

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21 , 2026

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 17, 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 \$3,122,061.
- Payroll – totaling \$2,485,559.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

NEW HIRES

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

Karlee Husmann..... Shared-Time PE Teacher St. Mary's School
Sunni VanDamme..... SE Paraprofessional SL Middle School

Dennis Furton, Superintendent, provided the background on the new hires. Questions from the Board regarding shared-time teaching staff and the shared-time program in general were answered by Mr. Furton.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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SLHS TRAVEL CLUB FRANCE TRIP APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to approve the HS Travel Club's trip to France for summer break of 2028 as presented.

Mike Ryan, HS teacher and Travel Club advisor, was on hand to answer questions from the Board. Mr. Furton further advised that one of the focus areas of the strategic plan is world cultures and expanding global awareness and that David Theune, Communications Directors, has been tasked with leading this focus area. Questions from the Board regarding credit-earning opportunities for students for this type of school event were answered by Mr. Furton

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kayla Swain, 15494 132nd Ave, Nunica – commented on the lack of details regarding the upcoming school board election and lack of basic information on how to run for office on the district's website. She urged the Board to take steps to make sure future open board seats and deadlines are proactively shared with parents across multiple channels and asked if the Board would consider making meeting packets readily available to the public.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Legislative Update – none.
- Personnel – Ben Armey, HS Principal, received an unexpected resignation of a Chemistry teacher. A long-term sub has been secured in the interim and discussions with Mr. Armey on the best way to handle filling the vacancy are ongoing.
- Calendar/Events:
 - September 21-26: Homecoming Week
 - September 22-25: MASA Conference
 - October 15: Student Half Day
 - October 16: No School
 - October 19: Staff PD; No Students

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – October 19, 2026, 6:00 p.m., IS/MS Media Center
- Work Session – November 5, 6:00 p.m., SL High School

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CLOSED SESSION – PROPERTY DISCUSSION & SUPERINTENDENT’S QUARTERLY EVALUATION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to move to closed session for property discussion and the Superintendent’s quarterly evaluation.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board moved to closed session at 6:18 p.m.

Curt Theune moved, supported by Chris Beck, to return to open session.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 7:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jennifer Nicles adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary