SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, JULY 20, 2026

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 20, 2026 in the SLIS/MS Media Center. Jennifer Nicles called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present: Jennifer Nicles, Kelly VanderHoek, Curt Theune, Christopher Beck, Paul Aldridge, Courtney Holmes and Dustin Brown. Absent: None

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATION

CURRICULUM UPDATE

Kate Drake, Curriculum Director, provided a curriculum update to the Board with assistance from Amy Kendall, Special Education Director. The following was included:

- Communication - bright spots and next steps
- Data points
- Evidence of collaboration
- Accountability
- Reciprocal credibility and trust-building
- Focus areas for the curriculum department:
  - Teaching & Learning
  - DIT – District Implementation Team
  - CAC – Curriculum Advisory Council
- OAISD partnership via Project AWARE, Coaching on systems of MTSS
- Celebrations of 2025-26 including:
  - District-wide PD/New Teacher Welcome Day/Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
  - Growing the culture of collaboration
  - 2025 Mstep testing data
  - 2025 PSAT data
  - iReady benchmarking data
  - SLHS AP, dual enrollment and early college enrolment numbers
  - Seal of Biliteracy
  - Summer credit recovery
  - Multi-Language Learners WIDA test results
  - Curriculum Work/Curriculum Advisory Council
  - 2025-26 survey data points
  - District Implementation Team work
  - SLHS PBIS Tier 1 Team work
  - Continuous Improvement & Systems
  - What's ahead for DIT

Questions from the Board throughout the presentation were welcomed and answered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Budget Hearing, Regular Meeting and Closed Session of June 15, 2026, and Work Session of July 16, 2026, 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 $1,403,984
- Payroll – totaling $2,917,017

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the following new hires as presented:

Scott Davis	Bus Driver	Transportation
Evelyn Cunningham	Bus Driver	Transportation
Sue Harrington	Food Service Assistant	Holmes Elementary
Cathleen Holloway	Food Service Assistant	SL High School
Alexis Marsh	Special Ed Paraprofessional	SL High School
Tori Drier	SXI Paraprofessional	SLIS/SLMS

Mr. Furton provided the background on the new hires

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

POLICY APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve policy #s 0100, 1410, 2418, 3120.09, 3210, 4120.09. 4210, 5136, 6320, 6325, 8120.09 and 8402 as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

SCHOOL LOAN REVOLVING FUND ANNUAL LOAN APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the School Loan Revolving Fund Annual Loan Application Resolution as presented.

Brad VanDe Vusse provided the background and history on this resolution.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SCHOOL FUNDS RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Official Depository for School Funds Resolution as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISTRICT PROVIDED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve August 24, 2026, October 19, 2026 and February 12, 2027 as student instructional time for the 2026-27 school year as presented.

Mr. Furton provided the background on this action item and questions were answered from the Board.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – shared with the Board and included the expected impact of the 2026-27 state aide budget.
- Personnel – Nothing to report.

- Calendar/Events:
  - August 3 – Building Admins Return to Offices
  - August 4/5 – Administrator Retreat
  - August 13 – New Teacher Orientation
  - August 13 – OASA Retreat
  - August 17 – BOE Meeting
  - August 24 – Staff Return/Professional Development/Staff Breakfast
  - August 25 – 1st Day of School

Enrollment projections and school of choice applicants were discussed along with 31aa funds and the attorney-client privilege waiver.

UPCOMING MEETING

- Regular Board Meeting – August 17, 2026, 6:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED: _____ _____

Date Board Secretary