



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
April 14, 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 Representatives Mia Swinarski and Mickey Tran.

B. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by McClellan seconded by Villella, to approve the agenda with changes: Addition of an action item for the approval of the Curricular Study for K-12 Social Studies. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes. (7-0)

C. SOME FUTURE EVENTS (Please check the District website at www.springlakeparkschools.org for a complete list of monthly events)

- Tuesday, May 5, 2026, School Board Retreat, 11:30am TBD
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026, Retirement Reception, 4:00p.m. at Banquets of Minnesota
- Tuesday, May 19, 2026, Regular School Board Meeting, 7:00p.m. with Communication to the Board and Administration at 6:45p.m.

D. CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Minutes of the February 24, 2026 Work Session, March 3, 2026 Regular meeting and March 24, 2026 Work Session.
2. Bills Paid for February 2026, in the following amounts:

BILLS PAID FEBRUARY 2026	
Fund	Total Payments
General	\$ 4,217,266
Food Service	231,545
Community Education	139,033
Debt Service	-
Internal Service Funds	119,133
OPEB Trust Account	

TOTAL	\$ 4,706,977
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3. Personnel Items - including employments, terminations/resignations/non-renewal of contract, leaves of absence for Spring Lake Park School District 16 Employees.

EMPLOYMENTS

Name	Location	Position	Start Date	New, Growth or Replace
Jessica Putney	SLPHS	Paraeducator	03/31/2026	Replace
Heather Brady	PT	Health Care Specialist-RN	04/06/2026	Replace
Brooke Foizie	NP	SPED – ASD Paraprofessional	03/02/2026	Replace
Samuel Ksepka	DW	Floating Custodian	03/11/2026	Replace
Ryan Larson	SLPHS	Custodian	03/30/2026	Replace

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS/SEPARATIONS FROM EMPLOYMENT

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Robert Aho	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	Retirement as of June 5, 2026
Calista Alden	WW	Teachers	Retirement as of June 8, 2026
Laurie Brahs	CV	Paraprofessionals	Retirement as of June 5, 2026
Fatima Djihic-Subasic	WCSI	Child Care Professionals	Retirement as of June 5, 2026
Bria Drwall	CV	Teachers	Resignation as of June 8, 2026
Mary Ehmke	WW	Health Care Specialists	Retirement as of March 24, 2026
Veronica Erickson	NP	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of March 19, 2026
Brenda Gallegos	DSC	Unaffiliated II	Resignation as of March 4, 2026
Eve Hanson	SLPHS	Teachers	Resignation as of June 8, 2026
Ahmed Hassan	SLPHS	Custodians	Resignation as of March 23, 2026
Nicholas Hooper	NP	Teachers	Resignation as of June 8, 2026
Ann Horlocker	CV	Healthcare Specialists	Resignation as of June 5, 2026
Tracy Isakson	DSC	Unaffiliated II	Retirement as of June 30, 2026
Bartholomew Johnson	SLPHS	Coach	Resignation as of April 7, 2026
Michelle Johnson	SLPHS	Clerical	Retirement as of June 30, 2026
Steven Johnson	SLPHS	Custodians	Resignation as of February 26, 2026
Sarah Ksepka	CV	Paraprofessionals	Resignation as of April 15, 2026
John Lindstrom	SLPHS	Paraprofessionals	Retirement as of June 5, 2026
Melodee Madsen	DSC	Child Care Professionals	Retirement as of June 5, 2026
John Markgraf	WW	Custodians	Retirement as of June 2, 2026
Joy Nelson	WW	Custodians	Retirement as of July 15, 2026
Erika Olson	CV	Teachers	Resignation as of June 8, 2026
Laurie Pouliot	LTHS	Teachers	Retirement as of June 8, 2026

Alexzandra Scholz	CV	Teachers	Resignation as of June 8, 2026
Julie Seiler	WW	Teachers	Retirement as of June 8, 2026
Mary Strohmayr	PT	Teachers	Retirement as of June 8, 2026
Jane Sweney	DSC	Clerical	Retirement as of June 30, 2026
Justine Tschida	PT	Teachers	Resignation as of June 8, 2026
Margaret Zobitz	WW	Teachers	Retirement as of June 8, 2026

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Name	Location	Employee Group	Notes
Jessica Harrington	NP	Teachers	August 24, 2026 to August 27, 2027
Kairsten Nelson	WW	Teachers	August 24, 2026 to August 27, 2027

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

E. DISCUSSION, REPORTS, INFORMATION ITEMS

- Engaged and Enthusiastic Learners** – Dr. Hope Rahn, Executive Director of Learning and Innovation, introduced Ms. Kristi Kranz, Coordinator of Learning Design and Curriculum and Ms. Jenny Zimmermann, Teacher on Special Assignment, who provided an update on the DOP of Advance Curricular Reviews, focusing on Social Studies. Ms. Kranz and Ms. Zimmermann shared that the district is completing a K–12 social studies core resource review as part of a broader curriculum improvement effort across math, social studies, and multilingual programming. The review focused on alignment to the K–12 Social Studies Framework, inquiry-based learning, literacy development, multilingual supports, and interdisciplinary learning. The recommended resources for this project include: SAWVAS for grades K–5, 7, and 10–12 (U.S. history, world history, economics, government, civics); McGraw Hill for grades 8–9 geography; BFW/OpenStax for sociology and psychology; Grade 6 will continue using the current Minnesota history resource due to limited options ; Design teams of K–12 teachers met in January to review resources using a district-developed rubric and provide recommendations. The next steps include presenting recommendations at the April board meeting, purchasing materials aligned to 2026–27 enrollment, providing professional learning for staff, and completing curriculum mapping and unit design.
- Engaged, Enthusiastic Learners** – Ms. Sarah Franz, Coordinator of Community Education, provided an update on the different programs that will be available during the summer at Spring Lake Park Schools. She shared that there will be a K-8 Summer School and that students that qualify will be sent an invitation; High School Credit Recovery, in which students and families will be hearing from staff in May; Child Care and Youth Enrichment, where K-12 students will enjoy more than 50 enrichment opportunities this summer; Kinder Camp which is free for children entering kindergarten this fall and free summer meals that will be providing breakfast and lunch to children ages 1-18.
- Effective Operations** - Ms. Amy Schultz, Executive Director of Business Services, presented the monthly financial report for the month of February. Ms. Schultz shared the cash basis financial report including the treasurer’s report, revenue, and expenditures.
- Superintendent’s Report** – Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg highlighted in his report different activities taking place throughout the district. Some of his highlights were the Westwood Native American Culture Group exploring the Ojibwe and Dakota values of love and deep respect for elders, 4th

grade students and families visiting Westwood School, highest graduation rate in 10 years at SLP with 88.6%, and provided a Legislative update, to mention a few.

F. ACTION ITEMS

1. Award Bids for the Spring Lake Park Schools Tennis Court Resurfacing at Spring Lake Park High School

Motion by Hennen, seconded by Schmidt to approve the bid for the Spring Lake Park Schools Tennis Court Resurfacing at Spring Lake Park High School as presented in this meeting.

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

2. Staff Appreciation Week May 4-8, 2026

Motion by Forsberg seconded by McClellan, to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS the education of youth is essential to the future of our community, state, country and world; and

WHEREAS, educators fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS the outstanding staff of Spring Lake Park Schools demonstrate their commitment daily and use their diverse talents to personalize learning and help each student develop and achieve their dreams in preparation for life beyond high school; and

WHEREAS educators continuously adapt to numerous external challenges while caring for each student and creating meaningful learning opportunities as they also manage the realities of their own lives; and

WHEREAS educators continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the School Board of Spring Lake Park Schools extends its thanks and appreciation to all staff for making this a world-class learning community of choice and hereby declares May 4-8, 2026, as Staff Appreciation Week in Spring Lake Park Schools.

Aye: Forsberg, Hennen, Vilella, Skelly, Schmidt, McClellan and Easter. Nays: none.

Resolution was adopted (7-0).

3. Adopt Proposed Policy Modifications

Motion by Skelly seconded by Hennen, to approve the adoption of the following policies with proposed modifications. (School Board Policy 208 states: If a policy is modified with minor changes that do not affect the substance of the policy or because of a legal change over which the school board has no control, the modified policy may be approved at one meeting at the discretion of the school board.)

401 – Equal Employment Opportunity

404 – Employment and Other Background Checks

406 – Public and Private Personnel Data

410 – Family and Medical Leave

418 – Drug-Free Workplace/Drug-Free School

427 – Workload Limits for Certain Special Education Teachers

503 – Student Attendance

515 – Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records

520 – Student Surveys

530 – Immunization Requirements

701 – Establishment an Adoption of School District Budget

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

4. Designation of School Board Meetings for the 2026-2027 School Year

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Villella, to designate the second Tuesday of the month for the Regular School Board Meeting (7:00pm, with communication to the Board and Administration starting at 6:45pm) and the fourth Tuesday of the month for School Board Work Sessions (5:00pm) for the 2026-2027 school year (unless otherwise noted) at the District Services Center, 1415 81st Ave NE, Spring Lake Park, MN:

July	No meeting
August 10	Regular Meeting
August 25	Work Session
September 8	Regular Meeting
September 22	Work Session
October 6	Regular Meeting
October 27	Work Session
November 10	Regular Meeting
December 4	Board Retreat
December 15	Regular meeting
January 12	Regular Meeting
January 26	Work Session
February 9	Regular Meeting
February 23	Work Session
March 2	Regular Meeting
March 23	Work Session
April 13	Regular Meeting
May 4	Board Retreat
May 11	Regular Meeting
May 25	Work Session
June 8	Regular Meeting
June 22	Work Session

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

5. Acknowledgment of Gifts

Motion by McClellan, seconded by Forsberg 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: Forsberg, Hennen, Villella, Skelly, Easter, Schmidt and McClellan. Nays: none.

Resolution was adopted (7-0).

Description	Value	Donor	Purpose/To
Monetary	\$ 10	Blackbaud Giving Fund	Westwood Middle School – student programming
Monetary	\$ 24	Blackbaud Giving Fund	Westwood Middle School – student programming
Monetary	\$234	Adam and Kelly Woods	Northpoint Elementary – yearbooks for classroom
Total	\$ 268		

Description	Donor	Purpose/To
Food & Pantry Items	Kadie Chlebeck	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Linda and Terry McClellan	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Meghan Knoke	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Maureen Clark	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Personal Care & Baby Items	Melissa Meredith	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Personal Care Items	Lighthouse Student Event Planners	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Sara Snider	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Shaun Olson	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Anonymous	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Personal Care Items	Stephanie	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Rachel Keenan	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Mackenzie Finley	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Park Plaza Cooperative	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Food & Pantry Items	Alexandra Zwack	Community Education – Panther Pantry
Conference Meals	Centerview PTO	Centerview Elementary – Staff Meals
Coloring Books	Turnadzic Family	Centerview Elementary – Students Activities
Paper and Pencil Pouches	Alexandra House	Centerview Elementary – Student Supplies

6. Approval of Curricular Study K-12 Social Studies

Motion by Villella, seconded by McClellan, to approve the Curricular Study for K-12 Social Studies.

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

G. BOARD FORUM AND REPORTS (IF ANY)

Student council representatives, Swinarski and Tran shared information of the athletics and activities happening at the high school. Members of the Board shared information of the different meetings and events they attended throughout the district.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Hennen, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

Date

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