

**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021**

The October 18, 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 Chris Talbot

Members absent: Pam Parish and Crystal Nowery

Administrative members present: Christie Robinson, Chris Kregel, Tanya Newland, Tammy Kuntz, Shelly Mead and Kristina Newsome

Visitors: Kerri Kulas, Dean & Jeanette Dyer, Cori Henry, Nicole Woolworth, Nichole Hawkins, Amy Cockroft, Linda Taylor, Esther Byler, Bret Nordland, Melissa and Charlie Westcott

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve the agenda as presented. Discussion took place as Action Item #5 and Discussion Item #12 were added by Trustee Talbot.  
**Motion Carried, all Ayes.**

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

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 20, 2021
- General Fund Bills of \$ 742,490.31
- Hot Lunch Bills of \$ 71,718.58

**Motion Carried, all Ayes.**

There were (2) Citizens Wishing to Address the Board:

Dean Dyer spoke regarding Covid issues: non-scientific guidance from the Health Department.  
Kerri Kulas spoke on Springport's quarantine policy regarding healthy staff and students.

High School Principal Chris Kregel finished up reporting on PBIS in the district. He took questions from the board members. He was followed by Tammy Kuntz and Tanya Newland. They both referred board members to the reports in their packets as they addressed the assembly and took questions from board members.

Facilities Director Branden Hand addressed the board letting them know the roofs have been completed. About mid-November, the flashing and steel gutters will be installed. He has been working with Owen-Ames-Kimball on getting proposals for the sidewalks – work to be done spring of 2022.

Treasurer Hayworth reported on the district's financial audit that had just been presented prior. There were no audit findings for this fiscal year. He referred members to the budget report provided by Melissa Butler.

Motion by Vice President Caudill, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the overnight trip to the National FFA Convention as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve the overnight trip to the Michigan FFA State Convention as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to approve hiring Thomas Bahmer as Bus Mechanic according to the contract and all local and state statutes.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve paying the invoice to Lockout, LLC as presented. Some discussion took place as questions were posed to Branden Hand regarding some issues of the boot system as well as yearly maintenance and warranty.

**Motion Carried 4-1.**

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve paying all SPS and SPS ISD employees a stipend in the amount of \$300 in accordance with union contracts. Discussion took place regarding the amount decided upon as well as addressing the audience with the reasoning for it.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Robinson joined the discussion remotely. She began by praising all staff members. She shared a card of praise from a parent who was at the band's competition in Vicksburg. Christie went on to discuss: School Improvement Plan, new teacher gathering (new teacher orientation) at the ISD, new kitchen design & construction for high school/elementary, break down of data for count day and classrooms – including At-Risk numbers, bus and cafeteria matrix PBIS still needing to happen, Veteran's Day celebration on November 11<sup>th</sup> – assembly being planned, increase of substitute teacher rate going from \$95.00 / day to \$ 105.00 / day, Homecoming parade and MASA Conference (thank you for allowing her to attend). She took comments from board members before continuing discussion regarding the district's updated Covid quarantining protocols.

Final discussion item was brought up by President Lightner – Board Member Pamela Parish resigned and vacancy will be posted and needs to be filled by next board meeting.

Vice President Caudill motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm.

**Motion Carried.**

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