**SPRINGPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES**

**MONDAY, February 12, 2018**

The February 12, 2018, regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Lightner.

Members present: Julie Baglien, Jeff Caudill, Eliott Cook, Granville Hayworth, David Lightner and Jackie Sanford.

Administrative members present: Bob Cassiday, Janis Sanford, Jenny Dysert and Tanya Newland.

Visitors present: Eric Taylor, Anna Hicks, Jackie Hector, Shelly Mead, Kerry Warren, Ryahni Gusman-Asuncion, Kainani Gusman, Hunter Connelly, Josh Connelly and Erin Hurley.

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

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Vice President Baglien, support by Member Sanford to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, January 8, 2018
* Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 8, 2018
* General Fund Bills of $552,378.91
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 30,324.71

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Janis Sanford, Elementary Principal, introduced Ms. Kerry Warren who presented the lower Elementary Citizen of the Month for January 2018 to Ryahni Gusman-Asuncion. Mrs. Sanford also introduced Ms. Anna Hicks who presented Hunter Connelly with the Upper Elementary Citizen of the Month Award for January 2018. The students introduced their support and shook hands with the board members and Superintendent.

Board took a brief recess at 7:07 p.m.

Board reconvened at 7:10 p.m.

Visitor Eric Taylor addressed the board and touched on five areas he felt the 2017-18 school board was out of compliance on.

Supt. Cassiday reported for the Buildings and Grounds Committee. He and Brandon Hand have taken a look at the grounds and required maintenance and are coming up with a five year master plan. President Lightner said that this may tie in with the Village of Springport’s new plan to rejuvenate Springport.

Treasurer Caudill, chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the committee would like to move forward with the outright purchase of a school bus now and then financing a bus later in the year when one has been paid off. He also recommended bringing Jeff Brenner on full-time as of July 1st in Food Service.

Principal 6-12 Tanya Newland gave the Board a rough draft of Jackson County Early College (see attached). She stated that the draft was a living document and that they would be sending letters home for the first scheduled parent meeting – with more to be scheduled.

Elementary Principal Janis Sanford reported that they had purchased new Chrome Books for the children to take the NWEA on. She was very pleased to say that the testing process as a whole was transformed for those students that used them.

Financial Manager Rhonda Potts was absent but sent information on revenue and expenses for the district to date.

Superintendent Cassiday shared that Jeff Brenner is currently shared half time with Grass Lake as Food Services Director.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Member Sanford to hire Jeff Brenner full time as Food Services Director as of July 1, 2018, in accordance with all state and local statutes.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cassiday presented the recommendation from Sherri Rybicki to hire Jessica Kreisher for the part-time child care position.

Motion by Member Sanford, support by Secretary Cook to hire Jessica Kreischer as afternoon part-time child care worker in accordance with all local and state statutes.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cassiday presented the recommendation from Facilities Director Branden Hand to fill the part-time custodian position with Nathan Saed.

Motion by Vice President Baglien, support by Treasurer Caudill to hire Nathan Saed as a part-time Custodian in accordance with all local and state statutes and the Springport Custodial Maintenance Association Master Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cassiday recommended to purchase a new bus to replace a bus that was taken out of service.

Motion by President Lightner, second by Secretary Cook to purchase a new school bus.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cassiday presented a letter of retirement for Janis Sanford. She will be retiring as of July 1, 2018 with twenty-six years of service.

Motion by Vice President Baglien, second by Treasurer Caudill to sadly accept Janis Sanford’s retirement/resignation as of July 1, 2018, with appreciation for her 26 years of service to Springport Public Schools. Member Sanford abstained from voting.

**Motion Carried.**

Superintendent Cassiday presented a letter of request by Lorna Gonzalez for a Opportunity of a Lifetime Leave of Absence.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, support by Member Sanford to accept Lorna Gonzalez’s Opportunity of a Lifetime Leave of Absence April 23, 2018 through April 27, 2018.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Discusion took place regarding Smart Boot LLC and the three concerns Superintendent Cassiday brought up regarding the contract for the installation as well as the rate of financing for the project. Supt. Cassiday is reaching out to the salesman and will report back to the board in about two weeks.

Superintendent Cassiday would like to go back to having a district-wide newsletter mailed to every family in the district with an electronic copy going out on the website. There would be about four issues per year with all departments contributing to its content. The first issue to be distributed this summer.

It was brought up there is a need for quality, dependable year-round daycare. Superintendent Cassiday and Sherri Rybicki feel this is the next step for Spartan Den.

Overnight trips were discussed for the High School Track Team: MHSAA Division 3 Track Finals: Friday, June 1 to Saturday June 2, 2018

And MITCA Team State Track Meet: Friday May, 25 to Saturday May 26, 2018.

Motion by Treasure Caudill, second by Vice President Baglien to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**