**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 2017**

The August 21, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Julie Baglien.

Members present: Julie Baglien, Rob Baum, Jeff Caudill, Eliott Cook, David Lightner, Jackie Sanford, and Eric Taylor.

Administrative members present: Randall Cook, Janis Sanford, Tanya Newland, Chris Kregel and Chris Talbot.

Visitors: Missy Keeler, Eric Keeler, Emily Keeler, Kim Keeler, Zach Keeler, Bud Lake and Roland Pakonen.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Trustee Cook to approve the agenda as amended to include a presentation from Principal Newland on commencement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Member Taylor, second by Treasurer Caudill to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, July 17, 2017
* General Fund Bills of $ 451,542.72
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 8,006.62

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Bud Lake, representing the SAFE Organization, presented a refinished trophy back to the District. The trophy was won in 1929 for an undefeated football season. The trophy was refinished, repainted, and remounted and is requested to be put on display.

President Baglien presented the Golden Apple Award to Missy Keeler. The Golden Apple is the District’s most prestigious award, and is given to one employee each year. The award was first presented at the district’s back to school opening day meeting in front of her colleagues. The District congratulates Mrs. Keeler for her hard work and dedication to Springport Public Schools.

Tanya Newland, Principal 6-12, gave a presentation on commencement changes, and the new policy that provides the selection of the valedictorian, and ranking based on grade point averages, and test scores. She also provided other commencement details that would allow seniors to begin planning graduation.

Board took a brief recess at 7:15 pm

Board reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Superintendent Cook recommended Kelsey Ries to fill the kindergarten teacher position.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, second by Trustee Sanford to approve Kelsey Ries as a kindergarten teacher at the elementary school in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SEA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented the recommendation of Jasmine Parks to fill the fifth grade teaching position.

Motion by Member Sanford, supported by Member Cook to approve Jasmine Parks as fifth grade teacher at the elementary school in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SEA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented the recommendation of Jason Howell to fill the high school math position.

Motion by Member Cook, supported by Vice President Lightner to approve Jason Howell as high school math and English teacher at the high school in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SEA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook recommended Devon Milheim for this 6.5 hour In School Suspension position.

Motion by Member Sanford, support by Treasurer Caudill to approve Devon Milheim as the district In-School Suspension Paraprofessional in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SESPA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented Chris Kregel’s recommendation to hire Diane DeForest for a special education paraprofessional position at the high school.

Motion by Trustee Taylor, second by Treasurer Caudill to approve Diane DeForest as a Special Education Paraprofessional in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SESPA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented a letter from Chris Talbot of her resignation/retirement effective February, 2018.

Motion by Vice President Lightner, supported by Trustee Cook to accept the resignation/retirement of Chris Talbot, Central Office Manager with appreciation for her 25 years of service.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

President Baglien gave a brief superintendent search update, regarding the Stake-holders Meeting which was held for parents prior to the Board meeting. She also reviewed dates and times for the upcoming meetings regarding the candidate search for the superintendent. President Baglien also provided a brief report on MASB classes for board members and provided information from her recent conference with the Michigan Association of School Board.

Superintendent Cook reported he had accepted the resignations of Mary Smith, Kindergarten Teacher, Norma Lundeen, High School Math Teacher, and Debra Wilson, para-professional. These resignations were accepted in order to post openings and fill the positions prior to the start of the school year.

Superintendent Cook reported on the Early Middle College Shared Educational Entity in Jackson Co. This program would allow students, with the cooperation of Jackson College and Western Michigan University to receive an associate degree in their 13th year of education.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill support by Vice President Lightner to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**