**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**

The February 9, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Craig Ward.

Members present: Julie Baglien, Rob Baum, Jeff Caudill, Linda Kubiak, David Lightner Eric Taylor, and Craig Ward.

Administrative members present: Randall Cook, Chris Kregel, Janis Sanford, Lynne Thompson and Chris Talbot.

Visitors present: Kossondra Higelmire, LeAnn Kregel, George Johnson, Don and Beverly Ward, Doug Higelmire, Allison Higelmire, Dallas Higelmire, Linda Higelmire, David Higelmire, Jessica Kirchmeier, George Kirchmeier, Amelia Kirchmeier, Jamie Isham, Jason, Jill, Ella and Sydney Humphrey, Nancy Peters Lewis, Matt Schwartzkopf, David Trudell, JoAnna Trudell, Ckyler Jones and Charles Jones.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Secretary Baglien to approve the agenda as amended to include an action item of a middle school overnight sleepover.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Vice President Baum, support by Secretary Baglien to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2016
* General Fund Bills of $502,479.41
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 2793.19

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal, introduced LeAnn Kregel, who presented Ckyler Jones as the Elementary Citizen of the Month for December for the Elementary. Mrs. Sanford then introduced Amelia Kirchmeier, as the Young Elementary Citizen of the Month for January, and Ella Humphrey as the upper Elementary Citizen of the Month for January. Chris Kregel, Secondary Administrator 6-12, introduced Middle School English Teacher Jamie Isham, who presented Jennifer Dekoninck, with the Middle School Citizen of the Month Award for January. Ms. Dekoninck was absent, and will receive her award in class. Mr. Kregel then presented the High School Citizen of the Month Award for January to Kossondra Higelmire.

Kossandra Higelmire, Student Board Representative, gave a report on recent high school student council activities/ Activities centered on building school spirit and recent Winterfest activities.

Matt Schwartzkopf, SEA Representative, gave a report regarding recent meetings with teaching staff and Mr. Cook to set the 2016-2017 school calendar.

Secretary Baglien read a thank you note from elementary student Elizabeth Mitchell, for being honored at the January Board meeting as a Citizen of the Month.

Brief recess at 7:15 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:17 p.m.

Member Taylor, Jackson County Association of School Board Representative, gave a report on the JCASB meeting at Northwest Schools, where they toured the Northwest School’s new facilities in the kitchen and elementary. Agenda items were Energy usage, CBA classes, and attendance at meetings.

Janis Sanford presented a report on technology in the elementary. They have added additional computer carts in the building, and are receiving new electrical support for all the technology now used in the classroom. Teachers are being trained on using Goggle documents and library software.

Chris Kregel, Secondary Administrator 6-12, commended the JCISD technology support staff for all they do to keep technology running smoothly for the staff in the high school. High school office administration has new technology to call and notify parents when students are showing unexcused attendance during the school day.

Nancy Peters Lewis, of Jackson College Access Center Office, reported on helping place students in a program for their future. The Access Center does testing placement, helps with acquiring scholarships, and also assists parents and students fill out forms for financial aid. Data snapshots are presented to Jackson County schools twice a year to show results of student’s continuing education to receive certifications, associates degrees and other credentials. Springport ranks above average in securing student funds and also in placing students in post high school career training and studies. This service is free to all students.

Lynn Thompson, interim business manager, presented the monthly financial report, which includes the amended budget from the January meeting.

Superintendent Cook presented the overnight proposal for the individual wrestling regionals, to be held at Kent City High School.

Motion by Member Lightner, support by Vice President Baum to approve the overnight trip request for the wrestlers to attend the individual regionals at Kent City High School, departing February 19th and returning February 20, 2016.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented an unpaid leave request from Fran Kenton, para-professional.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Treasurer Caudill to approve the unpaid leave request of Fran Kenton from January 11, 2016 through March 21, 2016.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented three candidates currently running for the Region 7 MASB Board position.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, second by Treasurer Caudill to select Gregory Peoples from Washtenaw as the Springport Board selection for the MASB Board of Directors Region for Region 7.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented information from the middle school cheerleaders, requesting an overnight sleepover in the middle school gym.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Secretary Baglien to approve an overnight Lock-In sleepover for the middle school cheerleaders on March 11, 2016 to March 12, 2016.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Information was shared by Superintendent Cook regarding the overnight trip request to Mackinac Island for the 4th grade students. This trip will be at the end of May this year, to avoid finals week for students and staff.

Superintendent Cook presented a transportation update for schools of choice students in Albion. Currently the transportation department has people training to become bus drivers for a third bus route to Albion. This will eliminate the crowding and allow additional students to be picked up.

Superintendent Cook presented information on a new financial business manager for the district, the JCISD will be hiring Rhonda Potts from Jonesville who is scheduled to begin on February 29th..

The 2016-2017 school calendar is being reviewed with teachers and administration. The idea of a 1 hour delayed start for professional development is being considered for the coming year. Community and staff feedback will determine if this is a viable option for future years.

Superintendent Cook shared information that the Jackson Citizen Patriot newspaper is reorganizing and will be changing coverage of school board meetings.

Motion by Vice President Baum, support by Secretary Baglien to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.