

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 17, 2025

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, March 17, 2025, in person at the Spring Lake IS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Kelly VanderHoek, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge, Courtney Holmes and Dustin Brown. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION – INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL START TIME

Jon Fitzpatrick, IS/MS Principal, provided a presentation on the proposed schedule change to align the start and end times of the Intermediate School with the Middle School (7:50 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.). The following information was provided in support of the change:

- Reason: To better support staff and students by maintaining core structures, providing more staffing for student support and servicing, and increasing athletic opportunities for 6th grade students
- Discussions: A task force was formed to examine how the start and end time change would improve operational efficiency with staff, students and transportation
- Considerations: Community feedback, transportation changes, lunch times, staffing, student opportunities, building leadership, facility availability, and maintaining the identity of the IS and MS
- Community survey summary provided to the Board
- Sample schedule was shared with the Board
- Administration will make minor schedule adjustments when necessary as they progress through the change

The presentation followed with questions and discussion from the Board that included issues around transportation logistics and if there would be a need for additional staffing resources. Mr. Fitzpatrick noted that he does not expect there to be a need for additional staffing if this change is approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting and Closed Session of February 17, 2025 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard L. Brown, 808 River St, SL – provided information to the Board on the GH/SL chapter of Indivisible and expressed his concern on Project 2025 and how it may affect education/special education. He offered his service and support to the district and its educational missions. He expressed his pride and appreciation for Spring Lake Public Schools.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the consent agenda for check listings as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. totaling \$1,863,198.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,837,385.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve the hiring of the following:

Ema Strauss Instructional Parapro Holmes Elementary
Stephanie Hallett..... Bus Driver Transportation

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESIGNATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve with regrets the resignations of Deborah VanBeek and Mary Borchers as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SPRING COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve spring coaching assignments as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

FURNITURE BID AWARD – HS OFFICE & FIELDHOUSE PROJECTS #s 23035A & 23035A

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the bid award for task seating, office furniture and guest chairs to Interphase Interiors for a cost not to exceed \$64,468.98, and for flip and nest tables,

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conference tables, laptop tables, lounge chairs, modular lounge and bench lounge to Custer Office Furniture for a cost not to exceed \$32,985.88, as presented.

Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, provided the details around the bid put out in November for the High School offices and fieldhouse furnishings.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL START TIME

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek, to approve changing the Intermediate School start time to 7:50 a.m. beginning fall of 2025.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Obits 740 Winters St, SL – provided that she and others are advocating for the local school districts by making phone calls and attending office hours of state representatives regarding potential federal cuts in education and lunch programs, and she encouraged the Board and district to urge state legislature to pick up any slack if federal cuts are realized.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

None

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – April 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 6:37p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary