**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2019**

The October 21, 2019 regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice President Jeff Caudill.

Members present: Eliott Cook, Jeff Caudill, Julie Baglien, Granville Hayworth, Chris Talbot and Pamela Parish

Members absent: David Lightner

Administrative members present: Bob Cassiday, Tanya Newland, Tammy Kuntz, Shelly Mead and Jenny Dysert

Visitors: Susan Hayworth, Matt Darling, Marcie Furnal, Michelle Chajkowski, Bravfe Jones, Jerrod Jones, Bella, Tanya Hammond, Ryder Timmins, Andrea Timmins, Bill Timmins, Dallas Higelmire, Allison Higelmire, Doug Higelmire and Teresa Brown.

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

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Baglien, support by Secretary Cook to approve the consent agenda as presented.

* Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, September 16, 2019
* General Fund Bills of $ 684,928.71
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 46,130.56

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Elementary Principal Tammy Kuntz called on 1st grade teacher Mrs. Chajkowski to introduce her Citizen of the Month for Lower Elementary -- Ryder Timmins. His nomination was read and he introduced his family to the audience. They shook hands with Mr. Cassiday and the board members and he received his certificate.

Third grade teacher Marcie Furnal was introduced and read the nomination for her Citizen of the Month – Bravfe Jones. Bravfe introduced his family and they shook hands with Superintendent Cassiday and the board members and he received his certificate.

Fifth grade teacher Matt Darling was announced and he gave his nomination for the Upper Elementary Citizen of the month – Dallas Higelmire. Dallas introduced his family to the audience and they shook hands with Superintendent Cassiday and the board members and he received his certificate.

The board announced a short recess at 7:07 pm. The board reconvened at 7:10 pm.

Tanya Newland, Principal of the middle and high schools, reported on the professional development day they had. This morning’s focus was College Board. Springport is trying to be intentional with PD. She also reported that Grades 6 – 12 are putting together an implicit curriculum – this is a non-written curriculum that will be taught and enforced in classrooms. Its main subjects are Character, Grit & Perseverance, Growth and Discovery.

Tammy Kuntz, Elementary principal, also spoke on their PD day – they had a very heavy and emotional day – it was on trauma. They took the ACE questionnaire (Adverse Childhood Experience) in the morning and spent time in the afternoon trying to let go of the feelings it evoked. Currently, SPS is witnessing high trauma going on with some of the Young 5’s and Kindergarten students. It was a very good PD day, we have a very strong team here in Springport for dealing with and supporting students with trauma.

Superintendent Cassiday gave appreciation to the two administrators for all of the hard work they do with their staff.

Superintendent Cassiday referred the board members to the update prepared by Facility Director Branden Hand, and the status of the Lockout project. At this point, Lockout is about 98% complete overall.

Superintendent referred the board members to the finance report prepared by Business Manager Melissa Butler. Both Melissa and the auditor say SPS is in good financial health at this point. Treasurer Hayworth referred the rest of the board to the Single Audit Act and the findings of the audit.

Superintendent Cassiday had included a recommendation to hire Charissa Langstaff as the new Middle School Social Worker in the board members' packets. Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to hire Charissa Langstaff as the new Middle School Social Worker in accordance with all local and state statues for this position and the SEA agreement.

**Motion Carried, All ayes.**

It was discussed that the Strategic Planning Retreat would be happening this weekend. Mark Dobias will have binders for the participants. Invites have been handed out or mailed to a variety of community members. Breakfast will be at 7:30 am with the meeting starting at 8:30 am, lasting until approximately 4:30 pm.

Superintendent Cassiday let the board members know that SPS had received a three year grant from MiBLSI to create structures and support for long-term decision making – focused on PBIS and MTS. The goal is for the system to remain in place long after existing faculty are gone. Tanya Newland let the board members know that the newly created positions of Behavior Interventionists are doing the smaller parts of PBIS.

Superintendent Cassiday let the board members know that SPS is going through its Emergency Operation Plan page by page. We are updating what we currently have to match Michigan State Police’s.

It was discussed that we were contacted by the Michigan Department of Education regarding a site visit to Springport by Dr. Scott Koenigsknecht. We will have a chance to tell them what we are doing well in our district as well as give them feedback to what we see needing change.

The JCASB meeting here at Springport will be on Saturday, November 9th in the high school library. The meeting will start at approximately 8:20 am with breakfast being served just before starting at 8:00 am.

Superintendent Cassiday referred the board members to a report done by Student Data Specialist Shana Rhoades. Looking at that report, we can see where the majority of our students come from (school of choice). For the future, we would like to see where our school of choice students end up moving to (district-wise).

Next, Superintendent Cassiday referred the board members to the handout on his goals. There are at least one of the board members who needs to be trained before his evaluation is done later this year.

At this time, there was a motion by Secretary Cook, with support by Trustee Baglien, to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing negotiations at 8:09 pm.

**Hayworth: aye, Parish: aye, Talbot: aye, Caudill: aye, Baglien: aye, Cook: aye**

**Motion Carried 6 – 0**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Treasurer Hayworth, to re-enter regular session at 8:28 pm.

**Hayworth: aye, Parish: aye, Talbot: aye, Caudill: aye, Baglien: aye, Cook: aye**

**Motion Carried 6 – 0**

Secretary Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm, support by Vice President Caudill.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**