



**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**  
**February 10, 2026**

**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 Representative Mickey Tran.

**B. AGENDA APPROVAL**

*Motion by Villella 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](http://www.springlakeparkschools.org) for a complete list of monthly events)

- Thursday, February 12, 2026, No School – Staff Professional Workday
- Friday, February 13, 2026, No School – Staff Professional Workday
- Monday, February 16, 2026, No School – President’s Day - District Services Center closed
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026, School Board Work Session, 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, February 28, 2026, Panther Foundation Panther’s for a Purpose Party
- Tuesday, March 3, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m. with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45 p.m.

**D. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Minutes of the January 13, 2026, Organizational and Regular Meeting
2. Minutes of the January 27, 2026, Work Session
3. Bills Paid for December 2025, in the following amounts:

<b>BILLS PAID</b>	
<b>December 2025</b>	
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>
General	\$ 4,158,010
Food Service	227,008
Community Education	146,435

*High expectations, high achievement for all. No excuses.*

Debt Service	-
Internal Service Funds	131,681
OPEB Debt Services	-
OPEB Trust Account	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 4,663,134</b>

4. Personnel Items - including employments, terminations/resignations/non-renewal of contract, leaves of absence, 2025-2026 lane changes for teachers, and 2025-2026 Seniority Lists for Spring Lake Park School District 16 Employees.

**EMPLOYMENTS**

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Kayla Arnold	SLPHS	SPED-EBD Paraprofessional	1/26/2026	Replace

**TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT**

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Jennifer Hansen	PT	Health Care Specialists	Resignation as of January 23, 2026
Maria Sedesky	DW	Unaffiliated 2	Resignation as of January 9, 2026

**LEAVES OF ABSENCE** - None

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

**E. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS**

- 1. Effective Operations** – Dr. Hope Rahn, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation, presented an update on the District Operational Plan Study Lighthouse Location to Enhance Programming. Dr. Rahn shared with the board a summary of the work related to this project, including a recommendation for location and implementation timeline. Dr. Rahn shared that this project assesses how the location of Lighthouse impacts enrollment, grade levels served, physical operations, and learning opportunities, and explores if other locations within the district may enhance our services to this community of learners. Dr. Rahn shared that the design team came up with different prototypes that were shared with different groups and gathered feedback from: school board, extended cabinet, all principals, parents, Lighthouse staff, to mention a few. The themes that came up from these sessions were: Lighthouse is a unique program, and the multiage, multigrade community of highly gifted learners within a single location is a significant draw for families); it is important for Lighthouse to continue its intentional efforts to foster social skills and emotional development for highly gifted students, with the goal of a learning community where student differences are understood, valued, and supported; the potential programming benefits of locating Lighthouse at a different site or sites introduce trade-off that dilute the uniqueness of the Lighthouse program; having Lighthouse at multiple locations introduces more logistical challenges for families; and families with young gifted learners would appreciate having an option for Lighthouse at a K-4 site, but not at the expense of breaking up the multiage, multigrade community. The choice is for Lighthouse to remain at Spring Lake Park High School, serving students in grades 2-12, and exploring adding enhancements to math and music arts programming for the 26-27 school year and continue to explore the option of offering a Lighthouse-type program at Northpoint Elementary.

2. **Effective Operations** - Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services, shared revisions for the 25-26 budget. Ms. Schultz explained the different avenues for revenues and expenditures for this year, mentioning that the revisions presented for recommended approval, are in the general, nutrition services and debt service funds. In the general fund, there are revenue increases for higher student enrollment and in state grant awards and the expenditures adjustments are for increases in staffing costs and one-time facilities project costs. In the food service fund, the revenue increases are due to breakfast and lunch sales, and the expenditure increases are for kitchen equipment at various sites. In the debt service fund, revenue and expenditures decreases are due to the bond refunding completed in November 2025. Ms. Schultz presented the timeline for the 26-27 budget planning as well. The 26-27 school year budget will be reviewed at the May work session and will be presented for approval at the June regular meeting. Ms. Schultz also presented the monthly financial report for the month of December. Ms. Schultz shared the cash basis financial report including the treasurer’s report, revenue, and expenditures.
3. **Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg highlighted in his report different activities taking place throughout the district. Some of the highlights were: Centerview Kindness crew, Kindergarteners learning letter B at Woodcrest, Solar System by Westwood students, Career and College Pathway design team working on future enhancements for the programming, supports in place for students and families, Panther Pantry donations, to mention a few. Dr. Ronneberg shared upcoming events including Panthers for a Purpose week is February 22-28, Westwood Musical, Live on 65, etc.

**F. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Budget Revision FY2026

Motion by Villella, seconded by McClellan to approve the revised 2025-2026 budget as shown below:

Spring Lake Park Schools 2025-2026 Revised Budget			
Fund	Revenues	Expenditures	
General	\$ 95,999,343	\$	94,873,807
Food Service	4,600,000		4,877,405
Community Service	4,575,000		4,575,000
Debt Service	55,547,784		55,160,875
Total	\$ 160,722,127	\$	159,487,087

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

2. Approval of the 2027-2027 School Calendar

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Skelly to approve the 2027-2028 School Calendar as presented.

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

3. Award Bids for the Spring Lake Park Schools Multi-Site Secure Entrance Updates at Spring Lake Park High School, District Services Center, Woodcrest Spanish Immersion and Park Terrace Elementary

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Forsberg, to approve the bid for the Spring Lake Park Schools Multi-Site Secure Entrance Updates at Spring Lake Park High School, District Services Center, Woodcrest Spanish Immersion and Park Terrace Elementary as presented at this meeting.

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

4. Acknowledgment of Gifts

Motion by *Schmidt*, seconded by *Skelly* 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).*

<b>Description</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Purpose/To</b>
Monetary	\$50	David & Beth DePoint	Westwood Schools – Jessie Johnson classroom needs

<b>Description</b>	<b>Donor</b>	<b>Purpose/To</b>
Office Supplies – 3 bags	Deborah Osgood	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Household Items - 2 bags/2 boxes	Denise Fowler	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Bag of Food	Amanda Davis	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food and Diapers	Addie Davis	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Hand Warmers, Toe Warmers and Radios	Woodcrest Spanish Immersion Families	Woodcrest Spanish Immersion - Patrolling Support
Toiletries (4 bags), Food (1 bag)	Amie Morcilio	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food	Kelly Kleppen	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food	SLPTU Teachers	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Personal Items	Meghan Knoke	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food and Household Items – 2 bags	Stacy Vrbec	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food	Woodcrest Spanish Immersion Families	Woodcrest Spanish Immersion - Families in need
Hand Warmers	Mary Hayford	Centerview Elementary - Patrolling Support
Food	Centerview Families	Centerview Elementary - Panther Pantry

**G. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS (IF ANY)**

Student council representative Tran shared information of the athletics and activities happening at the high school. Members of the board shared the different events and meetings they attended throughout the district.

**H. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion by Forsberg, seconded by McClellan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.*

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