**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY OCTOBER 19, 2015**

**Meeting Minutes**

The October 19, 2015, 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, Linda Kubiak, David Lightner Eric Taylor, and Craig Ward.

Members absent: Jeff Caudill

Administrative members present: Randall Cook, Tanya Overweg, Chris Kregel, Janis Sanford, Pam Behling and Chris Talbot.

Visitors: Abbie Gray, Ceyarah Gray, Dayna Gray, and Katie Konkel

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

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

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

\* Meeting Minutes of September 21, 2015

\* General Fund Bills of $ 514,936.94

\* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 2898.59

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Secondary Administrator Chris Kregel introduced Katie Konkel, Middle School Math Teacher, who presented the September Middle School Student of the Month Award to Abigail Dykstra Gray.

Student Council Representative, Ryan Shafer, gave a report to the Board on the recent Homecoming Events and the student council plans for the High School Winterfest.

Vice President Baum presented the Jackson County Association of School Boards report for September. The Organizational dinner presented two speakers, who discussed student truancy and also the idea of a work ethic diploma. Also at the JCASB meeting, Secretary Julie Baglien was honored for receiving the Master Board Member Award. Secretary Baglien has completed three levels of certification and earned over 368 credits in classes on board member training. The Board congratulated Mrs. Baglien for this accomplishment.

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal reported on Reading Curriculum in the elementary building. A new program, Grapeseed, is an intensive language program introduced in GSRP and used in kindergarten. Color overlays are also used, as are LLI literacy kits in grades 1st through 4th to improve student reading.

Principal of Curriculum and Instruction 6-12, Tanya Overweg, reported on the focus of the staff to teach students to learn to love reading throughout the middle school and high school. Social studies and science also teach reading through the lessons that are given. On October 29 there will be a reading night, based on six novels that are read and discussed.

The Financial Report was given by Financial Manager Pam Behling. October 20 will be the first day we receive State aid. The amount of money the district needs to borrow to carry the financial expenses until we begin receiving State Aid has been reduced over the last 8 years from 2.5 million to $600,000. This saves the district a considerable amount in interest. Member Lightner congratulated the Administrative Staff on this accomplishment.

Superintendent Cook read a proclamation from Governor Snyder for Principal Appreciation Month. The principals also received Certificates of Appreciation.

Superintendent Cook presented Principal Kregel’s recommendation to hire Kathy Gray as a paraprofessional for the middle school. She will work 3 hours serving At-Risk students and 2 hours in the cafeteria and on the playground as a general fund parapro.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, support by Secretary Baglien to hire Kathy Gray as a middle school At-Risk/General Fund para-professional in accordance with all local and state statutes and the Springport Educational Support Personnel Association Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented the proposal for the FFA to attend National Convention to Louisville, Kentucky.

Motion by Trustee Lightner, second by Secretary Baglien to approve the FFA National Convention Overnight Trip to Louisville, Kentucky, departing on Tuesday, October 27th, and returning on Friday, October 30, 2015.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent also presented two wrestling overnight trips. These were presented for information at the September meeting.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, support by Vice President Baum to approve the overnight wrestling team trip to McGuire Arena at Central Michigan University on February 26, 2016.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Vice President Baum, second by Member Lightner to approve the overnight trip request to allow students that qualify to attend the Individual State Wrestling Tournament at the Palace of Auburn Hills, departing on March 2, 2016, and returning March 3, 2016.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Secretary Baglien reviewed the first reading of NEOLA Policies and Bylaws: Bylaw 0144.3, Policies 1130/3110/4110, Policy 6110, Policy 6111, Policy 6320, Policy 6550, Policy 8500, Bylaw 0175, Policy 1420, Policy 1217 , Policies 3217/4217/5772 , Policies 1630.01/3430.01/4430.01, Policy 5517.02, Policy 5830, Policy 6146, Policy 6850 Policy 7217, Policy 8400, Policy 8321, and Policy 9211. Discussion followed regarding a policy on Board Members volunteering in the district, and also conflict of interest.

Superintendent Cook presented a Proposal for FFA Overnight Trip for State Convention in March, which will be an action item on the November agenda. This trip request for March 9- March 11, 2016, is for the FFA State Convention. This trip does not conflict with our April 12 and April 13 state assessments.

Superintendent Cook presented the JCISD County Wide Common Calendar Discussion. A waiver must be approved by MDE to allow schools to start before Labor Day and not be mandated to a 6 week summer break after three years. We are currently waiting for the Michigan Department of Education to respond to the waiver requested by Jackson County before we proceed further.

President Ward explained the idea of school districts presenting a Work Ethic Diploma Certification, based on attendance, attitude, and other work ethics. This gives students an advantage for getting a first interview for their jobs. The difficulty will be standardizing assessment levels for this type of certification.

President Ward announced that there will be Finance Committee meeting on November 4 at 5:00 p.m. for the auditors to present the 2014-2015 Audit Report. Other Members are allowed to attend to hear the presentation.

Secretary Baglien presented the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument to board members. Current Law says administrators must be evaluated using 50% of student growth and achievement. The evaluation instrument must be returned at the next board meeting to President Ward.

Motion by Secretary Baglien, second by Treasurer Baum to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**