SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2015
MEETING MINUTES

The January 13, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Craig Ward.

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

Administrators Present: Tanya Overweg, Janis Sanford, Pamela Behling, and Chris Talbot.

Visitors present: George Johnson, Rebecca Heim, Paige Miller, Scott Hawes and family, Tim and Sandy Bunker and Kayla, and the Larocque Family.

Motion by Trustee Lightner second by Vice President Baum to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2014
- General Fund Bills of $ 226,634.70
- Hot Lunch Bills of $ 3,401.01

Motion carried; all ayes.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Vice President Baum to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion carried; all ayes.

Secondary Administrator of Curriculum and Instruction Tanya Overweg introduced Kayla Bunker as the High School Citizen of the Month for December. Mrs. Overweg introduced 8th Grade Math Teacher Paige Miller who presented Kayla Larocque as the Middle School Citizen of the Month for December. Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal, introduced the Elementary Citizen of the Month for December as Kaleb Hawes.

Student Council Representative, Taylor Whitmore reported on the activities in the high school. Winterfest is being rescheduled due to snow days. The Student Council is also working on hosting the State Conference for Student Council members across the state.

On behalf of Board Appreciation Month, Superintendent Cook thanked the Board for their dedication and work for the district. Mr. Cook read a resolution from the JCISD acknowledging their contributions and presented each board member with a certificate of appreciation.

The Board broke for a brief recess at 7:14 p.m.
The Board reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Vice President Rob Baum, JCASB representative updated members about the upcoming meeting for the JCASB on February 7, AT 8:00 A.M., regarding information on the balanced calendar. He urged the Board members to attend the meeting to provide support on this topic, and to be able to give information to the public. These meetings are held at the Career Center.

Treasurer Jeff Caudill gave a report on the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 7th. The budget for 2014-2015 was reviewed. The committee will begin to look at ways to reduce expenditures for the 2015-2016 budget.

Elementary Principal Janis Sanford thanked the Board for their commitment to the district. During the second semester in the elementary, students are changing their fine arts class specials, allowing students interested in band the opportunity to have more music time. Mrs. Sanford also spoke about resources that will be used in K-2 English Language Arts. They will focus on oral language with early learners to increase their vocabulary and oral language skills.

Tanya Overweg, Principal of Curriculum and Instruction expressed how fortunate the district is to have art and music in all three buildings. The reward is the awesome talent that is displayed throughout each district in both art and music. Mrs. Overweg also expressed how positive the Robotics program is for the middle school, and what a great impact it is having on the district.

President Ward introduced Bob Regan from Stifel to explain the refinancing process currently taking place to refinance the debt bonds. The original 2003 and 2005 Bonds, standing at $4,900,000 are being refinanced at a reduced 2.18% rate, which is a record low rate in interest savings. This will save Springport voters $630,808 over the history of the payoff of this debt loan. Springport District's credit rating is an "A", which encouraged investors to purchase the bonds. Jeff Soles from the Thrun Law Firm then presented the resolution for this refinancing, and presented information relating to the pricing of the 2003 and 2005 bond. The 2006 bond will be refinanced in February. A special meeting will be held on February 10th for the ratification of the second resolution of refinancing.

Motion by Jeff Caudill, second by Vice President Baum, to approve the resolution of the sale of the 2015 Refunding Bond to Stifel, Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated as presented by Thrun Law Firm.
Roll Call Vote: Ms. Baglien, aye; Mr. Baum, aye; Mr. Caudill, aye; Ms. Kubiak, aye; Mr. Lightner, aye; Mr. Taylor, aye; Mr. Ward, aye.
Motion carried; all ayes.

Superintendent Cook presented the NEOLA Policies for a second and final reading.

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Member Lightner to approve NEOLA Policies; 1420, 2370.01, 3220, 5830, 7540.02, 7540.03, 7540.04, 8325, 8330, 8500, 8540, 9211, and 9800.
Motion Carried, all ayes.

Superintendent Cook presented the overnight trip request for Student Council members to travel to the Grand Traverse Resort to attend the State Conference.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, second by Vice President Baum to approve the Student Council Overnight trip request to attend the State Conference in Traverse City at the Grand Traverse Resort, departing March 26th, and returning March 30th, 2015.
Motion Carried, all ayes.

Superintendent Cook presented a copy of the 2014-2015 General Fund Budget Amendment Resolution.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Secretary Baglien to approve the General Fund Amended Budget as presented.
Motion Carried, all ayes.

Discussion will be held for several months regarding a County wide Balanced Calendar. The message the Board needs to convey to the community is that no decision has been made yet. This will be a county wide change, if and when it occurs. The same number of school days that students are currently in school will continue for the balanced calendar, but the school days are disbursed throughout the entire year. All pros and cons will be considered before a decision is made.

An overnight trip request was presented to allow the high school track Team Qualifiers to advance to State Competition on May 29, 2015 and return on May 30, 2015.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Member Lightner to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.
Motion Carried, all ayes.