



**Spring Lake Park Schools**  
District Services Center  
1415 81st Avenue NE  
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

## **SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**

### **Spring Lake Park Schools School Board**

**Spring Lake Park, MN**

**Tuesday, October 29, 2024**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Easter called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board members present were – Amy Hennen, Melody Skelly, Kelly McClellan, Allie Schmidt, Marilyn Forsberg, Sam Villella, Tony Easter, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg.

#### **B. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Hennen to approve the agenda with the following changes: no closed session. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0)*

#### **C. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 1. Project Update: Support Student Attendance and an Enriching Learning Environment** – Ms. Kaline Sandven Marinello, Director of Special Education and Student Services, shared an update on the District Operational Plan project of Support Student Attendance and an Enriching Learning Environment, sharing that over the past two years we have focused on refining and implementing processes to address student absences and that this year we are continuing that work and addressing students who are in the building but not engaging in learning. Ms. Sandven Marinello, shared that the key achievement points for 2024-2025 are: refine enrollment processes to get to know each student by name, strength, interest, need and motive to support full engagement; monitor and refine attendance processes at each site, providing personalized support to schools; identify students who are “absent at school” at each site and develop targeted learner maps to support engagement and monitor implementation of expectations to create a learner centered environment at each school. Ms. Sandven Marinello shared the different processes that are taking place within each of these achievement points.
- 2. Bus Contract with Lorenz FY25-FY27** – Ms. Amy Schulz, Executive Director of Business Services shared with the Board information about the transportation contract with Lorenz for FY25-FY27. Ms. Schultz highlighted that this is a three year contract and that there is a 14% increase for the current school year and a CPI (Consumer Price Index) factor for the next two years, with a range of 3%-6%. There will be an implementation of fines in this contract. If busses are more than 15 minutes late due to staff shortages, will be 50% of the daily route of that bus, if there is no video when we request one, it will be a 25% of the daily route to mention a few. While it is an increase in the rate, we have some ability to go back each month and adjust. Ms. Schultz shared with the Board daily route rates from the neighboring districts and where does SLP stands amongst them. Questions and comments of the Board focused on transportation services, driver recruitment and amongst others.
- 3. Other** –Dr. Ronneberg confirmed with the Board that graduation this year will be at Mariucci Arena, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 3:30pm and presented the modified schedule that students will have that day where each hour will be 40 minutes. Questions from the Board were regarding tickets, having it outdoor at the NSC, to mention a few. Chair Easter proposed the Board to change the time for the next

three work sessions to 5pm, all Board members were fine with the change and to review the time at the Spring Board retreat.

**D. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Villella, seconded by McClellan to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:34pm.*

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Date

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Marilynn Forsberg, *Clerk*  
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