

**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

The February 8, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order virtually via Zoom format at 7:05 p.m. by President David Lightner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present (virtually): David Lightner, Jeff Caudill, Elliott Cook, Pam Parish, Granville Hayworth, Crystal Nowery and Chris Talbot

Administrative members present: Randy Cook, Tammy Kuntz, Tanya Newland, Chris Kregel, Shelly Mead, Melissa Butler, Missy Keeler and Jenny Dysert

Visitors (Virtual): Kerry Warren, Beth Brasseur, Laura Tenney, Anna Arnold, Melissa Westcott, Matt Schwartzkopf, Keith Hadley, Maggy Janisch and Jeff Saunders

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Nowery, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Organizational Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2021
- Special Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2021
- General Fund Bills of \$ 634,933.98
- Hot Lunch Bills of \$ 46,640.64

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Middle School Principal Tanya Newland went over the report she had provided to the school board members and answered questions.

High School Principal Chris Kregel referred board members to his report highlighting the Graduation Achievement Program (GAP) and what it will mean for our students.

Elementary Principal Tammy Kuntz referred board members to her report and took questions from the board members.

Business Manager Melissa Butler referred board members to the board report she had put together for their packets. She went on to explain details of the 2020-2021 Proposed Amended Budget and to take questions from the board members.

Treasurer Hayworth reported that a Finance Committee Meeting had taken place earlier and Melissa had just shared the information they had gone over.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve the letter of agreement between Springport Schools and our bargaining units.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the stipend of \$13,000 for Jackie Riehle for her work in the Graduation Achievement Program (GAP) at the high school.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the 2020-2021 General Fund Budget Amendment as presented.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Parish to hire Paul Zysk as Middle School At-Risk and Recess Paraprofessional in accordance with the SESP Agreement and all local and state statutes for this position.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Trustee Parish, Support by Trustee Talbot, to hire Jake Mead as Custodian/Maintenance Helper per the SCMA Agreement and all local and state statutes for this position.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to move to closed session at 7:47 pm for the purpose of discussing upcoming negotiation strategies.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to re-enter regular session at 8:05 pm.

**Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye and DL -- aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Interim Superintendent Cook gave an update on the Covid vaccine provided for all of Springport Schools' staff members. Thursday, February 18<sup>th</sup> is the scheduled day for the second dose. We will be virtual that Thursday and Friday as well due to the possible side effects.

Interim Superintendent Cook let the virtual assembly know that Building AER (Annual Education Report) letters and reports are now posted on the school website.

Dowding Industries of Eaton Rapids would like to help by donating towards the \$9000 unpaid lunch balance. Springport Schools will provide them with a letter of thanks and appreciation as well as documentation for tax purposes.

Interim Superintendent Cook discussed two letters of retirement/resignation he had received from

staff members Maggy Janisch and Jacob Fletcher.

The 3% HCC (Healthcare Contribution) Closing Agreement was discussed. This agreement states that retiree healthcare contributions are exempt from federal income and FICA taxes. We are working with the JCISD Business Services staff and will follow their recommendations. This decision needs to be completed by 3/1/2021.

Secretary Cook motioned, Support by Trustee Parish, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 pm.

**Motion Carried.**

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