

SPRING LAKE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING October 17, 2016

The Spring Lake Board of Education held a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 17, 2016, at the Spring Lake IS/MS 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 Rob Davidson, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2016, and Minutes of Closed Session Meetings of August 15, 2016 and September 19, 2016, as presented.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

ITEMS RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR AGENDA

N/A

PUBLIC COMMENTS

N/A

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Keith Frifeldt moved, supported by Jeff Lauinger to approve the consent agenda as presented:

Accounts Payable – Check Listings

- Food Service, SLCFAC, General Fund, etc. – #216544 through #216883 totaling \$2,998,264.
- Student Activities – #102940 through #103032 totaling \$74,312.
- Payroll – totaling \$1,284,781.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

2015-16 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Scott Powers introduced Steve Piesko from Maner Costerisan, CPAs, who presented the District audit for fiscal year 2015-16. He reported there were no significant findings or issues, and it was a clean audit with no difficulties, which is the best opinion the District can receive. He commended Scott Powers and Brad VanDeVusse on their preparedness and accuracy. He further noted that the general fund showed an increase of \$277,275, with a positive variance of \$184,735, and indicated that it was a very accurate budget. He further pointed out to the Board that there were no findings noted or issues with the federal program audit of the District's Free and Reduced Lunch program.

Dennis Furton stated his appreciation for the work by Maner Costerisan along with Scott Powers, Todd Hronek and Brad VanDeVusse and commented that the audit is cleaner every year.

ACTION ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- New Hires:

Wendy S. Byrnes	Food Service	Food Transport/Asst. Cook/Server – HS
Shana Briggs	Food Service	Asst/Cook/Cashier - HS

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

POLICY APPROVAL – USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES #7510

Rob Davidson moved, supported by Dennis Devlin, to approve the update to the Use of School Facilities Policy #7510 to include the approval by the Director of Operations along with the principal’s and/or Athletic Director’s approval, as presented.

Curt Theune inquired about how the fees are structured for rentals, especially to athletic groups and club teams within the community. Dennis Furton advised that due to the extra maintenance involved when the fields/facilities are used, the District has incurred additional operational costs and that those costs are putting a strain on the budget as they have increased exponentially. He noted that it is necessary to pass those additional field/facility use costs on to the organization using the facilities. Dennis further stated that the fee structure is set up to be rational, fair and consistent. Curt further commented that he would like the District to be mindful of what the community has already provided to the District with the passing of the bond when assessing rental costs to the renting organization.

Keith Frifeldt inquired about for-profit organizations and their ability to rent the facilities. Dennis advised that they are able to rent the facilities when available but that the District has latitude in its’ rental agreement on how those rentals are granted.

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

- Bond Project Updates – Liz Boeve presented the following:
 - Punch list items are going along well;
 - Exteriors at Holmes and Jeffers are about 82% complete;
 - Revisiting of remaining open items with Barton Malow will begin this week and continue over the next few weeks until complete;
 - Training on the BMS (Building Management System) began last week.
- OASBA General Membership Meeting – The Ottawa Area School Board Association General Membership Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Holmes Elementary. The topic will be LGBTQ/Transgender Policy and Practices in Schools presented by Lisa Swem from THRUN Law. Please RSVP to Kim by Friday, November 4 if you will be attending. Dennis would appreciate the Board’s attendance if able, and is anticipating a large group.

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- Superintendent's Evaluation – copies of the Superintendent's evaluation tool were distributed to each Board member. This will be scheduled as an informal, narrative-type evaluation. A formal Superintendent's evaluation will be held in June. This is consistent with the way the District evaluates the teachers and administrators. The current evaluation tool will need to be updated prior to the formal evaluation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laurie Draeger, 614 Parkview Ave, Spring Lake, inquired about the OASBA General Membership Meeting and if staff members are able to attend? Dennis addressed this question and indicated although it is a private membership meeting he would welcome interested staff members to attend.

Debi Mertz-Hulverson, 15292 North Scenic Court, Spring Lake, inquired about the policy approval process and specifically how the rental agreement terms are approved. Dennis indicated that the Board approves the policies (which are available on the District's website) but that the administrative guidelines and rules and forms are not brought before the Board for approval. The rental agreement terms would fall under administrative guidelines and rules and forms. He further indicated that language has been adjusted to the rental agreement regarding fees due to the change to the facilities and the addition of new spaces available to rent.

Debi further inquired about the final approval for the rental agreements and Dennis indicated that the principals schedule the rentals for their buildings; the Athletic Director schedules the athletic facilities and fields; and any other rental needs are scheduled through the Operations Department at Central Office. Liz Boeve commented on the need for this due to the scheduling of maintenance and custodial services, door opening and closing times, lighting and HVAC needs for the specific events, which are all coordinated through the Operations Department.

Debi's final question inquired about the branding and website design vendors mentioned at the last Board meeting, and if a specific vendor has been determined. Dennis advised that there are 4 finalists and a decision would be made within the next week.

Bill Core 15123 Wildfield Dr., Spring Lake commented that as the Spring Lake Recreation Director, he is hopeful that when they use the facilities over the summer that they will not fall under the rental fee guidelines due to the relationship with the District and that over 1,000 participants come through the program every summer. Dennis indicated that the Spring Lake Recreation Department always has been and will continue to be fully exempt from the rental fee guidelines.

Patty Keller, 703 Winter St., Spring Lake, noted that the Board's closed meeting sessions have included purchase of property discussions the last 2 months and indicated she believes that general fund dollars could be better used to fund direct needs of the District that would impact students such as an additional social worker, another school counselor or extra paraprofessionals.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Furton provided his report to the Board and commented on the following:

- The girls' golf team recorded its 3rd straight state championship which is a tremendous accomplishment. Dennis indicated the team won by 35 strokes this year. Dennis may invite

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- the team to next month's Board meeting. Curt Theune recalled the Board's inquiry into a community sign acknowledging the team's accomplishments, and Dennis indicated he has discussed it with Cavin Mohrhardt, no final decision has been made, and it would be looked into again.
- Enrollment – Fall final count is 2,505. The count reported by the Grand Haven Tribune was a preliminary number before it was finalized.
- West Michigan Band Instrument ("WMBI") filed an amended lawsuit in federal court last week. Dennis indicated it was beyond ridiculous what they are asking for. All potential responses are being considered, including an offer of settlement or no contest, to keep the costs of the defense to a minimum.
- Additional bond project ideas will be brought to the Board in November.
- The SLSF has completed its grant cycle and has awarded over \$43,000 to staff for grant projects. There was roughly \$140,000 in grant requests, which is significantly larger than ever before. Dennis presented the Board members with a listing of the applications and indicated the awards granted align well with the recently established Board goals.
- Free QPR training will be provided to the first 25 parents to sign up on October 27. This training is provided by Tri-Cities Counseling and provides information on the emerging signs of suicidal tendencies in students.
- Schedule:
 - SLEA Teacher Evaluation Presentation – October 24, 3:00 and 4:00 p.m.
 - New Teacher Orientation & Meeting – October 25, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 - OAITC Meeting – October 25
 - Growth Mindset Training – October 27 & 28

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Regular Board Meeting – November 21, 2016, MS Media Center, 7:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – PROPERTY

Curt Theune motioned, supported by Keith Frifeldt, to move to a closed session at 8:14 p.m.

Vote: Yes- Unanimous

The Board returned to open session at 9:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Vote: Yes – Unanimous

Paul Aldridge adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

APPROVED: _____
Date

Board Secretary