SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT RE-4
**Monday, February 22, 2021**
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M. – BOARDROOM
We will be observing social distancing protocols.

I. CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Springfield School District was called to order by board President, Larry Duncan at 7:04 p.m.
   A. ROLL CALL:
      1. MEMBERS PRESENT: Clinton Arbuthnot, Larry Duncan, Jennifer Esch, Tyler Gibson and Kay Maes.
      2. MEMBERS ABSENT: None
      3. SCHOOL PERSONNEL PRESENT: Richard Hargrove, Kyle Lasley, Pam Hartley, Leah Crane.
      4. GUESTS PRESENT: None

II. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: None

III. APPROVE THE AGENDA: Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kay Maes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. ROUTINE ITEMS:
   A. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE January 25, 2021, Regular Meeting: Tyler Gibson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 regular meeting as presented. Jennifer Esch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

   B. FINANCIAL REPORTS: The board and Mr. Hargrove reviewed and discussed the financial reports.

   C. CLAIMS PAYABLE – February 23, 2021: The board reviewed the February claims payable. Kay Maes made a motion to approve the February 23, 2021 claims payable. Clinton Arbuthnot seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT: Leah Crane addressed the board on behalf of the Springfield Rec Board. She explained that the board feels there is a need to have a more established line of communication between the Rec Board and the school district due to the continued sharing of facilities. She addressed the issue that will be a change from the past concerning rec baseball and high school baseball. With the change in the high school baseball season due to CHSAA's restructuring of season dates due to COVID, rec ball and school ball will be at the same time. This creates some issues in regards to practice schedules, games times and concessions. She ask for permission to work with the high school baseball coach, Danny Kelly to formulate schedules and to talk to Stucco sponsor, Renee Loflin to make a plan for concessions. The board felt this would be a good place to start. Mrs. Crane also ask, with Baca County now a COVID Code Blue, if the Rec District could be allowed to start rec basketball practice in the gyms. The teams are scheduled to participate in tournaments in March, and some practice time would be very beneficial. It was the consensus of the board and Mr. Hargrove that this would be allowed with the stipulations that it would be players and coaches only attending the practices, and no games would be hosted in the school gyms with outside teams.

**IF YOU ARE HERE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:**

***Welcome to the open forum portion of our meeting. We appreciate your interest in participating in this conversation time 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 executive session. Discussion of individual students must occur in executive session. Please inform the Board if you intend to make comments concerning District personnel or students so those comments may be heard in executive session.***

   A. CORRESPONDENCE: None

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. BEST GRANT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Superintendent Hargrove told the board that the process to pick a construction manager/general contractor (CM/GC) has started. Proposals are now being accepted and will be reviewed and selected to create a short-list of approximately 2 or 3 firms that will then be interviewed by the selection committee on March 23. The board will need to meet to hear the committee's recommendations and to approve the CM/GM for the Best Grant Construction Project.
He also presented a summary of the main highlights of each of the 4 phases of the project. Phase 1 will start this summer (June) and will consist primarily of rerouting utilities. Phase 2 is anticipated to start in July with the construction of the 6-12 building and half of the Commons area which would include the construction of the new cafeteria with completion for June 2022. Phase 3 would involve the tear down of the existing cafeteria and maintenance buildings, construction of the remainder of the Commons area and renovations of the JH/HS to PS-5 and administration suite. Phase 4 will be the demolition of other buildings.
TraenorHL met with user groups on February 9 & 10. They will return on March 11 with new plans depicting the changes and ideas gained from these meetings. Follow up meetings with staff user groups and student groups will be held at this time.
Mr. Hargrove shared that asbestos abatement is still an issue. More inspection has been completed and he is anticipating the receipt of a bid very soon.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2021 – 2022 CALENDAR DISCUSSION: Superintendent Hargrove presented a preliminary 2021-2022 school calendar. He wants to build a 147 day calendar. He will be meeting with a calendar committee to review the proposed calendar which has the school year starting on August 16, 2021 and ending on May 18, 2022. He explained some possible date changes that the committee might want to consider.

B. RATIFY NO SCHOOL ON FEB. 15, 2021 LATE START ON FEB. 16, 2021: Due to extreme cold temperatures, Clinton Arbuthnot made a motion to ratify school closure on Monday, February 15, 2021 and a 10:00 a.m. late school start on Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. DISCUSSION ON POTENTIAL PARA POSITION: Superintendent Hargrove spoke to the board about some special circumstances that have evolved within the elementary student population. He asked the board for permission to hire a para who can help with some of the higher maintenance students. He explained that there are ESSERS funds available that could be used to fund this new position. It was the consensus of the board that he should proceed with hiring another para.

D. APPROVE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER ADDITIONS: Mr. Hargrove recommended that the following be approved to be placed on the district substitute teacher list: Pamela Locke, Veronica Losa, Cindy Birdsong and Kate Larson. Each have completed the application process and been issued an official CDE substitute certificate. Kay Maes made a motion to approve Pamela Locke, Veronica Losa, Kate Larson and Cindy Birdsong to substitute in the Springfield School District.

E. USE OF ESSERS II FUNDS: ESSERS II funds have been received and are to be used over the next two years. Superintendent Hargrove explained that he is currently researching a possible way to use the funds on approved purchases now that could possibly be transferred and/or utilized in the new construction; such as air purifiers and ventilation.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: C.R.S. 24-6-402(4) (f)(h): The board entered into executive session at 7:50 p.m. Mr. Hargrove was invited into the executive session from 8:12 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. At 8:50 p.m. the board returned to regular session.

A. SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

IX. ACT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION: Board President, Larry Duncan, called for a motion on Superintendent Contract renewal**.** Clinton Arbuthnot made the motion to extend the superintendent contract for Richard Hargrove from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the amount of $108,000.00. Tyler Gibson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

X. REPORTS

A. JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL –KYLE LASLEY: Mr. Lasley reviewed his February 2021 Board Report. His report included information on the regional science fair and the COVID precautions being taken; the State FBLA competition that will be held virtually this year, the altered process for regional wrestling, and post season plans for high school basketball. CMAS testing plans are still pending while waiting on a decision from the state.

B. SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL REPORT – RICHARD HARGROVE: Superintendent Hargrove shared that it is anticipated that a state bill will be passed to authorize a a pause on CMAS testing for this school year; however current information indicates that the federal government is going to require some manner of testing. This is still all to be determined. He wanted to publically commend the preschool staff for their dedication to the preschool program and assuming extra duties during the extended medical leave of Mrs. Sharpe. He reported that property insurance renewal with CDSIP is indicating a 1% increase across the board. A conversation has begun to determine what extra insurance will be needed during the construction phase of the new building project. He also shared that the school facility faired pretty well during the recent extreme cold weather with only one frozen pipe repair needed. He expressed appreciation to Cindy Parson from the County Health Department for her assistance getting the recent COVID vaccine clinic set up that many of our staff attended. Other scheduled events include the Read Across America Day and 100th Day Celebration and the free dental clinic offered by the Walsh Dental Clinic to all kindergarten and 6th grade students.

XI. OTHER ITEMS TO DISCUSS: There was a short discussion about determining what the current state guidance is in regards to the wearing of mask in the Jr./Sr. high school setting. Mr. Hargrove will be checking into this.

XII. BOARD MEETING DATES:

1. REGULAR BOARD MEETING – March 22, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.
   A special meeting TBD for approving the Contract Manager/General Contractor

XIII. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by the consensus of the board at 9:07 p.m.

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Larry Duncan, President Clinton Arbuthnot, Vice President

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Kay Maes, Secretary Tyler Gibson, Treasurer

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Jennifer Esch**,** Director