

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING July 18, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, July 18, 2016, at the Spring Lake High School Media Center. President Paul Aldridge called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members present: Paul Aldridge, Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Lisa Ashcraft and Dennis Devlin. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Minutes of the Budget Meeting and Regular Meeting of June 16, 2016, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

Shelley Peets, Jeffers’ Principal, will introduce 2 new hires under Section 6(A) (1) of the Agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #216042 through #216250 totaling \$1,795,799.
 - Student Activities – #102786 through #102870 totaling \$65,299.
- Payroll – totaling \$3,652,487.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Rob Davidson, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- New Hires:

Rachel McMaster	SE Parapro	ASD Preschool - Jeffers
Rose Marie Bleich	Bus Aide/Parapro	Transportation
Marc Millard	Biology Teacher	SLHS

Shelley Peets introduce Gretchen Spoelman who is the new 4th grade teacher at Jeffers Elementary and Elizabeth Carsen, formerly known as Elizabeth Brace, who is the new ASD preschool teacher at Jeffers. Both teachers worked at SLPS for the 2015-16 school year – Gretchen as a long-term substitute and

Elizabeth as a Parapro with the ASD program. Shelley and Dennis Furton both expressed their excitement at the addition of these two teachers as staff members.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

AMENDED NOVEMBER 8, 2016 ELECTION RESOLUTION

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the amended November 8, 2016 Election Resolution as presented. Scott Powers explained the amendment was necessary to renew the previously approved 18.0 mills which was subsequently reduced to 17.91 mills by the “Headlee Amendment”. SLPS received late notice from the county that the Headlee Amendment was triggered and thus an amendment to the previously approved election resolution is needed to bring the full 18.0 mills to vote in November. This does not affect principal residences and other property exempt by law and will be communicated effectively as to what this means to the community.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY FOR SCHOOL FUNDS RESOLUTION

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the Official Depository for Schools Funds Resolution as presented. Scott Powers advised the Board of the 2 account changes – adopting Michigan CLASS and dropping Mercantile Bank of Michigan.

Vote: Yes – Aldridge, Lauinger, Theune, Frifeldt, Davidson and Devlin; Abstained – Ashcraft

ANNUAL LOAN/REPAYMENT ACTIVITY APPLICATION

Jeff Lauinger moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application as presented. This resolution is required annually by the State during the payback period of the bond.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN WMHIP

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to approve the Resolution for Membership in WMHIP for a minimum period of 3 years, as presented. This currently affects the admin/non-union employees who receive insurance benefits as part of their compensation package. The union staff will continue under MESSA insurance at this time. Dennis Furton provided background on WMHIP and prior membership. SLPS became eligible to join the WMHIP pool again in January of 2016. Bids were put out, rates were received from multiple companies and compared to what benefits SLPS currently receive with MESSA, and WMHIP had the most competitive numbers. All plans are with Blue Cross Blue Shield and employees will not need to change doctors. Dennis explained the different plan options and indicated WMHIP is stable, sustainable, and well managed. A HSA option will be available in January of 2017 for those looking for greater cost savings.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Bond Project Updates – Jason Powers with Barton Malow presented the following:
 - All projects are on schedule;
 - The budget is extremely healthy;
 - Phase 1 at both Holmes and Jeffers is 99% complete;
 - Middle School Phase 1 is 100% punch-list complete;
 - Remodel of both Holmes and Jeffers will be completed from the inside out with walls going up inside at this time and plumbing complete;
 - Asphalt is down in the main parking area for the Middle School, new windows have been installed, new canopies for bussing pick up and drop off are in place, new ventilation system in big gym is in place;
 - Plenty of contingency bond money left for remaining construction;
 - Furniture has been put in place where rooms are completed, remaining furniture is in storage until it can be put together and put in place.

- Board Goals Update – Dennis Furton advised he would push the goals update to the August meeting as he needs more time to meet with administrators to put together a solid first draft.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Debi Hulverson, 15292 N. Scenic Drive, Spring Lake, who is a teacher, coach and lead SLEA negotiator with SLPS, inquired about the switch from MESSA to WMHIP as to who would handle employee insurance questions and if it would be a burden on the district? Scott Powers and Dennis Furton addressed the question and advised that Central Office will be able to give employees direction to contact either Blue Cross or WMHIP as necessary with insurance questions. Dennis does not believe it will be burdensome on Central Office to handle direction of insurance questions as this is already being done at this time.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- One MS Special Ed position is left to be filled for the retired Audrey Chambers;
- Monitoring and management of enrollment continues;
- Discussion of additional projects for bond contingency dollars is ongoing and a list is progressing with the hopes of bringing the list before the Board in September or October;
- Dedication ceremonies for Holmes is set for September 18 and Jeffers for September 25 and detailed plans are being made;
- Dennis will meet with Patty Keller regarding teacher evaluations this week;
- SLPS is partnering with Tri-Cities YMCA to offer USA swimming beginning in the fall of 2016;
- Branding and website requests for proposals were released last week. Recommendations to the Board are expected for the August meeting;
- Board goals are a work in progress and a first draft is planned for the August meeting;
- SLPS was recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as a Notably Successful school district along with 57 other districts in Michigan.
- Principals and administration will attend an evaluation training workshop at the MAISD on August 8 and 9.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – August 15, 2016, SLHS Media Center, 7:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Paul Aldridge adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary