**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2016**

The November 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, Jeff Caudill, David Lightner Eric Taylor, and Craig Ward.

Members absent: Linda Kubiak

Administrative members present: Randall Cook, Janis Sanford, Tanya Newland, Rhonda Potts, Doug Davis and Chris Talbot.

Visitors present: Norma Lundeen, Jackie Sanford, Dale, Melissa and Gail Bryant, Robert, Leigh and Sam Betz, Kristy Dickinson, and Jeff Saunders.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Member Lightner to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

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

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 17, 2016
* General Fund Bills of $466,609.62
* Lunch Bills of $ 3,682.13

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Elementary Principal Janis Sanford introduced Kristy Dickinson, kindergarten teacher, who presented the Lower GradesElementary Citizen of the Month Award to Samuel Betz. Tanya Newland, Principal 6-12, introduced science teacher Jeff Saunders, who presented the Middle School Citizen of the Month Award for September to Gail Bryant. Brice Manthei was the upper elementary Citizen of the Month, and Zachery Betz was the high school Citizen of the month. These students were unable to attend.

Doug Davis, Technology Coordinator, works closely with our district to help us maintain current and efficient with our use of technology resources. He gave a brief update on recent additions to the field of technology within the district.

Eric Taylor, Jackson County Association of School Boards representative, spoke of the recent meeting held at Concord. Their Superintendent addressed the members regarding the benefits of the Optimist Club in their community. The group discussed the positive impact of the MASB Board classes being offered. The next meeting will be at Grass Lake Schools, and Springport will host in the spring.

Jeff Caudill, Treasurer, reported on the 2015-2016 audit. The school reduced the anticipated deficit down to $65,000. The office received compliments from the auditors of the district’s strong financial position and solid bookkeeping.

Secretary Baglien gave a report on the Policies being presented for the first review. There are three basic categories, covering technology, health care, and fund raising / crowd sourcing.

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal introduced Kristy Dickinson who presented the Principal’s report on writing. The elementary is using a new program, Grapeseed which supports student’s writing, and integrates oral language, and Kristy Dickinson, interactive writing. The premise of program is to have students use it for reading, writing and speaking.

Tanya Newland, Principal of grades 6-12, reported the teachers are working to collaborate writing programs through throughout the middle school and high school. All teachers understand the need to align reading and writing in all subject areas, incorporating all subject areas in all areas of the curriculum.

Board took a brief recess at 7:25 p.m.

Board reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Superintendent Cook presented a proposal for the fourth grade Mackinac overnight trip.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Trustee Lightner to approve the fourth grade Mackinac overnight trip request, departing on Monday, June 5, 2017, and returning Wednesday, June 7, 2017.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented the middle school National Junior Honor Society proposal for an overnight retreat at the school.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Member Lightner to approve the overnight request of the National Junior Honor Society beginning December 2, 2016, and ending December 3, 2016, held at the Middle School.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented Athletic Director Chris Kregel’s request that the Board approve Matt Darling, fourth grade elementary teacher, as the high school wrestling coach.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, second by Treasurer Caudill to approve Matt Darling as high school wrestling coach.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented Athletic Director Chris Kregel’s request that the Board approve Doug Maher, to coach the 8th grade boy’s basketball team.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Vice President Baum to hire Doug Maher as the 8th grade boy’s basketball coach.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Superintendent Cook presented a request leave from Wallace Woodman, middle school special education teacher.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Member Lightner to approve an unpaid “Once in a Lifetime” leave request for Wallace Woodman for January 25, 2017 through February 7, 2017.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Trustee Lightner to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing SESPA negotiations at 7:29 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Baglien, aye; Mr. Baum, aye; Mr. Caudill, aye; Mr. Lightner, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Ward, aye.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Motion by Secretary Baglien, second by Member Lightner to re-enter into regular session at 7:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Baglien, aye; Mr. Baum, aye; Mr. Caudill, aye; Mr. Lightner, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Ward, aye.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Motion by Member Lightner, second by Vice President Baum to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations for the Springport Education Association at 7:37 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ms. Baglien, aye; Mr. Baum, aye; Mr. Caudill, aye; Mr. Lightner, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Ward, aye.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Discussion

Before discussion, Member Lightner excused himself due to conflict of interest with a member of the teaching staff.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Vice President Baum to re-enter into regular session at 7:52 P.M.

**Motion Carried, all ayes**

Member Lightner rejoined the meeting.

Superintendent Cook presented Bylaw 0100, and Policies 1619, 3419, 4419, 1619.02, 3419.02, 4419.02, 1619.03, 3419.03, 4419.03, 3142, 3420, 4420, 5850, 6424, 6605, 7540.01v2, 7540.02, 8321 and 9700 for a first time reading.

President Ward asked for all copies of the Superintendent Feedback forms be returned to him for compilation.

Superintendent Cook announced that there is a mid-year JCISD Board Vacancy, anyone interested should contact the Intermediate School District.

Superintendent Cook reported the recent assignments to Athletic Coach E-Z Positions.

Upcoming Board Meetings will be on Monday, December 19, 2016, and Tuesday, January 10, 2017.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Trustee Lightner to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**