

**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

The September 20, 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 and Crystal Nowery

Members absent: Pam Parish and Chris Talbot

Administrative members present: Christie Robinson, Chris Kregel, Tanya Newland, Tammy Kuntz, Missy Keeler, Shelly Mead and Jenny Dysert

Visitors: Brian Szuch, Joe Byler, Vanessa Mulnix, Esther Byler, Melissa Westcott and Charlie Westcott

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.

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 16, 2021
- General Fund Bills of \$ 551,856.45
- Hot Lunch Bills of \$ 30,186.79

**Motion Carried, all Ayes.**

There was (1) Citizen Wishing to Address the Board:

Vanessa Mulnix spoke on health advocates, Thrun Law Firm and how we should celebrate our Board of Education that is willing to listen.

Secretary Cook read a letter of correspondence from Ed and Sharon Fox. Their letter had also been sent to the Springport Signal and was printed in the Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> edition.

Superintendent Robinson had Jenny Dysert introduce Michelle Church, Attendance Secretary of the high school, as one of the Golden Apple recipients for 2021. Jenny read Michelle's nomination form to the audience. Michelle was then presented with a Certificate of Appreciation from Superintendent Robinson and President Lightner.

Middle School Principal Tanya Newland referred board members to her report touching on the Character Strong program, job openings they have at the middle school and how pleased they are so far with Pearson Online Learning. At this time, the middle school has (1) virtual student. Mrs. Newland took questions from the board members.

Elementary Principal Tammy Kuntz referred board members to her report stating that enrollment numbers are up from last year – (479) compared to (456). She let board members know that staff numbers have not changed and she has ten classrooms that are above the optimum level – highest

being (28) students. She thanked the board members for hiring Christie. The elementary has (6) students enrolled virtually.

High School Principal Chris Kregel referred board members to his report. He stated that it is more difficult this year than last due to the false sense of normalcy after dealing with the shut downs from COVID-19. He thanked board members for supporting them in the somewhat normal return to school. He took questions from the board members. The high school has (5) students enrolled virtually.

Superintendent Robinson spoke for Facilities Director Branden Hand. She updated board members on the status of the roofing project.

Superintendent Robinson referred board members to Business Manager Melissa Butler's finance report and let them know there will be a Special Meeting next month ahead of the Regular Meeting -- the auditors will be presenting.

The audience heard from Vice President Caudill who reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee that had met earlier in the month. They will be focusing funds left over after the completion of the roofs on updating windows and parking lots. He added to the roofing update letting the audience know that the delayed completion date is a material issue as well as a labor shortage one.

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve maternity leave as requested by Christy Sener Townsend.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Nowery, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve hiring Lindsay Ames as the new Kindergarten Teacher in accordance with all local and state statutes and the SEA agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Robinson discussed bus mechanic John Westbrook having submitted a second letter of retirement/resignation moving his last day up to October 1<sup>st</sup>.

President Lightner brought up the two overnight trip proposals from the FFA that were in board members packets. The trips are scheduled for later this October and March of 2022.

Superintendent Robinson updated board members on the Chromebook insurance policies that parents are able to purchase for \$30.00. All three schools are working on gathering the information needed to start the policy. At this point there is a 1 to 1 ratio of Chromebooks to students in both the high school and middle school – the elementary is working on having a cart assigned to every classroom.

Superintendent Robinson went on to update the assembly on athletics, curriculum, Title IX policy and the website. She reminded the board of the upcoming JCSBA organizational dinner.

Vice President Caudill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

**Motion Carried.**

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