**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017**

The November 20, 2017 regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Julie Baglien in the high school library.

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, Rhonda Potts, Jim Acker and Chris Talbot.

Visitors: Pat Henne, Penny, Cara and Craig Ward, Laurie and Tom Fiero, Amanda Burzynski, Al and Linda Widener, Randy Purvis, Dan Evans, Michael Smajda, Kevin and Michelle Oxley, Kelly Cook, Jack Cook, Darlene Cook, Jeff Cook, Mallory and Justin Cook, Jamie and Oliver , Bob Dubois, Dave Reinhart, Jeff Bontrager, Pam Behling, Anita, Jim, and Carson Graham, Linda Fink,

Motion by Secretary Baum, support by Trustee Cook to approve the agenda as presented on the table.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, second by Vice President Lightner to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 16, 2017
* Special Meeting Minutes of Saturday, October 20, 2017
* General Fund Bills of $ 582012.32
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 39,346.69

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Baum, support by Member Cook to waive board policy 7250.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by President Baglien, support by Vice President Lightner: Randy Cook began as Superintendent of Schools in July of 2007. He has worked tirelessly to lead this district to a place of educational excellence and financial stability. He has championed early literacy, the arts, athletics and good sportsmanship, meaningful professional development for staff, and an equal level of respect for all employees and community members. Mr. Cook has been an esteemed educational leader in Jackson County and he willingly shares his knowledge and expertise with others. Randy, and his wife, Kelly, are constant figures at sports activities, arts events, FFA affairs, and any other school related happenings.

In recognition of a lifetime of service to public education and more than a decade of exceptional service to the students, staff and community of Springport, I am proud to make a motion to name this room “The Randall J Cook Library and Learning Center.”

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

The Board took a recess with refreshments at 7:12 p.m. to allow the audience to congratulate Randy Cook.

The Board reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

Member Taylor reported that the Jackson County Association of School Boards will hold the December meeting at Western Schools.

President Baglien reported on her recent conference at the Michigan State Association of School Board. They hold very good classes that provide board members with information on areas to help the districts. A focus this year was on summer literacy, many of their suggestions were practices Springport already has in place.

Superintendent Cook met with President Baglien to review the Neola Policies that are presented as information later on the agenda.

Vice President Lightner, Chair of Buildings and Grounds reported on the recent meeting. The committee looked at a plan for the next 5 years to update areas such as the high school gym roof and areas of the parking lot.

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal reported on the way students and teachers are working on writing lessons in the elementary. The JCISD is running evening sessions on writing, and what to look for in classrooms. This has been beneficial to Mrs. Sanford and her staff. Tanya Newland, Principal 6-12, reported that writing is embedded across the board with a huge focus in all subject matters. There are support classes for students who struggle.

Financial Manager Rhonda Potts presented the financial report, and explained some changes the State has made, by added additional revenue, but also additional expense.

Superintendent Cook presented Dean of Students Chris Kregel’s recommendation for Cody Southwell for the high school para-professional position.

Motion by Secretary Baum, support by Member Sanford to approve Cody Southwell 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 Dean of Students Chris Kregel’s recommendation for Susan Hayworth for the high school Media Center and support para prof. position.

Motion by Vice President Lightner, support by Trustee Cook to approve Susan Hayworth as a 22.5 hour Media Center/6-12 Support paraprofessional in accordance with all state and local statutes and the SESPA Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook recommended Pat Henne for the position of transportation supervisor. He will be able to work with Jim Acker during the transition and begin January 1, 2018. Pat is licensed as a bus driver and substitutes for the transportation department.

Motion by Member Cook, support by Treasurer Caudill to hire Pat Henne as Transportation Supervisor for January 1, 2018 to June 30, 2018 at a stipend of $5000, with the understanding that Mr. Henne will maintain required licenses and certification in accordance with all local and state statutes for this position.

Member Taylor wanted the records to note that he is concerned of the time restraint and additional duties added to Mr. Henne as a full time teacher who also has additional student leadership responsibilities. Mr. Cook stated that there will others assigned to assist with this position, and that after 6 months the position will be reviewed and changes can be made. The Board and administration appreciate that Mr. Henne is stepping up to help the district through this time of transition.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented John Preston’s letter of resignation/retirement effective December 31, 2017.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Vice President Lightner to accept the letter of resignation/retirement of John Preston effective December 31, 2017 with appreciation of his 19 years of work with Springport Public Schools. **Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook presented the overnight field trip for the fourth grade to the Mackinac area.

Motion by Vice President Lightner, second by Trustee Sanford to approve the overnight trip requested for the 4th grade to go to the Mackinac area, departing on Wednesday May 23rd, 2018 and returning on Friday, May 25, 2018, as presented. **Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cook provided information about the County Initiative. All of the Jackson County districts are participating. This program allows students to have the opportunity to earn an associate’s degree in their 13th year. The degree is transferable to Western Michigan and Central Michigan Universities. Students enrolling into this program have reduced costs for dual enrollment and the districts benefit with additional enrollment and state aid for these college ready students.

Superintendent presented the following NEOLA Policies for a first reading. They will be presented at the December meeting for approval. They are policies: **1421 / 3121 / 1439 / 3139 / 4139 / 2410/ 2414/ 2418 / 8142/ 8321 / 7540.03 / 7540.04 /7540.05 / 7540.**

Motion by Vice Presidents Lightner, second by Treasurer Caudill to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**