Spring Lake Park Schools
District Services Center
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SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
Spring Lake Park Schools School Board
Spring Lake Park, MN
Tuesday, September 22, 2026

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Easter called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm. Board members present were – Amy Hennen, Melody Skelly, Marilynn Forsberg, Sam Villella, Tony Easter, Kelly McClellan and Allie Schmidt along with Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg.

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. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. **Overview of upcoming professional learning and family communications dates** – Dr. Ronneberg mentioned to the board that it's important for the community to know what is happening on the upcoming professional learning days in October and what kind of learning the staff do during these days. Dr. Melissa Olson, Director of Curriculum and Student Engagement, shared with the board a recap of what was done this summer regarding professional learning like social studies framework, new course designs, SLP Academy, and Learner Centered Environment. Dr. Olson also shared that October 8 and 9 will be professional learning days where teachers will analyze student data, will take suicide prevention training, cognitive rigor and scaffolding to mention a few. Ms. Erika Taibl, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications, shared with the board the different ways of communication with families to engage families throughout the year like meet and greets, conferences, curriculum nights, phone calls, two way connections, to mention a few.

2. **Project update: Expand Access to Youth Activities –** Ms. Colleen Pederson, Executive Director of Community Education and Outreach, provided an update on the district operational plan project of Expand access to youth activities. She mentioned that this project will strengthen collaborative partnership with community organizations and funding partners to expand access, improve program alignment and remove barriers, opening more doors for students to thrive outside the classroom. She shared with the board that this project wants to strengthen partnership, look for what is available in the community, what is needed in the community, and what are the barriers and challenges.

3. **Update and discussion on 2027 graduation date** – Dr. Ronneberg shared with the board updates regarding graduation date being on June 3, 2027, and the inconvenience of being on the same date that Tower Days Parade. The board had conversation about this and agreed that June 3, 2027, was the best option to have graduation.

4. **Preliminary Taxes Payable 2027** - Ms. Amy Schulz, Executive Director of Business Services shared a brief update on the process and timeline for the proposed annual property tax levy. The board will see details of the proposed budget over the next several months, including discussion around any necessary adjustment to the preliminary levy.

5. **Other** – the board mentioned how good the scoreboard looks and gave a shout out to Ryan Mundt and Chad Hemquist for their work on this.

D. ACTION ITEMS

Approval to Certify the Proposed 2026 Payable 2027 Maximum Property Tax Levy

Motion by Forsberg, seconded by Hennen, to approve the certification of proposed 2026 Payable 2027 maximum Property Tax Levy.

Motion carried unanimously (7-0).

F. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Schmidt, seconded by Villella to adjourn the meeting. *Motion carried unanimously with all members present voting yes.* (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.

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Date Melody Skelly, *Clerk*
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