**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**BOARD MINUTES**

**MONDAY, MARCH 16 2020**

The March 16, 2020 meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lightner.

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

Administrative members present: Bob Cassiday, Shelly Mead and Jenny Dysert

Visitors: Jeff Saunders and Mark Dobias

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

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

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

* Regular Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2020
* Special Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2020
* General Fund Bills of $ 696,833.35
* Hot Lunch Bills of $ 44,620.70

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Superintendent Cassiday referred board members to the reports submitted by Elementary and High School Principals Tammy Kuntz and Tanya Newland.

Mr. Mark Dobias was introduced to the assembly and guided everyone through his Strategic Planning presentation. The presentation summarized his findings from surveys collected and the workshop that was held last October. It also highlighted

Springport’s Mission: *The mission of Springport Public Schools is to provide a foundation to cultivate a meaningful education through diverse learning experiences. Together, we are dedicated to meeting the individual needs of each student as we prepare them to be productive, responsible citizens and lifelong learners.*

And Springport’s Vision: *We Guide Our Students to Become Lifelong Learners*

Superintendent Cassiday referred board members to the financial report provided by Business Manager Melissa Butler that was included in their packets and gone over earlier during the Finance Committee Meeting.

Chris Talbot gave a report for JCASB. The last meeting was held at Grass Lake. She reported that Grass Lake is participating in E-Sports: a gaming competition program. Their teams have won $3000 to put back in their program. Non-athletic students are able to participate and interact in a team activity. They also touched on summer book programs – Grass Lake will be using a school bus to get books to students in different locations over the summer.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to approve policies 6321 and 6470 as edited and read.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve Superintendent Goals as presented. Discussion took place and there was clarification regarding the edification of the live document due to cancelled/postponed events. Superintendent Cassiday will be providing quarterly updates to this document.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to approve hiring Michelle Stout for the part time custodian position in accordance with all local and state statues for this position and the SCMA Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Trustee Baglien, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve hiring Teresa Warrell for the part time custodian position in accordance with all local and state statues for this position and the SCMA Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Baglien, to approve hiring Jeff Stout for the HS Agriscience Paraprofessional position in accordance with all local and state statues for this position and the SESPA Agreement.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to approve hiring Christi Taber for the FFA Co-Advisor position in accordance with all local and state statues for this position and the SEA Agreement. There was discussion regarding the good fit of the new hires all around and the longevity of these positions.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Vice President Caudill, to extend the contract of the Superintendent from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021 with the addition of Appendix A (First Amendment). Discussion took place – Superintendent Cassiday expressed his appreciation to the board.

**Motion Carried, all ayes.**

A letter of retirement from fifth grade teacher Nancy Gerstung was discussed. Nancy has been with the district a very long time and has done an outstanding job. The district will be doing virtual career fairs to recruit for her position on a large scale.

A total of (4) overnight field trips were discussed – details were included in board members’ packets: 4th grade to Mackinac, Football team building, NJHS Leadership Retreat, and the Cheerleader Lock-In. These are all repeat trips and will all be on a wait-and-see with how the COVID-19 affects Michigan schools.

Superintendent Cassiday discussed the No Mill Increase renewal – it had also been touched on earlier during the Finance Committee Meeting. The plan is to apply for a non-qualified bond. The roofs of the school buildings have been examined and O.A.K. are getting back to us by mid-April with information. The community would be able to vote on the No Mill Increase renewal as soon as the August election. The bond would equal 1.76 mills taking care of all roofs with the exception of the Elementary gym,allowing Springport Public students and staff to be warm, safe and dry.

Secretary Cook motioned, Support by Vice President Caudill, to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 pm.

**Motion Carried.**