**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018**

The August 20, 2018 regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President David Lightner.

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

Administrative members present: Chris Kregel, Tanya Newland, Tammy Kuntz, Bob Cassiday and Jenny Dysert

Visitors: Susan Hayworth and Shelly Mead

Motion by Trustee Cortright, support by Secretary Cook to approve the agenda.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Cortright, support by Trustee Sanford to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, July 16, 2018
* General Fund Bills of $ 456,938.27
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 3,551.46

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Tammy Kuntz, Elementary principal gave the first principal’s report. She thanked the board stating that exciting things were happening – including we have added another Kindergarten class. This is due to having an increase of elementary students – we are now at approximately 253 enrolled in elementary.

Dean of students Chris Kregel spoke about PBIS stating that it is a year long process to build this program. The acronym the schools have chosen is “PRIDE” to promote correct behavior. He also commented on the incredible security system we are moving to and how his number of students has increased, also.

Tanya Newland reported on how the data from the M-Step scores would be used once it becomes available and on school improvement goals. Also, that Jackson County Early College representative Jean Logan was in Springport tonight meeting with students in the high school library. Springport currently has seven under classmen committed to participating in the program.

Trustee Jackie Sanford gave a summary of the policies that were being gone over by the policy committee.

Superintendent Cassiday recommended the hiring of Katie MacQueen as the Young 5’s Kindergarten teacher based on Tammy Kuntz’s letter of recommendation. Motion by Treasurer Caudill to hire Katie MacQueen as the new Young 5’s kindergarten teacher maintaining required licenses and certification in accordance with all local and state statutes for this position, support by Trustee Cortright.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cassidy recommended the hiring of Margaret Janisch as the new Kindergarten teacher based on the letter by Tammy Kuntz. Motion by Secretary Cook to hire Margaret Janisch as the new Kindergarten teacher maintaining required licenses and certification in accordance with all local and state statutes for this position. Support by Trustee Sanford.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

A request for a once in a lifetime opportunity by Jennifer Sanford was discussed. Superintendent Cassiday will recommend that it be approved at the next board meeting.

Loans for school busses were discussed. The district does have funding for another bus allocated but will wait for count day to make decision of purchase.

The Rehmann engagement letter was discussed, we should have the audit report for September’s board meeting – there were no negative findings.

Staffing changes were discussed – Custodial department is now fully staffed again with filling the (2) part-time vacancies. The elementary has filled two needed paraprofessional positions for the start of the new school year. Finally, the Transportation Supervisor and Assistant Transportation Supervisor positions have been accepted. Dividing this position into two parts is the best fit for Springport.

The Lock-out project was discussed. The owner and staff were out for Springport’s opening day. A demo of the safety system was given and SPS got to see and hear what it is supposed to be like during an emergency. However, we still do not have a completion date for the project.

For the board member comments, it was appreciated how board packets had been gotten out early and that the hallways and rooms looked awesome for the starting of the new school year.

Secretary Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 pm, support by Trustee Hayworth.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**