



Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION

School Board, Spring Lake Park Schools

Spring Lake Park, MN

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Easter called the meeting to order at 5:00pm. Board members in attendance were Amy Hennen, Kelly McClellan, Allie Schmidt, Marilyn Forsberg, Tony Easter, and Sam Villella, along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg. Member Melody Skelly arrived at 5:27pm.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Villella, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (6-0)

C. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Achievement and Integration MDE Plan Update – Dr. Melissa Olson, Director of Learning Design and Engagement, shared with the board that Achievement and Integration was created to increase student achievement, create equitable educational opportunities, increase access to diverse and effective teachers, and integrate racially isolated school districts. Our school district is identified as a racially isolated district and to access the funds, the district needs to submit a plan every three years. The board needs to act on this at the next board meeting. The Achievement and Integration framework aims to achieve goals in each of the following three areas: reduce achievement disparities, increase racial and economic integration, and increase access to diverse and effective teachers. The first goal for our district within the Achievement and Integration plan is to increase the graduation rate, which strategy is to deepen the work of our student and family advocates, expanding student groups and connections, expand family affinity groups, and supporting student engagement in learning. The second goal is to increase enrollment in 12x12 and pathways courses, in which strategy is to continue to build options and opportunities for students access and be successful in 12x12 and pathway courses while supporting choices made for the review and refresh pathways project, cross district enrollment with Mounds View and Centennial and implementation of AVID schoolwide at Westwood and as an elective course at SLPHS. The third goal is to increase student access to diverse and effective teachers while increasing enrollment in teacher ed and child development courses within the health and human services pathways, as well as continue to provide opportunities for our Diverse Educators Empowering with Purpose (DEEP) to gather for professional learning and community building, and to refine recruitment and induction processes. Dr. Olson also shared the budget that is aligned to each of these strategies. Board questions and dialog followed the presentation.

2. DOP Project Update: Career and College Pathways – Dr. Olson shared the design process for this project. Sharing that the design team looked in with students, parents, data to understand their needs and desires around career and college pathways. They also looked around at other districts programming and models for pathways type experience; and they looked out at the job market and future industry needs. The themes that resulted from the discovery process were career exploration as a core purpose of high school; hands on and real world learning; life skills and professional career development; balance of career and college opportunities and readiness; and early and guided career planning. Dr. Olson also shared that on February 25, the design team will review the implications protocol, refine prototypes and consider overlays, continue to assess for desirability, viability and feasibility and will gather group feedback from district office staff. They will also get additional feedback from students and other staff to design the next steps that will be presented at the board retreat.
3. Other – Ms. Forsberg shared a superintendent report from Northeast Metro 916. Dr. Ronneberg shared a brief update about the building next door. Mr. Easter reminded the board about the Panther for a Purpose party on Saturday and the board meeting next week.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Villella, seconded by Hennen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:34pm.

Date

Melody Skelly, Clerk
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