

**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020**

The November 16, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order virtually via Zoom format at 7:00 p.m. by President David Lightner.

Members present (Virtually): David Lightner, Jeff Caudill, Elliott Cook, Julie Baglien, Pam Parish, Granville Hayworth and Chris Talbot

Administrative members present (Virtually): Bob Cassiday, Tammy Kuntz, Tanya Newland, Chris Kregel, Melissa Butler, Shelly Mead and Jenny Dysert

Visitors (Virtual): Jeff Saunders, Becky Todd, Randall Cook and Janet Beilfuss

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve the agenda as presented. Some discussion took place as Item V. b. was stricken from the agenda and Item VII. 6. (Support of Grant Application) was added.

Roll call vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL - aye

Motion Carried, 7-0.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Parish, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 19, 2020
- Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 26, 2020
- General Fund Bills of \$ 985,441.43
- Hot Lunch Bills of \$ 67,303.22

Roll call vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL - aye

Motion Carried, 7-0.

There were two citizens wishing to address the board: Randall Cook and Janet Beilfuss.

Randall Cook addressed the virtual audience expressing his appreciation and gratitude for Julie Baglien and her nineteen plus years of serving on Springport Public Schools' Board of Education.

Janet Beilfuss next addressed the virtual assembly as General Manager of Springcom, Inc. She spoke about a State of Michigan grant program – a plan to "Take Fiber to the Home" (CMIC) and its application process. She is requesting a letter from Springport's BOE as part of this application for Springcom, Inc.

High School Principal Chris Kregel reported on remote learning happening in the high school. The teachers are doing a lot of live teaching from their classrooms. They are having special meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays now that face-to-face learning has been suspended for the time being.

Middle School Principal Tanya Newland referred board members to her report submitted in their packets and took questions from the board members.

Elementary Principal Tammy Kuntz referred board members to her report and took questions from the board members.

Business Manager Melissa Butler referred members to her electronic report and took questions from the board members.

Secretary Cook reported for the Personnel Committee. They had met the week prior and had discussed two items: (1) Contract negotiations for Maintenance/Custodians and Support Staff – a synopsis for both had been emailed between Superintendent Cassiday and Committee Members. (2) Hiring an additional teacher for the High School -- The committee had requested Superintendent Cassiday do an analysis to find out what was best for students.

Treasurer Hayworth reported on the Finance Committee meeting and asked if anyone had questions for him or Melissa on the financial report.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Parish, to approve the resignation of Micheal Leche as of 10/22/2020.

Roll Call Vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL -- aye
Motion Carried, 7-0.

Motion by Trustee Baglien, Support by Secretary Cook, to approve maternity leave for Heidi Rhodes from late November through mid-January 2021 as requested.

Roll Call Vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL -- aye
Motion Carried, 7-0.

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Trustee Baglien, to approve maternity leave for Shelley Szekely from approximately January 4, 2021 through February 15, 2021 as requested.

Roll Call Vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL -- aye
Motion Carried, 7-0.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to approve these policies for retirement: po2510, po4401.02, po4401.03, po4401.04, po5724, po5895, po6120 and po6150.

Roll Call Vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL -- aye
Motion Carried, 7-0.

Motion by Trustee Talbot, Support by Treasurer Hayworth, to approve hiring Megan Drumm as Special Education Paraprofessional for the High School in accordance with all local and state statutes for this position and the SESP Agreement.

Roll Call Vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL -- aye
Motion Carried, 7-0.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to approve supporting the CMCI Grant Application for Springcom, Inc. Discussion followed and Superintendent Cassiday will be getting with Springport's legal counsel regarding this.

Motion by Secretary Cook, Support by Trustee Talbot, to table the motion.

Roll Call Vote: JB – aye, JC – aye, EC – aye, GH – aye, PP – aye, CT – aye, DL -- aye
Motion Carried, 7-0.

Superintendent Cassiday referred board members to the Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Reconfirmation handout. He went over the parts in Red which are new to this month and took questions from board members. Superintendent Cassiday was also asked by board members to email a letter of appreciation on behalf of the Board of Education to all of Springport Public Schools staff.

Board members received Policy Updates: 35.1 and Title IX in their packets for discussion.

Superintendent Cassiday referred board members to his Goals Update provided in their packets and took questions from board members concerning them.

The Superintendent's upcoming evaluation was discussed.

Secretary Cook motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. Support by Trustee Baglien.

Motion Carried.
