SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4

Monday, June 17, 2024

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

6:00 PM @ 475 W. 5th Avenue, Springfield School District, Maker Space Lab

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. ROLL CALL: Board Vice-President, Jeremy West, called the June 17, 2024, Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

B. MEMBERS PRESENT: Jennifer Esch, Andrea Keenan, Heath Piper, Jeremy West

C. MEMBERS ABSENT: Darrell Mackey (Mackey joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

D. SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Shelly Swayne, Ginger Walker, Jerri-Ann Montoya, Pam Hartley, Julie Benge, Deb Sharpe, Van Walker, Leslie Maggart and Tanisha Hinds.

E. GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE: Max Grant, Jamie Smith and Lexi Brooks (Plainsman Herald).

II. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Andrea Keenan made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

IV. ROUTINE ITEMS:

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Regular Meeting: May 20, 2024
2. Special Meeting: June 07, 2024

Heath Piper made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2024 Regular Meeting and the minutes of the June 7, 2024 Special Meeting as presented. Andrea Keenan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

B. FINANCIAL REPORTS. The board reviewed the financial reports.

C. CLAIMS PAYABLE: The board reviewed the June 10, 2024 Claims Payable. Andrea Keenan made a motion to approve the June 10, 2024 Claims Payable as presented. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

V. PUBLIC FORUM:

Please Note: ***Welcome to the open forum portion of our meeting. We appreciate your interest in participating in this conversation with the Springfield School District RE-4 Board of Education. A sign-up sheet was provided at the entrance to the Board meeting for all persons wishing to address the Board. It is requested that comments be limited to five minutes per speaker. Patrons are invited to share comments with the Board in an orderly manner that is consistent with the respect and dignity that should be part of a Board of Education public meeting. The Board will require that speakers and audience members adhere to basic standards of civility and, with limited time available, as the Board President, I may need to limit or terminate discussion to maintain decorum or to give as many people as possible the opportunity to speak. The Board will not take any action during***

this time. It is the preference of the Board that comments concerning District personnel be addressed in an executive session. Discussion of individual students must occur in the executive session. Please inform the Board if you intend to make comments concerning District personnel or students so those comments may be heard in the executive session.

Mrs. Deb Sharpe provided a brief preschool summary. She reported that all necessary inspections have been requested and are completed or pending. The stand-alone preschool building has been liquidated and one classroom has been set-up in preparation for summer school. Summer school has been postponed until all inspections can be completed. Mrs. Sharpe has completed her recertification which is valid through May, 2029.

VI. Board Forum:

Director West discussed some procedures that could be considered to help with the flow of board meetings. These included a timekeeper during a public forum, a consent agenda and motion first followed by discussion when appropriate.

Director Keenan asked about plans for the bell that was formerly located in front of the old kindergarten building. The bell will be relocated to the new campus.

Director Esch suggested that the 2025 graduation not be scheduled to interfere with the Washington DC student trip.

VII. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. <u>Construction Update</u>

GTC updated construction details. Phases 1, 2, 3 have been completed. Phase 4 is beginning while punch lists and several other details are in process. The goal is to be out of the building by the time school starts.

B. <u>Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Adoption</u>

Superintendent Swayne outlined some of the details of the budget process and recommended that the final adoption be tabled and a special meeting be scheduled to go over the budget. Jennifer Esch made a motion to table the adoption of the 2025 Budget. Andrea Keenan seconded the motion. Motion passed.
A special meeting for budget adoption is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2024.

C. <u>Leader in Me Curriculum Adoption</u>

The board reviewed the FranklinCovey proposal for the Leader in Me curriculum. With sponsor funding, the cost to the district will be $5633.33 for the first 3 years and $6380.00 for the 4th year. It is Superintendent Swayne's recommendation to purchase the curriculum and professional training as presented with the program being implemented over 3 to 5 years, starting August, 2024. Heath Piper made a motion to approve the purchase and implementation of the Leader in Me curriculum as proposed. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. <u>Semester 2 / Year End Data</u>

Principals Walker and Montoya each presented attendance and academic data reports. They reviewed testing percentages and spoke about areas of improvement and concern and discussed how they use this data to help with strategies to drive educational

programming

Board President, Darrell Mackey joined the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

E. <u>Special Education Reports & Needs</u>

The board reviewed a chart comparing Special Education needs within our district and other nearby districts. There was discussion about the behavioral impacts to learning and intentional intervention to help create a best place for all students.

F. <u>Activities Expansion: 6-8 Baseball, Shooting Sports</u>

An interest document and cost details were available for the board to review in regards to the addition of 6th-8th grade baseball as a school sport. The board discussed several factors involved in adding this junior high sport. Heath Piper made a motion to approve the implementation of Junior High baseball as a school sanctioned sport. Darrell Mackey seconded the motion. Motion failed: 3-No, Esch, Keenan, West, 2-Yes, Mackey, Piper.

Superintendent Swayne spoke to the board about a request for Springfield School District to allow a Springfield School Shooting Sport Club. The club will be sponsored by Cat Creek Shooting Range and participants will be members of the Colorado Clay Target League. Liability is provided by the league to members of the Shooting Sport Club. Heath Piper made a motion to approve a Springfield School Shooting Sport Club for 6th – 12th grade students. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

G. <u>Student Handbook, Cell Phone Discussions</u>

The student handbook is still in significant draft form. A universal PK-12 version is the goal, but it is taking time to convert the language.

A cell phone policy has become a popular topic. Administration asked for board direction to help finalize the handbook. Criteria expressed by the board included penalties, consistent enforcement of existing policy, more specific wording and parent and student awareness of the changes prior to the start of school.

H. <u>July & August Meeting Dates</u>

Superintendent Swayne asked the board to consider changing the date of the July regular school board meeting from Monday, July 22, 2024 to Thursday, July 18 2024. Both her and Principal Walker will be in route to a CDE training on 7-22-24. She also asked that a Special Meeting be approved for August 12 for a board training that will be presented by Caplan & Earnest. Heath Piper made a motion to change the July Regular Board Meeting date to Thursday, July 18, 2024 and to adopt a Special Board Meeting on Monday, August 12, 2024. Andrea Keenan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. <u>ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS</u>

A. Principal Reports

Jerri-Ann Montoya, Elementary Principal spoke about the large crowd that attended kindergarten graduation. She estimated a crowd of approximately 150 people. She also reported that the end-of-the-year assemble went well. It was held in the elementary gym and the was standing room only. Mrs. Montoya expressed her appreciation to the teacher, paras, maintenance crew, office employees, custodians and students for all the extra help with the packing and moving out of the elementary building.

Ginger Walker, Jr./Sr. High School Principal reported that two of the seven students enrolled in credit recovery classes over the summer have already completed and passed their courses. The end-of-the-year athletic and academic awards banquet were well attended. There was a full house for the athletic awards. Mrs. Walker praised the many students who worked to help make the elementary move and school auction possible.

B. Superintendent Report
Superintendent Swayne reported that the proceeds from the school auction totaled $38,123.00 before commission. The first Crisis Committee meeting is scheduled for June 25 and the District Accountability Committee will have it's initial meeting tomorrow, June 18. CASB has completed sections A & B of the policy manual.

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Session 1: The board will convene in executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(g) and 24-72-204(3)(a)(XI)(a) to consider documents protected by the mandatory non-disclosure provision of the Colorado Open Records Act. The particular matter(s) for discussion is the content of letters of reference & recommendations for Elementary teaching staff.

Jeremy West made a motion for the board to go in to Executive Session. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Darrell Mackey, board president, invited Superintendent Swayne and Principals Walker and Montoya to join the Executive Session.

The board entered Executive Session at 8:30 p.m. The board returned to Regular Session at 8:45 p.m.

X. ACT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION(S)

a. Retirements, Resignations:
b. Employment Recommendations:

No action was taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Jeremy West made a motion to adjourn. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Darrell Mackey, President

Jeremy West, Vice President

Jennifer Esch, Secretary

Heath Piper, Treasurer

Andrea Keenan, Director