

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

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 16, 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, Courtney Holmes and Kelly VanderHoek. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2024 and Work Session Minutes of December 6, 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 Bruce Callen, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$1,504,312.
- Payroll – totaling \$3,105,266.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the hiring of the following:

Heather Eden IRR Parapro Holmes Elementary
Matthew Kowalczyk Bus Driver Transportation

Mr. Furton provided the details of the two new hires.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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RESIGNATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve, with regrets, the resignation of Aaron West, Middle School Principal, effective December 31, 2024, as presented.

Mr. Furton commented on Mr. West’s history with SLPS, stated he has been a pleasure to get to know and work with, that he has done a great job for the district and cares deeply about the kids, and wished him all the best in whatever comes next.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND BID PACKAGE 03 APPROVAL – HS MEDIA CENTER RENOVATIONS

Kelly VanderHoek moved, supported by Paul Aldridge, to approve bid package 03 for the HS Media Center Renovations including cost of work, project alternates, general conditions, adjustments, allowances, CM fee, construction contingency and AE fee in the amount of \$2,890,118 as presented.

| Bid Category | Contractor | Base Bid | Alt #1 Remove and Replace Floor Tile at Existing Cafeteria | Voluntary Alternates | Total |
|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|
| Bid Category No. 01 – Selective Demolition | Muskegon Quality Builders | 76,945 | 9,500 | | 86,445 |
| Bid Category No. 02 - Masonry | Kortman Masonry | 59,890 | | | 59,890 |
| Bid Category No. 03 - General Trades | Bultsma Construction | 313,600 | | (33,000) | 280,600 |
| Bid Category No. 04 - Doors, Frames and Hardware | Automatic Equipment & Sales | 34,740 | | | 34,740 |
| Bid Category No. 05 - Lath, Plaster, Drywall, Acoustical (LPDA) | Phoenix Interiors | 346,345 | | | 346,345 |
| Bid Category No. 06 - Flooring | River City Flooring | 137,006 | 206,616 | | 343,622 |
| Bid Category No. 07 - Painting | Dimension Four Painting | 58,815 | | | 58,815 |
| Bid Category No. 08 - Fire Protection | Grand Rapids Fire Protection | 43,693 | | | 43,693 |
| Bid Category No. 09 - DDC Controls | Grand Valley Automation | 54,090 | | | 54,090 |
| Bid Category No. 10 - Mechanical/Plumbing | Van Dyken Mechanical | 295,650 | | | 295,650 |
| Bid Category No. 11 - Testing and Balancing | Third Coast Test & Balance | 2,340 | | | 2,340 |
| Bid Category No. 12 - Electrical | Parkway Electric & Communications | 239,800 | | | 239,800 |
| Allowances | | | | | |
| Misc Wall/Floor Patch & Prep | | 25,000 | | | 25,000 |
| Alt 1: Floor Moisture mitigation/ Floor Coating | | 72,000 | | | 72,000 |
| Existing MEP/Structural adjustments | | 22,500 | | | 22,500 |
| Landscape/Site restoration | | 35,000 | | | 35,000 |
| General Conditions | Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. | 387,165 | | | 387,165 |
| CM Fee | Owen-Ames-Kimball Co. | 67,676 | | | 67,676 |
| | Subtotal | 2,272,255 | 216,116 | (33,000) | 2,455,371 |
| Building Contingency | | 253,076 | 21,611 | | 274,687 |
| | Billing Subtotal | 2,525,331 | 237,727 | (33,000) | 2,730,058 |
| AE Fee | | 160,060 | | | 160,060 |
| Total | | 2,685,391 | 237,727 | (33,000) | 2,890,118 |

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Matt Hulswit with OAK and Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, provided the details of the bid process and that the project is expected to start the day after the school year wraps up in June. It is expected to be completed by spring break of 2026. The temporary location of the HS Media Center during the renovations was discussed.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

HS AUDITORIUM SOUND SYSTEM UPGRADE BID AWARD APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the bid award for the HS Auditorium Sound System Upgrade to Parkway Electric & Communications LLC for a cost not to exceed \$184,375 as presented.

Liz Boeve and David Miller with Stage Direction Theatrical Consulting provided the details of the bid process. Mr. Miller explained what can be expected with the sound system upgrade and what other items are included with project.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

HOLMES ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PURCHASE APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to approve the purchase of two pieces of playground equipment, a bench and installation of a dual drinking fountain for the upper elementary playground at Holmes Elementary for a cost not to exceed \$49,250.57 and funded entirely by Holmes fundraising and Holmes Parent Club as presented.

Liz Boeve provided background of the requested purchase and noted that all expenses, including installation, would be paid for by Holmes fundraising and the Holmes Parent Club. Sandra Smits, Holmes Principal, commented that they sought advice from the students as to what they would like to add to the playground, which included a drinking fountain, a place to sit in the shade, something to climb on and something that was accessible to all students, including those in wheelchairs. Ms. Smits also noted that there will be some upgrades coming to the Kindergarten playground as well.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

Mr. Furton provided an overview of the following policy changes, which have been reviewed by the Policy Committee:

- 3120.08 – Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities – adding CPR and AED requirements for athletic coaches to the current policy
- 5330.02 – Opioid Antagonists – New policy for Narcan or other opioid antagonist usage in the case of a student drug overdose
- 5340 – Student Accidents – adding language for a cardiac response plan to the existing policy which will be required for all districts in 2025-26
- 5500 – Student Conduct – adding language to the existing policy relating to the use of AI technology

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- 7440.03 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems – new drone usage policy for the district
- 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence (“AI”) – new policy relating to the use of AI
- 8321 – Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency) – language changes/additions to the existing policy for the security of criminal background history information

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Jeffers Principal – Mr. Furton introduced Dr. Kristin Dewitt. Dr. Dewitt commented on her first 5 weeks in the district, that she feels warmly welcomed and is happy to be here as she and her husband have always wanted to come back to the area.
- Board Member Departure – Mr. Furton thanked Bruce Callen for his six years of service to the district, commented that he has been a valuable asset to the district and expressed his appreciation for Mr. Callen’s advocacy for students and all he has done over the years.
- Legislative Update – health insurance hard caps are expected to increase by 7% with annual adjustments of no less than 3%. A supplemental state budget providing for additional district funding to offset that increase is hoped for before the lame duck session is over.
- Personnel– Jon Fitzpatrick will transition to being the 5th through 8th grade principal in January. This interim placement will be evaluated in the spring for its effectiveness and Intermediate and Middle school staff will be surveyed during the transition. There are four internal candidates interested in the interim Assistant Principal position. That position will be posted for internal and external applicants for the 2025-26 school year in late spring.
- Seal of Biliteracy – is an award given to seniors by the Michigan Department of Education in recognition of students who have attained proficiently in English and one or more languages by graduation. Mr. Furton noted that 35 high school students completed the test in March of 2024. The outline/timeline of the process was provided to the Board.
- Parent Survey – will close Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Roughly 400 responses received so far. Results will be shared with the Board in the new year.
- Central Office Holliday Hours – Open December 23, 26, 27, 30 and January 2 and 3 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon each day.
- Calendar/Events:
 - January 14-17 – MASA Mid-Winter Conference
 - February 25-28 – The Pool Winter Retreat

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Organizational Board Meeting – January 20, 2025, 7:00 p.m.; IS/MS Media Center

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CLOSED SESSION – SUPERINTENDENT’S EVALUATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to move to closed session at 7:58 p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to return to open session at 9:00p.m.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEM

ADOPT COMPLETED YEAR-END EVALUATION OF SUPERINTENDENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to adopt the completed year-end superintendent evaluation.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Bruce Callen, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary