

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MAY 20, 2024

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2024, in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Bruce Callen, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge and Courtney Holmes. Absent: Kelly VanderHoek

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, presented on the Operations group which is comprised of six departments: Transportation, Maintenance, Custodial Services, Community Child Care, Food & Nutrition Services, and Fitness & Aquatic Center. All serve students, staff, parent and community.

Highlights:

Transportation

- Currently under the leadership of Marian Karell, who has been in the district for 15 years
- 24 staff, 22 buses, 47 regular routes, transporting 1,398 students in the morning and 1,450 students in the afternoon with 694 bus stops and 1,170 miles traveled per day
- New route tracking/mapping software implemented this year which will eventually allow parents to track their students in real time
- What it takes to become a driver and maintain license explained

Maintenance

- Four full-time and two part-time maintenance staff and one full-time mechanic
- Oversee 540,000 square feet of facilities and 130 acres
- Work order system in place
- Staff work a rotating building schedule
- Staff have varying maintenance experience and expertise

Custodial Services

- Partnership with Reliant Professional Cleaning, with Joy Peacock as the district's director
- Daily, semi-annual, annual and deep cleaning housekeeping of facilities
- Set up and tear down for athletic and school-related programs
- \$962,592 annual contract for all services
- Locally owned company
- Work order system in place with special requests by administrative staff as needed

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Community Child Care

- Before/After school child care program designed for working parents
- Currently under the direction of Abby Holmstrom, who has been a staff member in the program since she was a teenager
- Housed at Jeffers Elementary during the school year
- Daily activities lead by staff
- Provide student transportation to and from the buildings within the district
- Summer program similar to school year program with the addition of weekly fieldtrips and typically housed at the Middle School due to convenience of walking distance to village parks and recreation

Food/Nutrition Services

- Directed by Maggie Cook with 17 regular staff members and 7 substitute staff
- Serving 63,318 reimbursable breakfasts and 222,000 reimbursable lunches per year
- \$1.6 million in revenue generated through meals and ala carte sales
- Implemented training this year in food allergy safety with over 90% of food service staff trained and certified; Received silver award from FareCheck for this training
- Fresh and local procurement of produce with a variety of fresh veggies and fruits, best the district has ever had
- Homemade/scratch cooking promoted to students through making pasties day
- On-the-go lunches and catering of student/staff events available

Fitness and Aquatic Center

- Lead by Rachel Schlatter, Director, and Tori Brow, Assistant Director, with Amber Wilkes as the Membership Coordinator; overseeing 54 staff
- Programs are filled, pools are open and memberships are up, back to pre-COVID days
- SLPS student programs supported
- All SLPS employees offered a complimentary single membership for the 2nd year
- Over 40 fitness classes every week, 10 water walking classes, family swim and swim lessons
- Proudest accomplishment of the team is empowering employees to take ownership in their departments
- Recent addition of shift supervisors

Questions from the Board were answered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of April 15, 2024 and the Special Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of May 2, 2024, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gwen Fosse, 16984 Landing Drive, SL – Thanked SLPS staff for its remarkable response to a student in cardiac arrest at Jeffers Elementary recently. She provided that she is the Project ADAM Michigan Coordinator and shared her work with the MI HEART Safe Schools program with the MI Dept of Health & Human Services. She commended those who recognized what was happening with the student and immediately acted.

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 \$771,503
- Payroll – totaling \$2,623,698.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve, with regrets, the resignations of Jennifer Jettner, Shannon Nelson, LeeAnn Kolasa and Vickie Marhin, all effective June 7, 2024, as presented.

Dennis Furton provided details on the resignations/retirements and noted they would all be missed!

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the hiring of the following new staff:

Seth Hoonhorst	PE/Health Teacher.....	High School
Sarah Orleskie	PE/Health Teacher.....	High School
Jose Alex Pantoja	English Teacher.....	High School
David Luke Marsh	Special Education Teacher.....	High School
Hannah Rogalla	Behavioral Health Program Coord.	Alt Ed/District
Ben Curtis.....	4 th Grade Teacher.....	Jeffers Elementary
Heather Potter	Bus Aide.....	Transportation

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Mr. Furton provided brief background information on the new hires. He noted that the applicant pools are down but offered hope that they may increase in the future with the implementation of some local initiatives available to help those interested in becoming a teacher.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

NON-UNION CONTRACT EXTENSIONS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the following superintendent and administrator contract extensions as presented:

- Contract extension through 2026-27 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
- Contract extensions through 2025-26 for the following administrators:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Amy Kendall, Director of Special Education
Ben Army, High School Principal
Tony Bush, High School Asst Principal
Aaron West, Middle School Principal
Jonathan Fitzpatrick, Intermediate School Principal
Sandra Smits, Holmes Elementary Principal
Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal
Kate Drake, Curriculum Director

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the resolution to schedule the 2024-25 Budget Hearing for Monday, June 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the IS/MS Media Center as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that Michigan school code requires that each ISD send their budget to each LEA and that each LEA must act upon the budget as presented with either approval or rejection. Discussion followed.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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CHOIR – OUT OF STATE TRAVEL APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve out-of-state travel for HS Choir students to Disney World scheduled for February 4, 2025 through February 11, 2025 as presented.

Aaron Polet, Choir Director, provided the main purpose of the trip is for choir student to perform on stage at Disney. He believes this is a good way to help build the choir program and provide an opportunity for students to thrive outside of the classroom and community.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BAND – OUT OF STATE TRAVEL APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve out-of-state travel for HS Band students to Toronto and Niagara Falls, Canada, scheduled for March 27, 2025 through March 29, 2025 as presented.

Mike Truskowski, Band Director, provided that this trip was cancelled due to COVID in 2021 and that it provides a team bonding activity for the band members.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

STAFF RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION STIPEND

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the staff recognition and appreciation stipend as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that this is the 4th year in a row the district has been able to provide a stipend to staff based on the financial health of the district. He indicated it is a one percent (1%) stipend for those making greater than \$50,000 per year, those making less than \$50,000 will receive \$500. He further noted that staff have been very appreciative of the Board's willingness to approve this stipend and he is pleased to offer it one last time.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the renewal of the Food Service Management Contract with Chartwells for the 2024-2025 school year and to authorize the superintendent to sign the contract renewal as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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K-3 PHONICS CURRICULUM PURCHASE APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the purchase of Wiley Blevins' Phonics to Reading curriculum resources for grades K-3 from Sadlier for an estimated cost of \$14,000 annually as presented.

Kate Drake, Curriculum Director, provided that this new program has strong support from teachers and is favored over what is currently being used.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – Budget discussions continue with additional clarity expected mid to late June.
- Strategic Planning – Final steering committee meeting will be set in the next week or two. The focus will be to establish goal areas.
- Bond Update – A full update from TMP and OAK will be scheduled for June or July.
- Personnel – All teaching vacancies have been filled. Interviews for the Girls' Varsity Basketball coaching position will be held next week. Mr. Furton indicated that Marian Karell will be stepping away from Transportation near the end of June. Discussion about what do with the Transportation and Maintenance leadership are ongoing.
- Calendar/Events:
 - May 24 – SLEA Negotiations
 - May 29 – Ottawa Area Safe Schools Network Meeting
 - May 30 – Groundbreaking, 10 a.m.
 - June 4 – Policy Committee, 4 p.m. tentatively
- MI HEART Safe Schools – Mr. Furton provided that another cardiac event occurred at Jeffers this morning with the same student, the staff handled it very quickly and the student was okay. He indicated that all five buildings will be trained with the MI HEART Safe Schools training in 2024-25 to make sure staff in each building are ready to handle a crisis of that nature.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Budget Hearing & Regular Board Meeting – June 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Regular meeting to following Budget Hearing; Location: IS/MS Media Center

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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 6:03 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary