

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 15, 2025 in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Kelly VanderHoek, Curt Theune, Christopher Beck, Courtney Holmes and Dustin Brown. Absent: Paul Aldridge

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2025, 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 Chris Beck, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- Accounts Payable – Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, Student Activity, etc. – totaling \$940,725.
- Payroll – totaling \$3,536,398.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the following new hires as presented:

Lori Gomez	Reading Interventionist	Jeffers Elementary
Ashley Wade	Instructional Parapro.....	Jeffers Elementary
Amber Liddick	Instructional Parapro.....	Holmes Elementary
Denise Winterrowd	Shared-Time Music Teacher	St. Mary’s School
Matthew Wiedenhoeft	Shared-Time Technology Teacher	St. Mary’s School
William Core.....	LAC Manager	Laker Athletic Center

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Mr. Furton provided details on the new hires and explained the St. Mary's shared time agreement and positions supported by the district.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – Budget negotiation continue in Lansing with no indications that they are close to an agreement. We should not be surprised if this drags into early October.
- Calendar/Events:
 - September 16-19 – MASA Conference in Traverse City
- Ribbon cutting – Mr. Furton gave a shout out to Dave Theune and Liz Boeve for the fantastic ribbon cutting ceremony. He noted the large cross section of community in attendance with many long-time community members who expressed excitement and satisfaction for the facility. He indicated that the facility is dedicated to district use until January 1 when expansion of use by other groups may open up.

Chris Beck asked how the district operates if no state budget is passed by the end of September/early October. Mr. Furton advised if the district does not receive state aid funding by October 20, the district would need to use the existing cash reserves to make payroll and pay bills. Brad VanDeVusse, Assistant CFO, provided that the district has two plus months of cash reserves and that they are prepared for this scenario. He also noted that summer property tax revenues are being collected right now and those, on top of cash reserves, will help weather the storm if necessary. Mr. Furton provided that it is unfathomable that this will not get resolved well before it becomes a crisis.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – October 20, 2025, 6:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

CLOSED SESSION – SUPERINTEDEDENT QUARTERLY EVALUATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session for the Superintendent's quarterly evaluation.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board moved to closed session at 6:10 p.m.

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Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 7:19 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Kelly VanderHoek to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary