**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017**

The September 18, 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, and Chris Talbot.

Visitors: Pat Henne

Motion by Secretary Baum, support by Treasurer Caudill to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Sanford, second by Trustee Cook to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, August 21, 2017
* General Fund Bills of $ 466,973.46
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 1,350.66

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Pat Henne, President of SEA, reported that the high school staff is off to a great start with new staff members, and staff and students busy with homecoming. It is a positive beginning. The staff expresses gratitude to the Board and Mr. Cook for the stipend which was received by all staff members last June.

Member Taylor reported the Jackson County Association of School Board members will meet on Monday, Sept. 25th for their organizational dinner meeting.

Jeff Caudill, chair of the Finance Committee Meeting, reported that the Auditors report was clean, with no findings. Mr. Caudill commended Superintendent Cook, Rhonda Potts, Business Manager, and Chris Talbot for their work on the budget and finances. The committee is please that we are adding to fund equity, giving us a 16% fund balance.

Tanya Newland, Principal of 6-12, gave the highlights of the MISTEP. Springport students were in the top 5 of the county on 8 of 18 assessments. On five of the assessments, they were first or second in the county. Springport students were above county average on 11 of the assessments. Student engagement and informational reading is the focus of their building goals for the year. The district is doing some tremendous things for students who are accelerating to enable them to continue to learn and to achieve college credits while attending high school.

Focus for elementary is the science curriculum for the coming year, along with informational text in reading. New staff members are successfully acclimating into the elementary. The new preschool is up and running and doing well. Questions and answers followed.

Superintendent Cook presented Anna Beaver for approval as an elementary teacher. Due to the increased enrollment and the needs of our kindergarten and first grade students the district needed to add a first grade teacher. Interviews were done and the committee made this recommendation.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, second by Trustee Sanford to approve Anna Beaver as a first 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 Principal Sanford’s recommendation, recommending Nicole Day for the elementary special education paraprofessional position.

Motion by Trustee Cook, support by Secretary Baum to approve Nicole Day as a special education para-professional in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SESPA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented a letter from Jim Acker of his resignation/retirement date, effective December 29, 2017.

Motion by Secretary Baum second by Treasurer Caudill to accept the resignation/retirement of Jim Acker, Transportation/Custodial and Maintenance Supervisor with appreciation of his 19 years of service with the district.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

MASB's 2017 Delegate Assembly will begin Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lansing Center. The District is required to select a delegate and an alternate delegate to attend. These Delegates selected by boards of education across the state will decide MASB's positions on a wide variety of issues affecting education.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, second by Vice President Lightner to appoint Julie Baglien as a delegate to the MASB 2017 Delegate Assembly on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. with Eric Taylor as alternate delegate.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

The meals served this summer by our hot lunch staff provided excellent service for our community. A large number of breakfasts and lunches were served throughout the summer months. The district appreciates the work of our food service director, Jeff Brenner and his staff to provide this service to our community.

Superintendent Cook accepted the resignations of Devin Milheim, para-professional in our ISS room, Nathan Saed, 5.5 hour custodian, and Natasha Nelson, high school library para-professional, who will become our high school AT Risk Interventionist through EduStaff. The EduStaff position is funded with our At Risk grant.

Superintendent Cook gave an update on Student Enrollment that is projected to be above the number that was budgeted for in the 2017-2018 general fund budget.

The FFA has requested approval for 3 overnight trips, National Convention is October 24-27; State Convention is March 7-9th, 2018; and Leadership Camp is April 29-30, 2018. These trips will be on the agenda for approval at the October meeting.

Julie Baglien and Robbie Baum will flip their positions for the Personnel Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee. A meeting was set for Oct. 3, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. with Personnel Committee members Julie Baglien, Jackie Sanford and Eliott Cook to discuss replacement of retiring personnel.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, second by Vice President Lightner to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m. **Motion Carried, all ayes.**