



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
April 8, 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 Hennen, 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)

- Friday, April 18, 2025, No School for students, Staff Professional Workday
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting and March 25, 2025 Work Session.
2. Bills Paid for February 2025, in the following amounts:

BILLS PAID FEBRUARY 2025	
Fund	Total Payments
General	\$ 4,561,853
Food Service	367,119
Community Education	123,957
Debt Service	-
Internal Service Funds	109,745
OPEB Debt Services	-
OPEB Trust Account	-
TOTAL	\$ 5,162,674

3. Personnel Items - including employments, terminations/resignations/non-renewal of contract, leaves of absence for Spring Lake Park School District 16 Employees.

EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Taylor Covlin	SLPHS	Social Worker and Community Resource Liaison-Long Term Substitute	03/13/2025	Replace
Chiman Fung	WCSI	Long-Term Sub Science Specialist	02/24/2025	Replace
Danielle Heller	PT	Behavior Specialist Paraprofessional	03/18/2025	Replace
Sophia Tangney	EC	ECSE Paraprofessional	03/05/2025	Replace

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Melanie Abreu	SLPHS	Clerical	Resignation as of March 7, 2025
Penny Albright	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	Retirement as of June 6, 2025
Sheila Bourassa	WW	Clerical	Retirement as of May 2, 2025
Lisa Chute	CV	Teachers	Resignation as of June 9, 2025
Michelle Johnson	SLPHS	Clerical	Resignation as of March 21, 2025
Karen Kendzora Forman	PT	Paraprofessionals	Retirement as of June 6, 2025
Sharina Meinholz	WCSI	Teachers	Resignation as of February 27, 2025
William Neiss	SLPHS	Teachers	Retirement as of June 30, 2025
Laura Nikolas	NP	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of March 28, 2025
Martha Ochs-Efraimson	EC	Teachers	Retirement as of June 30, 2025
Amy Thompson	EC	Teachers	Resignation as of June 13, 2025
Janelle Todd	SLPHS	Teachers	Retirement as of June 9, 2025
Douglas Witt	WW	Custodians	Retirement as of August 4, 2025

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Whitney Booth	SLPHS	Unaffiliated II	April 3, 2025 to June 30, 2025
Brenna Coons	WW	Teachers	August 25, 2025 to August 21, 2026
Ahmed Hassan	SLPHS	Custodians	February 18, 2025 to March 20, 2025
Kathleen Johnson	NP	Nutrition Services	March 6, 2025 to April 17, 2025
Kairsten Nelson	WW	Teachers	August 25, 2025 to August 21, 2026

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

E. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS

- 1. Communications and Connections** – Ms. Erika Taibl, Executive Director of Communications and Marketing, gave an update on the District Operational Project – Upgrade SLP Schools’ Websites. Ms. Taibl shared that the current district website was launched in fall 2018 and mentioned that this project will improve the user experience across platforms, enhance the organization of identified improvement areas, continue to streamline content and optimize the site for search and digital communication and marketing efforts. She shared the different steps and timelines the communications department had to take to design the new website, looking at data gathered from a survey that was sent to staff and families, reviewing best practices and looking at more than 150 websites nationally and internationally. The new website will be launched on April 17. Board comments focused on thanking the communication department for all their work in this project.
- 2. Engaged, Enthusiastic Learners** - Dr. Rahn gave an update on the different programs that will be available during the summer at Spring Lake Park Schools. She shared that there will be a K-8 Summer School and that students that qualify will be sent an invitation; High School Credit Recovery, in which students and families will be hearing from staff in May; child care, youth enrichment, where K-12 students will enjoy more than 50 enrichment opportunities this summer; kinder camp which is free for children entering kindergarten this fall and free summer meals that will be providing breakfast and lunch to children ages 1-18. The presentation was followed by the Board thanking all the staff that make these programs possible.
- 3. Effective Operations** - Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for the month of February. Ms. Schultz shared the cash basis financial report including the treasurer’s report, revenue, and expenditures and shared that Westwood Middle School will be getting all new furniture for every classroom this summer.
- 4. Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg highlighted in his report different activities taking place throughout the district. Some of his highlights were the new Centerview News program, “Dig In” national school breakfast week, Westwood Middle School kindness campaign, the recipient for the Athena Award, and calendar reminders to mention a few.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Staff Appreciation Week May 5-9, 2025

Motion by Villella seconded by Hennen, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country and world;
and

WHEREAS, educators fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS the outstanding staff of Spring Lake Park Schools demonstrate their commitment daily and use their diverse talents to personalize learning and help each student develop and achieve their dreams in preparation for life beyond high school; and

WHEREAS educators continuously adapt to numerous external challenges while caring for each student and creating meaningful learning opportunities as they also manage the realities of their own lives; and
WHEREAS educators continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the School Board of Spring Lake Park Schools extends its thanks and appreciation to all staff for making this a world-class learning community of choice and hereby declares May 5-9, 2025, as Staff Appreciation Week in Spring Lake Park Schools.

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

Resolution was adopted (7-0).

2. Acknowledgment of Gifts

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Forsberg 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 Skelly attended the Lighthouse PTO meeting; Member Forsberg attended Live on 65 and WW PTO.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Skelly, seconded by Schmidt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Date

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