



Spring Lake Park Schools

District Services Center

1415 81st Avenue NE

Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

SCHOOL BOARD REGULAR MEETING
Spring Lake Park Schools School Board
Spring Lake Park, MN
February 11, 2025

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Easter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Amy Hennen, Tony Easter, Kelly McClellan, Allie Schmidt, Marilynn Forsberg, Sam Villella, and Melody Skelly, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg and Student Council Representatives Alyson Pederson and Mia Swinarski.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Schmidt seconded by Skelly, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0)

C. SOME FUTURE EVENTS (Please check the District website at www.springlakeparkschools.org for a complete list of monthly events)

- Thursday, February 13, 2025, No School – Staff Professional Workday
- Friday, February 14, 2025, No School – Staff Professional Workday
- Monday, February 17, 2025, No School – President’s Day - District Services Center closed
- Tuesday, February 18, 2025, No School – Staff Professional Workday
- Saturday, February 22, 2025, Panther Foundation Panther’s for a Purpose Party
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025, School Board Work Session, 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 4, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45 p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Hennen, to approve the following items of the consent agenda:

1. Minutes of the January 14, 2025, Organizational and Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the January 28, 2025, Work Session
3. Bills Paid for December 2024, in the following amounts:

BILLS PAID	
December 2024	
Fund	Total Payments
General	\$ 4,158,010
Food Service	227,008
Community Education	146,435
Debt Service	-
Internal Service Funds	131,681
OPEB Debt Services	-
OPEB Trust Account	-
TOTAL	\$ 4,663,134

4. Personnel Items - including employments, terminations/resignations/non-renewal of contract, leaves of absence, 2024-2025 lane changes for teachers, and 2024-2025 Seniority Lists for Spring Lake Park School District 16 Employees.

EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Magali Barrera-Hernandez	WCSI	Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional	1/13/2025	Replace
Alison Bowman	CV	Educator Apprentice	1/27/2025	Replace
Michele Dombrovski	WW	0.6 Counselor for Student Services	02/03/2025	Replace
Christy Holt	EC	ECFE Teacher - Long-Term Sub	02/21/2025	Replace
Connor Hryhorysak	PT	Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional	1/13/2025	Replace
Alesha Johnson	DSC	Child Care Aide	1/22/2025	Replace
Gabrielle Mesko	PT	Educator Apprentice	2/10/2025	Replace
Meghan Mullaly	PT	Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional	1/22/2025	Replace
Laura Nelson	EC	ECFE Teacher - Long-Term Sub	02/07/2025	Replace

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Kawthar Al-Ali	PT	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 24, 2025
NaDean Schroeder	DSC	Unaffiliated 2	Resignation as of February 7, 2025
Hilary Vokovan	SLPHS	Clerical	Resignation as of January 17, 2025
Laila Wazwaz	WW	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of February 3, 2025
Therese Weitz	WW	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of January 24, 2025

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Brittany Baker McNelly	SLPHS	Teachers	May 20, 2025 to August 22, 2025
Jodi Coleman	EC	Paraprofessionals	January 17, 2025 to February 17, 2025
Heather Deutsch	PT	Unaffiliated 2	May 8, 2025 to June 30, 2025
Nancee Fisher	PT	Custodians	December 24, 2024 to March 5, 2025
Ruth Pena Cruz	WW	Teachers	January 9, 2025 to February 20, 2025
Thomas Soderquist	SLPHS	Custodians	January 15, 2025 to April 15, 2025

Motion carried unanimously, with all members present voting yes (7-0).

E. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Engaged and Enthusiastic Learners** – Dr. Hope Rahn, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation, presented an update on the District Operational Plan Project Deepen Student Engagement through Innovative and Personalized Learning in E-6 and 7-12. Dr. Rahn introduced Amy Bjurlin, Learning and Teacher Coordinator who shared that the facilitators are leading the learning and they come together once a month to learn together and prepare to lead learning at their buildings. The facilitators engage in learning first on student engagement and the use of design qualities when designing student work and learning experiences as well as in the READ Act literacy learning. The facilitators develop skills to design and facilitate high-quality professional learning and deepen their practice of our SLP Leadership approach to prepare for their role as leaders, then they implement professional learning including sharing their experience and its impact on student learning with their colleagues. Ms. Bjurlin then introduced some teacher facilitators: Diana Fasanaro from Woodcrest Spanish Immersion School, Christina Hedstrom from Centerview Elementary, Angela Skauge from Westwood Schools, Karen Kutz and Zac Villarreal from Spring Lake Park High School who shared their experience being lead facilitators and implementing the stuff learned in their classrooms. Ms. Melissa Olson, Director of Curriculum and Instructional Practices, mentioned the wonderful job the teachers are doing at implementing personalized learning and the design qualities in their classrooms. Comments from the board focused on the amazing things these teachers are doing to make sure students are engaged in their classroom.
- 2. Effective Operations** - Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for the month of December. Ms. Schultz shared the cash basis financial report including the treasurer’s report, revenue, and expenditures.
- 3. Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg highlighted in his report different activities taking place throughout the district. Some of his highlights were: Early Childhood “I love to read” event, Park Terrace’s Literacy Night, SLP Theater earning 2nd place in the One-Act Play Section Finals, Superintendent’s Student Advisory Group meeting, to mention a few. Dr. Ronneberg shared with everyone that Panthers for a Purpose week is February 16-22, High School Musical, One Act is on February 27, 28 and March 1.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Acknowledgment of Gifts

Motion by *Schmidt*, seconded by *McClellan* to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS School Board Policy 706 establishes guidelines for the acceptance of gifts to the District; and

WHEREAS Minnesota Statute 465.03 states that a School Board may accept a gift of real or personal property by the adoption of a resolution approved by two-thirds of its members.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Spring Lake Park Schools accepts with appreciation the gifts as shown.

Aye: Easter, Forsberg, Hennen, Villella, Skelly, Schmidt and McClellan. Nays: none.

Resolution was adopted (7-0).

G. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS (IF ANY)

Student council representatives, Pederson and Swinarski shared information of the athletics and activities happening at the high school. Member McClellan had a conversation with Erick Vanbrocklin, who oversees Career Pathways, attended the Girls in the boat show and attended the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund meeting. Member Villella met with a high school counselor. Member Hennen attended the Panther Foundation meeting and the Woodcrest PTO meeting. Member Skelly mentioned that she will be attending the upcoming Lighthouse PTO meeting. Member Forsberg attended the Westwood PTO meeting, AMSD meeting and the MSBA Leadership Conference.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

Date

Melody Skelly, *Clerk*
Spring Lake Park Schools
Independent School District 16