Application closes 4/24, 6 applicants, final interviews May 1
 - Jeffers 4th Grade: Application closed, 32 applicants, final interviews TBD
- Calendar/Events:
 - April 23 – Term on Chamber Board begins
 - April 26 – Presentation to the SL Rotary regarding the Bond
 - May 9 – Visit from Kelly Siciliano, MDE Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Implementation
 - May 9 – Staff “tap takeover” at Stan’s with food from Mia’s, 3:00 p.m., Board invited to join

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – May 20, 2024, 7:00 p.m.; Location: IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY PURCHASE & NEGOTIATIONS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session at 8:27 p.m.

Vote: Yes - Unanimous

ACTION ITEM

PROPERTY PURCHASE RESOLUTION

Bruce Callen moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek to adopt the property purchase resolution and approve the purchase of said property at the agreed upon price of \$290,000.00 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 8:29 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary