

**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JUNE 29, 2021**

The June 29, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Lightner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Visitors: Willie Branham, Jennifer Pitcher, Linda Taylor, Steve Butler, Esther Byler, Will Taylor, Joe Byler, Jennifer Lopez, Brian S., Christine Potter, Brenda Cornish, Melissa Westcott, Vonnie Dyer, Stevi Schmidt-Marks, Kelly Taber, Kathy Dwight, Miranda Adams, Kerri Kulas, Ruby Coblentz and Leona Keeler

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the agenda as presented.  
**Motion Carried, all Ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve consent agenda as presented.

- Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 17, 2021
- Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, May 17, 2021
- Special Hearing Minutes of Monday, May 24 2021
- General Fund Bills of \$ 658,603.09
- Hot Lunch Bills of \$ 157,890.43

**Motion Carried, all Ayes.**

There were (4) Citizens Wishing to Address the Board. The protocol was read aloud by Secretary Cook. Esther Byler read a letter for Steve Butler. The topic was CRT (Critical Race Theory).

Linda Taylor spoke next, also on CRT.

Will Taylor finished up the group speaking on CRT.

Christine Potter spoke to the board about what she had read and heard regarding possible recommendations put out by DHHS to school districts for the fall.

Secretary Cook read aloud a thank you card sent to the board from Angela Kidder.

Business Manager Melissa Butler gave her report referring back to the PowerPoint presentation she had given earlier during the Budget Hearing. She thanked the Board for bringing Mr. Cook back as Interim Superintendent.

Treasurer Hayworth reported on the Finance Committee Meeting that had taken place just prior to the Budget Hearing.

The principals from all three schools went over the district's Annual Bullying & Aggressive Behavior report: Elementary had zero cases to report, Middle School had (2) bullying incidents and High School had (1) minor aggressive and zero bullying incidents.

Middle School Principal Tanya Newland referred board members to her principal's report and spoke about what activities they were able to do this past week in summer school.

Elementary Principal Tammy Kuntz referred board members to her report and commented that being able to be face to face all five days a week this past year was really huge to our students' success.

High School Principal Chris Kregel referred board members to the report in their packets and thanked the board members and Mr. Cook for allowing some normalcy with their end of year activities such as prom and graduation.

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Trustee Parish, to approve maternity leave for Kelsey Mecham as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Nowery, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the contract of Jackie Riehle as the GAP Supervisor/Virtual Learning Interventionist as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

The board took a short recess from 7:39 pm to 7:43 pm

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve hiring Madeline Peterson as Elementary Teacher according to all local and state statutes and the SEA Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the Elementary Student/Parent Handbook changes as presented. Discussion took place regarding section on dress code.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Parish, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve the Middle School Student/Parent Handbook changes as presented. There was some discussion regarding the section of dress code.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the High School Student/Parent Handbook changes as presented. Discussion took place also regarding the section for dress code.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to approve the 2021 Tax Rate Request as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve the amended 2020-21 Activity Account Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve the amended 2020-21 Food Service Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Trustee Parish, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the amended 2020-21 General Fund Budget as presented. There was some discussion as Superintendent Cook explained some of the scenarios the future might hold for the fund balance.

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the 2021-2022 Activity Account Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Nowery, to approve the 2021-2022 Food Service Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the 2021-2022 General Fund Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to adopt the Michigan High School Athletic Association Resolution for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, CN – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL – aye**

**Motion Carried, 7-0.**

Interim Superintendent Cook discussed Logan Neill as the new Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

Interim Superintendent Cook discussed the Golden Apple Presentation taking place the morning of the staff's first day back on August 23, 2021.

Interim Superintendent Cook let the board members know he had accepted a Letter of Retirement/Resignation from Bus Mechanic John Westbrook.

Interim Superintendent Cook discussed the August 16<sup>th</sup> Work Session with the Principals and new Superintendent happening at 6:00 pm just ahead of the board meeting that night.

The overnight trip for the FFA Officers to POA camp August 17, 2021 to August 19, 2021 was discussed.

Interim Superintendent Cook discussed his closing comments to the board members. He spoke on the team we now have at Springport, the new donated electric sign and his wish of nothing but success to the board members – Thank you!

Vice President Caudill motioned, Support by Secretary Cook, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

**Motion Carried.**

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