

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 16, 2024 in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge, Courtney Holmes and Kelly VanderHoek. Absent: Bruce Callen

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 19, 2024, and Special Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of September 10, 2024, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR PRINTED AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Israel Hildebrandt, 16897 Birchview Court, Nunica – inquired about the process and nature of closed meetings, if they were limited to certain topics, and if the superintendent is the advisor to the board on legal topics. Mr. Furton responded that there are limited legal reasons governed by the Open Meetings Act that allow a board to go into closed session, such as student or employee discipline, purchase of property, negotiations, school safety, and that the superintendent may be the legal liaison to the board depending on the topic. Ms. Nicles added that closed meeting minutes are not available for public disclosure.

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 \$3,452,955
- Payroll – totaling \$3,477,084

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

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

Dr. Kristin Dewitt.....	Principal.....	Jeffers Elementary
Kristen Harvey.....	Food Service Assistant.....	SLHS
Heather Borgeson.....	Food Service Assistant.....	SLHS
Andrea Raha.....	Food Service Assistant.....	SLIS/SLMS
Emily Wilkinson.....	IRR Parapro.....	SLIS/SLMS
Kim Darko.....	Bus Driver.....	Transportation
Mary Horton.....	Bus Driver.....	Transportation
Ronda Pische.....	Bus Driver.....	Transportation
Tammy Ballard.....	Bus Driver.....	Transportation
Stephanie Tlachac.....	Reading/Math Interventionist.....	Jeffers Elementary
Amber Aldridge.....	GSRP Parapro.....	Jeffers Elementary
Heather Bishop.....	GSRP Parapro.....	Holmes Elementary
Nicole Cole.....	Instructional Parapro.....	Holmes Elementary
Karissa Wesley.....	SXI Parapro.....	SLIS
Haley Steiner.....	CCC Aide.....	Community Child Care

Mr. Furton provided that the transportation team is fully staffed with 13 regular drivers plus subs and gave credit to Bradyn Juhas for doing a great job recruiting. Further, Dr. Dewitt, newly hired Jeffers Principal, is coming to the district from State College, PA in early November and he is excited to get her started. The only professional vacancy left to fill is the MS Science teacher. Interviews for applicants will be scheduled in the coming weeks.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous; Paul Aldridge abstained

RESIGNATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the resignation of Chad Wahlberg, with regrets, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

POLICY APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve policy numbers 0122, 1420, 3120, 3142 and 3220, as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that these policies were first read last month and are being sought for approval this month with no changes brought by the Board.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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HS CHOIR OUT-OF-STATE TRAVEL APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chis Beck, to approve out-of-state travel for HS Choir students to Chicago for November 22-24, 2024 as presented.

Aaron Polet, Choir Director, provided the background on the request for this trip as a replacement for the Disney trip that was cancelled due to low numbers and rising costs. He indicated that the Disney trip may be revisited in the future. He indicated that he is looking to provide students with experiences outside of the classroom and is excited about this opportunity.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – No report
- Personnel – No report
- Recognition
 - Cell phone policy at SLHS – Commended the HS administration on not allowing students to have phones in class and commented on the impact it is having
 - PBIS kick-offs at SLIS and SLMS – Commended Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. West and the IS/MS PBIS team for kicking off PBIS with great assemblies and commented that the two buildings are already seeing a positive impact
- Calendar/Events:
 - September 17-20 – MASA Conference in Traverse City
- Foundation allowance – There has not been any further determination about a change in the state aid foundation allowance from the legislature.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – October 21, 2024, 7:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – SUPERINTEDENT QUARTERLY EVALUATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session for the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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The Board moved to closed session at 7:16 p.m.

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary