

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING, May 15, 2017

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, May 15, 2017, at the High School Media Center. Jeff Lauinger called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Board members present: Jeff Lauinger, Curt Theune, Dennis Devlin, Keith Frifeldt, Rob Davidson, Kathy Breen and Jennifer Nicles. Absent: None

- The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Gilchrist, High School Principal, welcomed the Board and provided the following:

- Top two 2017 graduates were in attendance and were commended for their accomplishments.
- IB Update – 2017 was the first graduating class to go through the program. Two students who have gone through the program were on hand to provide feedback and answer questions.
- Senior class data highlights were provided to the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curt Theune moved, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2017, as presented.

Vote: Yes–Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

Retirement of Kathy Orlebeke, Occupational Therapist, will be added to the agenda as Action Item B.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Glasgow, 18072 West Spring Lake Road, commented on the lack of a secure entry way at High School and a recent experience she had. She asked the Board to consider if the other buildings have secure entry ways, and the intent is that those secure entry ways make it safer for students and staff, the High School should have one as well. If that is not the intent and expectation, then she feels the secure entry ways should be removed from the other school buildings.

Madonna Kramer, 18022 Woodland Trail, expressed her appreciation and excitement that the IB program has been put into place at the High School and thanked Mike Gilchrist for his work in implementing the program.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

CONSENT AGENDA

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #218344 through #218522 totaling \$692,103.
- Student Activities - #103584 through #103660 totaling \$61,357.
- Payroll - totaling \$1,291,654.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

Curt Theune moved, supported by Robert Davidson, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- *New Hires:*
 - Jasmine Suchecki CCC Aide Community Child Care
 - Karl Sineath Teacher..... Alternative Education
- *Non-Union Staff Contract Extensions:*
 - Contract extension through 2019-20 for the following administrator:
Dennis Furton, Superintendent
 - Contract extension through 2018-19 for the following administrators:
Liz Boeve, Director of Operations
Scott Ely, Director of Curriculum
Mike Gilchrist, High School Principal
Aaron West, Middle School Principal
Ben Lewakowski, Intermediate School Principal
Sandra Smits, Holmes Elementary Principal
Shelley Peets, Jeffers Elementary Principal
Jon Fitzpatrick, Asst. High School Principal
Cavin Mohrhardt, Athletic Director
 - One-year contract extensions through 2017-18 for the following employees:
Marian Karell, Transportation Director
Kim Conroy, Admin, Assistant to the Superintendent
Jason Epplett, SLCFAC Director
Jennifer (JJ) Fox, SLCFAC Assistant Director
Melissa George, Community Child Care Director

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Brent Gustafson, Technology Coordinator
Deborah Clark, Great Start Readiness Program Teacher

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve with regrets the retirement/resignation of the following:

Sue Roder Special Education Teacher..... 30 Years
Noelle Knowles 4th Grade Teacher..... 17 Years
Kathy Orlebeke Occupational Therapist..... 25 Years

Jeff Lauinger and Dennis Furton commented on their great work in the district and the valuable contributions and impact they have made on students. They will be missed by students, staff and parents.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE 2017-18 BUDGET HEARING

Curt Theune moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the resolution to schedule the 2017-18 Budget Hearing as follows: Monday, June 19, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. in the IS/MS Media Center, prior to the regular June Board meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

OAISD GENERAL FUND BUDGET RESOLUTION

Keith Frifeldt moved, support by Curt Theune, to approve the OAISD General Fund Budget Resolution, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

POLICY APPROVAL

Curt Theune moved, supported by Robert Davidson, to approve policy numbers 0160; 2221; 2461; 2623; 3120.04; 3121; 4121; 5610; 5610.01; 7217; 7540.02; 8330, 8400 and 8500, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

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RESOLUTION AMENDING BOARD MEETING START TIME

Robert Davidson moved, supported by Curt Theune, to approve the Resolution Amending Board Meeting Start Time as follows: The regular Board meeting start time will move from 7:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. beginning with the June 19, 2017 meeting and continuing until the Organizational Meeting in January, 2018.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

OAISD BIENNIAL ELECTION

The Board discussed designating a voting delegate and alternate and identifying the candidates for the open OAISD Board of Education seats. There are 4 candidates up for two 6-year terms and they are: Kathy Breen, John Siemion, Randall Schipper and James Stuck. The election will be held on Monday, June 5, 2017, at the Educational Services Building, recommended time if 5:45 p.m. It is anticipated the meeting will last no longer than 15 to 20 minutes and the ballot must be cast in person. The resolution will be adopted at the special meeting to be held immediately following the regular meeting.

BOND PROJECT UPDATE

Liz Boeve provided the following bond project update:

- Milling of the parking lot and asphalt at the High School/FAC will be taken care of when school is out of session.
- Currently waiting on site approval from the State on the track bathroom which should be approved any day with an end of July, early August completion time frame.

UTILIZATION OF REMAINING BOND FUNDS

Superintendent Furton provided an initial concept/first-draft drawing of what a new secure entry way could look like at the High School with an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. Discussion ensued about the alternative to the construction of a new secure entry which would be to hire staffing to secure the current vestibule/entry way. It was noted that even if a new entry was constructed, the volume of traffic through the High School would still warrant hiring someone to monitor and “buzz in” students and guests.

The utilization of the remaining bond funds will be brought before the Board in June for voting. There is approximately \$1,250,000 left to be allocated.

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CLASS OF 2017 GRADUATION

The Class of 2017 will graduate on Sunday, May 21. The Board is to assemble at 2:30 p.m. in the coaches' conference room at the High School. Please communicate with Dennis Furton if you are unable to attend.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wendy Glasgow, 18072 West Spring Lake Road, thanked the Board and Superintendent Furton for the discussion of the secure entry way and being open to her comments.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton reported on the following:

- Resignations – The resignations of Lynn Welling, Central Office Administrative Assistant, and Amy Hecksel, Transportation Administrative Assistant, have been accepted by Dennis. The positions are expected to be filled over the summer.
- 2017-18 Staffing Plans – Dennis advised the Board to look for correspondence in the next week regarding staffing changes.
- Schools of Choice – The number of 105c spots were posted to the website today. Parents may apply now through June 9. The target enrollment remains at 2,500.
- Cyber Schools – State Representatives Lilly and Garcia recently met with Dennis to review the District's experience as a prospective cyber school authorizer. Both representatives were intrigued by the information shared although neither gave any clear indication what they might do to facilitate any change to existing policy. Dennis will be presenting to other superintendents in the area on the subject as well.
- Shindig – The final total raised is estimated at \$125,000 after all expenses have been paid. Dennis expressed his appreciation to the Foundation for all of their efforts and gave special thanks to Kelly Larson, outgoing President of the Foundation, for her work in raising over \$600,000 for the District since she has been on the Board.
- Armed Forces Thanksgiving – Dennis attended this event for the first time and reported on how powerful and moving the event was. Funds raised of roughly \$50,000 are donated to the needs of the Veterans' Home in Grand Rapids.
- YMCA/SL Preschool – Dennis provided the informational flyer regarding the 2017-18 preschool to the Board and noted that the information is now live on the SLPS website. He is hoping to involve the help and support of the SL Schools Foundation with scholarship dollars. Keith Frifeldt asked that the Board be kept in the loop regarding funding of scholarship dollars and Dennis advised he would do so.

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- Schedule:
 - May 18 – HS Awards Program, 7:00 p.m.
 - May 24 – Legislative Day in Lansing, all day
 - May 31 – Finance Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – June 19, 2017 – IS/MS Media Center – 7:00 pm (NOTE NEW TIME)
– with Budget Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Curt Theune moved, supported by Robert Davidson, to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Jeff Lauinger adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date Board Secretary