

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 16, 2026

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 16, 2026, 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, Curt Theune, Paul Aldridge, Christopher (Chris) Beck, Courtney Holmes, Kelly VanderHoek and Dustin Brown. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of January 26, 2026 as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Dornbush, 16038 148th Ave., SL – inquired about the constructions plan at SL High School on the property recently cleared to the west near the tennis courts and HS entrance and requested to see a set of plans.

Tom Jones, 16903 Birchview Dr., Nunica – commented on the rental fee structure for the fieldhouse and asked to have a conversation with someone in the district to discuss further.

Jack Vargo, 16055 148th Ave., SL – inquired about the construction projects scheduled at SL High School for the year.

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 \$1,930,589
- Payroll – totaling \$3,879,490

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRE

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

Heather Poulin..... Food Service Assistant.....SL High School

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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RESIGNATION/RETIREMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve, with regrets, the retirement of Rebecca (Becky) Gray, MS Spanish teacher, effective June 5, 2026 as presented. She has been with the district since 1997 and will be missed by students, staff and parents.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SUMMER TAX COLLECTION FEES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the agreements with Crockery and Spring Lake Township for the collection of 2026 summer taxes at the rate of \$2.90 and \$3.05 respectively as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

BOND BID PACKAGE 05 APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve bid package 5 for the Holmes, Jeffers and Middle School Improvements, including cost of work, general conditions, adjustments, allowances, CM fee, construction contingency, FFE, technology and AE fee, in the amount of \$3,979,798 as presented.

Bid Category	Contractor	Base Bid	Voluntary Alternates	Total
Bid Category No. 01 - Earthwork	Alpine Contracting, LLC	148,781		148,781
Bid Category No. 02 - Asphalt Paving	Rieth-Riley Co	169,900		169,900
Bid Category No. 03 - Concrete	Kent Companies	52,097		52,097
Bid Category No. 04 - General Trades	Triangle Contractors	386,400		386,400
Bid Category No. 05 - Lockers	Rayhaven Group	89,896		89,896
Bid Category No. 06 - Lath, Plaster, Drywall, Acoustical (LPDA)	Phoenix Interiors, LLC	29,900		29,900
Bid Category No. 07 - Painting	Dimension Four Painting	22,015		22,015
Bid Category No. 08 - Mechanical/Plumbing	Vandyken Mechanical	12,500		12,500
Bid Category No. 09 - Electrical	Kleyn Electric	272,200		272,200
Allowances				
Additional Civil Demo		35,000		35,000
Auditorium Baffles Rework		15,000		15,000
Paint touch ups at lockers		11,500		11,500
Cleaning/prep at old wallcovering areas		8,750		8,750
Lighting/Controls Corridor A154		30,000		30,000
Landscape/Irrigation repair		20,500		20,500
General Conditions	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	340,000		340,000
CM Fee	Owen-Ames-Kimball Co.	152,304		152,304
	Subtotal	1,796,743		1,796,743
Building Contingency		191,799		191,799
	Billing Subtotal	1,988,542		1,988,542
FFE		270,300		270,300
Technology		1,430,415		1,430,415
AE Fee		290,541		290,541
Total		3,979,798	0	3,979,798

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Liz Boeve, Director of Operations, provided details on the improvements to be done at each location. The work is scheduled to begin as soon as April for the exterior projects and when school is out in June for interior projects. All projects plan to be wrapped up before the start of the 26-27 school year. Questions from the Board were answered.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEM

Policy Updates – First Readings of Policy #s 0131.1, 1540, 2340, 2370.01, 5320, 5330, 5330.01, 5350, 7217, 7540.03, 8320, 8500, 8510, 8531, 8640

Mr. Furton provided a summary sheet to the Board for the policy changes and advised that the Policy Committee has meet to review the changes in-depth, which are largely technical or statute-related. These policies will come before the Board for approval at the next meeting. Mr. Furton advised that any questions on the changes should be directed to him before that meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- Mr. Furton responded to the public comments with details on the construction projects at the High School and the fee structure for the fieldhouse. He advised he or other administration would be in touch with the commenters to further answer questions and that any other questions can be directed to the Superintendent’s office.
- Legislative Update – provided to the Board which included the Governor’s final proposed budget and next steps.
- Personnel – the known positions to be filled during the upcoming spring hiring season, due to resignations/retirements or need, were reported as follows:
 - MS Spanish Teacher
 - 5th Grade Teacher
 - HS Intensive Resource Room Teacher
 - Jeffers Special Education Teacher
 - HS Interventionist
- Calendar/Events –
 - February 17-February 20: The Pool (WMHIP) Winter Retreat
 - February 19, 3:00 to 5:00 pm: District Happy Hour at Ted’s

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Work Session – March 13, 2026, 2:00 p.m., MS Conference Room
- Regular Board Meeting – March 16, 2026, 6:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary