**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, March 21, 2016**

**Meeting Minutes**

The March 21, 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, Linda Kubiak, David Lightner Eric Taylor, and Craig Ward.

Member Absent: Jeff Caudill

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

Visitors present: David Pratt, Larry and Jane Ain, Stacy Bristow, Travis Bristow, Troy Hurley, Kerry Warren, George Johnson, Logan Garrett, Michelle Garrett, Doug Higelmire, Kelly & Zach Betz, Nick Cooper, Anna Hicks, Andrea Timmons, Grace Sauers, and Amy Jackson.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Member Taylor to approve the agenda as amended to add action item seven, consideration to improve athletic field restrooms; and discussion item three, network upgrade. ***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Secretary Baglien to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of February 9, 2016
* General Fund Bills of $ 301,502.22
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 2,995.67

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal, introduced Kerry Warren who presented Ira Miller as an Elementary Citizen of the Month for February. Mrs. Sanford then introduced Anna Hicks who presented Kaitlyn Dykstra as the upper Elementary Citizen of the Month for February. Chris Kregel, Secondary Administrator 6-12, introduced Andrea Timmins, middle school teacher who presented the Middle School Citizen of the Month Award to Troy Hurley. Mr. Kregel then introduced Carly Claugherty as the High School Citizen of the Month for February.

David Pratt, high school wrestling coach, introduced the high school wrestlers who qualified as a team to attend the State Wrestling Meet. They are: Trenton Grady, Chance Brock, Abby Adams, Tyler Teague, Noah Teague, Sean O’Hearon, Devin Strong, Zack Potter, Logan Garrett, Taylor Whitmore, Zach Betz, Zeth Caudill, Tyler Tanner, Aaron Ludwig, Nick Cooper, Luke Overweg and Brenden Hunter. Coach Pratt presented the wrestlers with a Certificate of Excellence from the Board of Education.

Coach Pratt also presented individual wrestlers who advanced to the Individual State Wrestling Meet at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Individual qualifiers were: Tyler Teague, Luke Overweg, Noah Teague, Taylor Whitmore, Zeth Caudill, Sean O’Hearon, and Nick Cooper These wrestlers were also presented with a certificate, and also recognized Taylor Whitmore as an Academic All-State Wrestler.

Superintendent Cook presented Coach Pratt with a certificate and recognized him as receiving the 2016 Wrestling Coach of the Year, as well as Regional Wrestling Coach of the Year.

Board took a brief recess at 7:20 p.m.

Board reconvened at 7:22 p.m.

Eric Taylor, Jackson County Association of School Board Representative, reported on the JCASB meeting held at Grass Lake Schools. Grass Lake showcased their “One on One Technology Program”. From kindergarten through twelfth grade students are assigned either kindles, ipads or laptops to use for the school year. These are financed through gracious donations and grants from business and the community. Following the presentation, JCASB members reviewed new state legislation.

Buildings and Grounds Chair David Lightner presented a report from the Buildings and Grounds meeting in which they reviewed projects completed over the winter. These included repairs to the central office furnace, boiler pipe repair. Discussion also included a future need of a new tractor and equipment for snow removal for the custodial department. The athletic field restrooms, at the football field and baseball diamonds need updating. Bids have been received at a cost of $23,888 to upgrade the baseball complex restrooms.

The Finance Report was given by new Financial Manager Rhonda Potts.

Elementary Principal Janis Sanford presented opportunities available to the elementary to learn about science. Robotics with Legos has been a huge success to get students introduced into the sciences. Teachers are also able to utilize kits through the JCISD in several different areas to teach a wide range of science experiments, with a focus on engineering.

Tanya Overweg, Secondary Principal 6-12, discussed the new state adopted next generation science standards. There has been a content change in curriculum, which now concentrates more on engineering and science practices and technology. This helps students learn more about what makes things move, how bridges are built and technology that is used in engineering.

Superintendent Cook presented a letter from Fran Kenton requesting to extend her unpaid leave through March 31st due to medical needs of her husband.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Vice President Baum to approve the unpaid leave request of Fran Kenton through March 31, 2016.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Superintendent Cook presented a request from Transportation Supervisor Jim Acker to hire Christal Shaffer as a bus driver. She has been a sub bus driver since November of 2014.

Motion by Member Lightner, second by Secretary Baglien to hire Christal Shaffer as a regular bus driver in accordance with all local and state statutes and the Transportation Master Agreement.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Superintendent Cook presented a retirement letter from Carol Prine, who has been a teacher for Springport for 33 years.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Member Lightner to accept the retirement/resignation of Carol Prine effective June 30, 2016 with appreciation of 33 years of teaching at Springport Public Schools.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Superintendent Cook provided evaluations of all administrative members for Board review.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Secretary Baglien to extend the contract of Elementary Principal Janis Sanford through June 30, 2018.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Vice President Baum to extend the contract of Chris Kregel, Secondary Administrator 6-12, through June 30, 2018.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Motion by Member Lightner, second by Vice President Baum to extend the contract of Tanya Overweg, Principal of Curriculum and Instruction 6-12, through June 30, 2018. ***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Secretary Baglien commended the three building principals, and stated the district is fortunate to have them serving the district.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Secretary Baglien to extend the contract of Jim Acker, Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor through June 30, 2018.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Discussion followed.

Motion by Member Lightner, second by Secretary Baglien to extend the contract of Ron Clift, Athletic Director, through June 30, 2018.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Discussion followed.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Secretary Baglien to extend the contract of Jeff Brenner, Food Service Director, through June 30, 2018.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Discussion Followed.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Trustee Taylor to extend the contract of Central Office Manager Chris Talbot, through June 30, 2018.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Cook presented a request to increase the salary of Chris Talbot.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Vice President Baum to approve a $1,500 salary increase for Central Office Manager Chris Talbot.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Discussion followed.

Superintendent Cook presented the 2016-2017 school calendar. The calendar is complete except for times for parent teacher conferences.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Member Lightner to approve the 2016-2017 District School Calendar as presented.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Superintendent Cook presented a resolution and bus bid to purchase a leased 77 passenger bus from Holland Bus Company.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Trustee Lightner to approve the purchase of one Leased 77 passenger bus from Holland Bus Company for $65,850.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Superintendent Cook presented information regarding the fourth grade overnight trip request for the Mackinac area.

Motion by Member Taylor, support by Member Lightner to approve the overnight request for the fourth grade Mackinac area trip, departing May 25, 2016 and returning May 27, 2016.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***

Trustee Lightner presented information regarding the bids received to refurbish the ball field restrooms.

Motion by Member Lightner, support by Secretary Baglien to approve a bid from Cunningham Construction Co. for $ 23,888 to refurbish the bathrooms at the ball fields.

Amended by President Ward to read:

Motion by Member Ward, support by Secretary Baglien to approve a bid from Cunningham Construction Co. up to $23,888 to refurbishment of the rest rooms at the ball field complex.

***Baglien, aye; Baum, aye; Kubiak aye; Lightner, aye; Taylor, nay; Ward aye.***

***Motion carried, 5 ayes, 1 nay.***

Superintendent Cook provided information on a request for the middle school honor society to have an overnight, at school event. He also provided information for an overnight Football Camp trip. These two overnight events will be action items at the April meeting.

Superintendent Cook provided information on Network upgrade infrastructure to get technology upgraded to improve switches, online connections and to upgrade telephone systems to meet the 911 service as needed by state mandate.

Motion by Member Lightner, support by Secretary Baglien to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

***Motion Carried, all ayes.***