

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

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, November 17, 2025, in person at the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Kelly VanderHoek, Curt Theune, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Paul Aldridge and Courtney Holmes. Absent: Dustin Brown

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no presentation slated for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Regular Meeting and Closed Session Minutes of October 20, 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 \$2,716,957.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,724,610.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the hiring of the following:

Leslie Bez.....	Media Parapro	SLHS
Lynn VanLente	Media Parapro	SLHS
Abi Paxton.....	GSRP Parapro.....	Jeffers
Erica Long.....	Special Ed Parapro	Jeffers
Sandra Stilwell	Food Service Assistant.....	IS/MS

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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RESIGNATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the resignation of Cody Mallory as Student Support Specialist effective December 31, 2025 as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that Mr. Mallory will be moving into a private sector position but will continue in his role as the head Varsity Football coach for the district.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

WINTER COACHING ASSIGNMENTS

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous; Kelly VanderHoek abstained

PURCHASE APPROVAL FOR DIMMING RACK REPLACEMENT FOR HS AUDITORIUM

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the purchase of a replacement dimming rack for the High School Auditorium from Blue Sky Integration for a cost not to exceed \$39,630.00 with installation and labor from Kleyn Electric for a cost not to exceed \$10,800.00 as presented

David Miller with Stage Direction Theatrical Consulting provided the details behind the need for this replacement dimming rack due to irreparable damage during a severe thunderstorm in May of 2025. This was already slated in the bond to be replaced before the damage occurred. An insurance claim was filed and funds received with cover a portion of the replacement cost.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

31aa FUNDING RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the 31aa Funding Resolution as presented.

Mr. Furton provided that the State School Aid Act regarding 31aa funding was amended to include a contingency that the district must agree in advance of receiving the funding to cooperate with an investigation following a mass casualty event and waive attorney-client privilege during any such investigation. The funding, roughly \$440,000 for the district, would be for student mental health programs. Mr. Furton advised that this matter has been discussed with legal counsel, there is not significant risk in opting in to the terms and that public schools and boards already enjoy governmental immunity.

Questions were answered and discussion by the Board was had.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

POLICY FIRST READINGS

Policy #s 1422, 1422.02, 1623, 1662, 2210, 2260, 2260.01 2264, 2266, 2412, 3122, 3122.02, 3123, 3362, 4122, 4122.02, 4123, 4162, 4362, 5517.01, 7540.02, 7541, 8300, and 8305 are up for revision with a good number being rescinded and/or combined with other policies. Mr. Furton provided a summary sheet to the Board and advised that the Policy Committee has meet to review the policy changes in-depth. These policies will come before the Board for approval at the December meeting. Mr. Furton advised that any questions on the changes should be directed to him before that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Karen Obits, 740 Winter Street, SL – reminded the Board of her involvement in the local group Safe Home, Safe Schools, and advised that she has information on resources the district could explore to help protect against a mass casualty event occurring in the district.

Chris Beck inquired about the students in the audience and asked them to introduce themselves. Patrick Goran, along with Lexi Kotkowicz and Alyssa Ellison, advised that they are officers of the Executive Student Council and plan to come to meetings as time allows so they can relay what is happening back to the Student Council.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – provided to the Board.
- Personnel – Bargaining with the Paraprofessionals will begin in early December; two sessions are currently scheduled.
- Michigan State Board of Education; New Health Education Standards – Last week, the State Board of Education approved updated health education standards for Michigan public schools. They are recommended standards but are not required and include instruction about gender identity and sexual orientation. Mr. Furton advised that the district has a Board approved health curriculum that includes sex ed. Any changes to the curriculum would need to be considered and approved by the district's Sexual Education Advisory Board (SEAB), Curriculum Advisory Council and Board of Ed. There is no urgency to bring the updated standards to the SEAB, which would be the first step.
- Calendar/Events:
 - November 26-28 – Thanksgiving Break
 - December 15 – Regular BOE Meeting and post-meeting gathering for holiday cheer
 - December 22-January 2 – Christmas Vacation

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – December 15, 2025, 6:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary