**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY JANUARY 12, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**

The January 12, 2016, regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:04 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, Tanya Overweg, Chris Kregel, Janis Sanford, Lynne Thompson and Chris Talbot.

Visitors present: Eric, Missy, Kim and Emily Keeler, Shelly Mead, Heidi Rhodes, Angela Kidder, Kassandra Higelmire, Doug Higelmire, Tonia, and Lela Root, David Trudell, Lela Root, Brian, Jessica, Elizabeth, and Emma Mitchell.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Trustee Taylor to approve the agenda as amended to include a report from the Fine Arts Program, and discussion of an overnight wrestling trip.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

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

* Regular Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2015
* General Fund Bills of $593,346.00
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 5,349.03

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal, introduced Angela Kidder, Second Grade Teacher, who presented Elizabeth Mitchell, as the Elementary Citizen of the Month for December for the Elementary. Chris Kregel, Secondary Administrator 6-12, introduced Emily Keeler, Middle School Citizen of the Month for December. Mr. Kregel then introduced Heidi Rhodes, High School Art Teacher, who presented the High School Citizen of the Month Award for December to Lela Root.

Student Council Representative, Kassondra Higelmire presented a report on behalf of the student council on the student activities being planned for Winterfest scheduled for January 29th.

Secretary Baglien read a thank you note from the Fine Arts Program teachers.

Superintendent Cook recognized the Board of Education members in honor of Board Appreciation Month. He read a resolution and presented them with a Certificate of Excellence.

Tanya Overweg, Principal of Instruction, 6-12, thanked the board for the support shown to the teachers and students in supplying the curriculum and materials needed for students to grow and learn. Mrs. Sanford thanked the Board for their support and time to the community. Both administrators turned the report of the Fine Arts Program to Heidi Rhodes, Art Teacher.

Heidi Rhodes, K-12 Art Teacher, commended the Board for the support of the Fine Arts Programs in the district. The band program is growing and supported by highly qualified musicians. Several students perform at various festivals across the state, and receive recognition for their performance. The high school varsity choir has a large student group that performs at various functions. The drama program has done many plays at both the middle school and high school level. Mrs. Rhodes reported that many of our students have gone on to study art at the college level, and have become successful. High School students have an increasing number of areas to showcase their art, including in a professional setting. Many receive ribbons of recognition for their art work. Springport has a high percentage of students competing at the art competition, in comparison to other area schools.

Jeff Caudill, Treasurer, reported on the Financial Committee meeting. Substantial upgrades will need to be made to the telephone system to comply with regulations mandating 911 calls to show location of the call. The general fund budget was reviewed, and due to some changes in expenses, the district may show a better fund balance than projected.

Lynne Thompson, Assistantent Director of Finance at the JCISD, will be our interim Finance Manager. She spoke to the Board of her willingness to step in and work with Superintendent Cook and the Springport Business Office.

Superintendent Cook provided information regarding the Agricultural Immersion Experience Trip to Costa Rica during the summer, between July 24 to August 6, 2016.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Secretary Baglien to approve the FFA Agricultural Immersion Experience to Costa Rica between July 24th and August 6, 2016.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook provided the 2015-2016 Food Service Budget Amendment Resolution. This was discussed with the Finance Committee.

Motion by Vice President Baum, support by Treasurer Caudill to approve the Food Service Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented the recommended 2015-2016 General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution. The Finance Committee met to discuss this proposed resolution.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Vice President Baum to approve the General Fund Budget as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook reported that Michigan Department of Education has approved our three year waiver for a common calendar. This will allow us to begin school a few days before Labor Day. This resolution is to indicate support for this concept.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, second by Treasurer Caudill to approve the resolution that supports a three year Jackson County Common Calendar, beginning in the 2016-2017 school year, as presented, with the understanding that some parts of the school calendar are negotiated with the SEA.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cookupdated the Board regarding the person that will be the substitute At Risk Elementary Counselor during the absence of Mrs. Weaver. At-Risk funding provides for both the high school and elementary school to have At-Risk Interventionists who will work with some At-Risk students who need additional support.

Superintendent Cook provided information on the spring 2015 M-Step Data. As the first year of using this testing system, we will not be able to benefit from the feedback for 2 or 3 years, however, Springport students ranked well with the state average.

Superintendent Cook reported the need to update teacher and principal evaluations to comply with legislation for the 2016-2017 school year. The ISD will help facilitate training so we are in compliance with new state laws in evaluating staff.

Superintendent Cook provided a transportation update. Inside the Village of Springport a.m. pick up has begun for students. Information was also given on the bus pick-up for Springport students that live in Albion. We have received positive feedback from this practice. The transportation department was given recognition of a successful change during mid-year revisions to the bus routes. The district continues to advertise for substitute bus drivers.

Superintendent Cook presented an overnight wrestling trip proposal for the team to travel to Muskegon Harbor for Individual Wrestling Regionals at Kent City High School on February 19th and 20th, 2016.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, seconded by Secretary Baglien to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**