**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY MARCH 16, 2015**

The March 16, 2015, regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Craig Ward in the Board of Education room.

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

Members absent: Rob Baum

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

Visitors present: George Johnson, Doug Higelmire, Larry Hook, David Pratt, Kathy Carpenter, Madison Howell, Tyler Whitmore, Noah Teague, Tyler Teague, Jacob Cooper, Zeth Caudill, Adam Lammers, Luke Overweg, and Nick Cooper.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, second by Secretary Baglien to approve the agenda as amended to move the wrestler recognition forward in the agenda, and add a discussion item of the JCISD Board Candidate to the Discussions.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Member Kubiak arrived at 7:05 p.m.

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

* Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015
* Special Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2015
* General Fund Bills of $ 234,957.60

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

David Pratt, Wrestling Coach, presented the High School All State Wrestlers certificates for achieving the honor of being an All State Academic Team. Members receiving this honor were: Chance Brock, Noach Teague, Tyler Teague, Sean O’Hearon, Dylan Konkle, Taylor Whitmore, Zack Betz, Zeth Caudill, Tyler Tanner, Luke Overweg, Daniel Brown, Nick Cooper, Adam Lammers, Jacob Cooper, Brenden Hunter, and Dakota Rogers. Individuals for State Wrestlers Taylor Whitmore, Tyler Teague, Noah Teague, Sean O’Hearon, Zeth Caudill, Nick Cooper, Adam Lammers, and Jacob Cooper received recognition for advancing to the State level.

Tanya Overweg, Principal of Curriculum and Instruction introduced Kathy Carpenter, 6th grade science teacher, who presented the Citizen of the Month Award for February to Madison Howell. The High school and elementary students were absent and will be recognized at the April meeting.

Board took a brief recess at 7:15 p.m

Board reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

Doug Higelmire, parent, addressed the board regarding a parent group he would like to organize that could address concerns with the board and gather information regarding current ideas including the balanced calendar, bussing and other items.

President Ward read a letter congratulating Board Secretary Julie Baglien for achieving the high level of the Master Board Level from the Michigan Association of School Boards. This is a an honor which involves many hours of commitment by the board member.

Treasurer Caudill reported on the recent Finance Committee that was held on Wednesday, March 11. The committee discussed 2015-2016 budget. They will begin to meet monthly as they determine areas where the budget can be reduced.

Pam Behling, Business Manager presented a report to the Board on a new report designed to give more information regarding the budget and financial status of the district.

Secretary Baglien, Chair of the Personnel Committee reported that the committee is looking at the 2015-2016 calendar, and staffing for next year. Considerations are being discussed regarding realigning or reducing staffing as numbers come in for enrollment.

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal, reported on the science curriculum in the elementary school. The elementary is looking at textbooks for core curriculum for the next school year.

Superintendent Cook presented a request from Laura for an unpaid leave.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Member Lightner to approve the unpaid leave request of Laura Tennney for up to 15 days between April 10th and June 8th 2015. M**otion carried; all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented all administrative evaluations to the Board, and requested contract renewals.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Treasurer Caudill to extend the contract of Elementary Principal Janis Sanford through June 30, 2017.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Trustee Lightner to extend the contract of Secondary Administrator 6-12, Chris Kregel through June 30, 2017.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Trustee Taylor to extend the contract of Principal of Curriculum and Education 6-12, Tanya Overweg, through June 30, 2017. **Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Secretary Baglien to extend the contract of Jim Acker, Maintenance and Transportation Supervisor, through June 30, 2017.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Baglien, second by Member Lightner to extend the contract of Athletic Director Ron Clift through June 30, 2017.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Member Lightner to extend the contract of Jeff Brenner, Food Service Director, through June 30, 2017.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Trustee Taylor to extend the contract of Central Office Manager Chris Talbot, through June 30, 2017.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented the revised wellness for a second and final reading.

Motion by Trustee Lightner second by Trustee Taylor to approve the NEOLA Policy 8510 as presented.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented a request for the fourth grade overnight Mackinac Trip.

Motion by Member Lightner, second by Treasurer Caudill to approve the overnight trip request for the fourth grade students to attend the Mackinac Area departing June 2, 2015 and returning June 4, 2015.

**Motion carried; all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook accepted the resignations of Darrin Crandall, 5.5 hour custodian, and Debbie Gray, food service worker.

Superintendent Cook presented an overnight trip request from the football team to attend the Twin Pines Football Camping trip. Their tentative date is July 20th, 2015.

Superintendent

Cook updated the Board on the considerations of Jackson County School Districts to move to a balanced calendar. Springport’s community forum discussion of the idea of a County Wide Balanced Calendar was held on February 18th. The data collected from those that attended included questions, opportunities and challenges. Due to current legislative requirements, the proposed calendar will not provide the outcome that was hoped. At this time, the Superintendent’s Association is recommending suspending the survey and the current timelines. If in the future, research data, changes in legislation, and community support indicate that it should be revisited and reconsidered, we could re-evaluate our district’s position on moving to a balanced calendar.

Superintendent Cook stressed the tremendous value in exploring ideas and asking our community and staff for input when considering major shifts in current practices. It is encouraging that all Jackson County Districts have explored this balanced calendar concept together. Mr. Cook encouraged our Board and our district, along with the county, to continue to explore ideas that have potential to help make us stronger to impact student achievement, and increase learning opportunities.

Tanya Overweg, Principal of Curriculum and Instruction 6-12, presented the science curriculum that is being taught in the middle school and high school. Some science lessons are being taught through the computer on a google site. Mrs. Overweg elaborated on the many varieties of science classes taught, and explained science is unique in Springport with all the varied classes offered. Students have a wonderful choice of core curriculum and electives, including advanced biology classes.

Superintendent Cook presented information regarding an open JCISD candidate position. This is a six year term. Persons interested in running may get paperwork from central office to fill out if interested in running.

Motion by Member Lightner support by Secretary Baglien to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**Motion Carried, All Ayes**