

SPRING LAKE BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

MEETING MINUTES

October 26, 2020 6:30 PM

Meeting was held in-person in the H.W. Mountz Gym - There was no broadcast

I. Call to order: President Worth called the meeting to order at 6:33 and announced “*This meeting is called in accordance with the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act," C.231, PL. 1975, and notices were published in The Asbury Park Press and on the district website.*”

II. Attendance: All members arrived prior to the meeting

Board of Education: Mr. James Worth, President
Mrs. Noelle Giblin, Vice-President
Mr. John Clark
Mrs. Karen Matuch
Mr. Michael Moran

Administration: Dr. Stephen LaValva, Superintendent/Principal
Ms. Joannette Femia, Interim Business Administrator
Ms. Athina Cornell, Esq., Board Attorney

III. Flag salute - President Worth led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. President’s Statement President Worth stated that we have a full agenda this evening. There will be a presentation by the “Future of Mountz” Ad-hoc committee. Mr. Worth introduced the committee for their report

V. Presentations - “*Future of Mountz*” Ad-hoc Committee Findings

Committee members Cheryl Lynch, Kiernan DiFeo and John Clark presented their findings to the Board. (President Worth noted that Mr. Clark was presenting as a community member not as a Board member)

President Worth stated that he would open to the Board for questions after the presentation and then to the public for comments/questions. Mr. Worth noted that the 12 members of the committee were very strong and brought a lot to the table. A lot has changed in the 18 months since the committee started but we can’t take our eye off the ball. Mrs. Giblin commented that the ability to adapt and change is critical, we need to continue to champion that here, she appreciates the work that has been done and she suggested we partner with REC over the summer. Mrs. Matuch thanked the committee for their work and appreciated the confirmation that we are heading in the right direction. Mr. Moran also thanked the committee for their hard work. Dr. LaValva stated it is impressive to see a positive impact.

There were no comments from the public on the presentation.

VI. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - No comments

VII. Committee Reports

A. Committee Reports

1. Finance, Negotiations, Personnel, Mr. Worth reported that Negotiations will start shortly as the current contract sunsets in June. We did not have a committee meeting, however Mr. Worth noted that the State benefits plans are changes as per Chapter 44.

2. Buildings & Grounds, and Security, Mr. Worth discussed the 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and noted that we will also look at a 5 year financial plan. We are being careful to invest in what the District needs. The committee met last week and reviewed the roofing project as well as large projects. Ventilation as needed and reviewed the locker room revision plans.
3. Curriculum, Instruction, Student Needs, Mrs. Matuch reported that we are applying for a School of Character grant.
4. Policy and Legislation, Mr. Moran reviewed the policies on this agenda.
5. Communications, Mrs. Matuch reported that they are working on a newsletter

B. Liaison Reports

1. Manasquan BOE, Mr. Clark reported that Manasquan is going virtual for 2 weeks
2. H.W. Mountz P.T.A., Mrs. Matuch reported that the deadline for the Kitchen Tour Book is fast approaching, as of now 150 have been sold. They provided the teachers with breakfast for an inservice which was much appreciated. Halloween event will take place on Friday October 30th weather permitting.
3. Spring Lake Education Foundation, Mr. Moran - no report
4. Booster Club, Mrs. Giblin reported that they held a successful Paddle tournament, which was well attended and raised \$1,500

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- A. Report on October 1, 2020 Back to School Night - Dr. LaValva reviewed Back to School Night and noted it was successful.
- B. Dr. LaValva thanked the PTA-for providing Breakfast for In-Service Day October 12
- C. Monthly HIB Report - No HIB's to report
- D. Report on Enrollment (Attachment A) - Current enrollment is at 170 students
- E. Update on Reopening Status - Dr. LaValva reviewed the reopening status and what drives moving from stage to stage
- F. School of Character - Dr. LaValva reported that we have put together a committee to prepare our application for this grant.
- G. Enrollment impact to cost per pupil - Mrs. Femia reviewed the impact this increase in enrollment has on the cost per pupil
- H. Future Executive Sessions - The Board had a discussion in regard to when Executive sessions could take place. Before or after the start of the general meeting.

Dr. LaValva also reviewed the roof projects and reported that we have scheduled inspections which should help us determine what work needs to be done.

IX. Public Hearing on Superintendent of Schools Employment Contract

At this hearing, members of the public are invited to submit public comments regarding this topic. The Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b), the "Open Public Meetings Act," shall not publicly discuss personnel matters and shall not respond to comments made by members of the public. The Board will give all comments appropriate consideration. Please be aware that the subject of this hearing retains the right of privacy and shall retain all rights regarding defamation and slander according to the law of the State of New Jersey. The Board shall not be liable for comments made by members of the public. Public Notice in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-11 was provided in accordance with law on September 26, 2020.

President Worth reviewed the process of the public hearing for the Superintendent's contract and opened to the public for comments.

8:20 p.m. - Public Comment on Public Hearing on Superintendent of Schools Employment contract:

Cheryl Lynch stated that she approved of the change and noted that Dr. LaValva has had a positive impact on the district.

Kiernan DeFeo stated that she was pleasantly shocked and fully approved of the change in the contract.

8:24 - Closed to public

X. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of the September 21, 2020 Meeting & Executive Session and Special Meeting & Executive Meeting minutes of October 5, 2020.

On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mr. Clark the motion passed with unanimous consent.

XI. Action Items

A. Curriculum and Instruction

There are no motions in Curriculum and Instructions for approval this month

B. Personnel

B1. Motion to approve moving Bridget Koch from MA/Step 13 to MA/+20, Step 13 on the SLEA Teachers' Guide in accordance with the SLEA/SLBOE Collective Bargaining Agreement.

B2. Motion to extend the leave for employee LID#8801 to return on October 26, 2020.

B3. Motion to approve adding Megan Bauter to the list of 2020-2021 approved substitutes pending pending criminal history clearance.

B4. Motion to approve revision to the contract between the Spring Lake Board of Education and Dr. Stephen V. LaValva, Superintendent. Proposed revisions were approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools (Contract to remain on file in the office of the School Business Administrator)

B5. Motion to approve tuition reimbursement as follows:

Anthony DeStefano-Rutgers University-Inclusive Teaching in Education (3 credits) at the SLEA/BOE collective bargaining agreement Rutgers University approved rate.

Anthony DeStefano-Rutgers University-Assessment and Measurement for Special Education (3 credits) at the SLEA/BOE collective bargaining agreement Rutgers University approved rate.

Natalie Levine-Capella University-Strategies for Eliminating the Achievement Gap (4 credits) at the SLEA/BOE collective bargaining agreement Rutgers University approved rate.

B6. Motion to approve Sandra Smagula as instructional assistant for 4 hours a day effective October 28, 2020 at an hourly rate of 17.50

B1, B2, B3 and B5 On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mr. Clark:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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B4. On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mr. Moran:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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Note: B6 was voted on after Executive Session

B6. On motion by Mr. Moran, and seconded by Mrs. Giblin:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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C. Student Services

C1. Motion to approve the annual NJDOE School Self-Assessment and approval as per the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act.

C2. Motion to approve Wally's Transportation and Briggs Transportation for the 2020-2021 School Year.

On motion by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mr. Clark:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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D. Policy

D1. Motion to approve the following policies on first reading:

- A. P2422 Health and Physical Education
- B. P2610 Educational Program Evaluation
- C. P8860 Memorials

On motion by Mr. Moran, and seconded by Mr. Worth:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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E. Finance

- E1. Motion to approve the Board Secretary and Treasurer Reports for the months of July and August 2020.

RESOLVED: That the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the Spring Lake Borough Board of Education certifies that, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)(3) as of August 31, 2020, that no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(a); and be it further RESOLVED: That the Spring Lake Borough Board of Education accepts the Financial Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer for the months of July and August 2020; and therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Spring Lake Borough Board of Education certifies that, pursuant to N.J.A.C.6A:23A-16(c)(4), after review of the Board Secretary and Treasurer monthly Financial Reports and upon consultation with the appropriate District official that to the best of knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended and that sufficient funds are available to meet the District's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- E2. Motion to approve Bills List(s) in the amount of - \$374,873.13

- E3. Motion to approve Gross Payroll Expense:

September 15, 2020 \$143,568.65
September 30, 2020 \$143,513.53

- E4. Motion to approve non-public entitlements for 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Spring Lake Board of Education has consulted with the administration of the participating Nonpublic School located within the Public School District; and
WHEREAS, the Spring Lake Board of Education has advised the Nonpublic School regarding The limit of funds available for the full time pupils enrolled in the Nonpublic School; and
WHEREAS, the Spring Lake Board of Education is in agreement with the services to be provided to the Nonpublic School within the limit of the funds that are available;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Spring Lake Board of Education accept the 2020-2021 New Jersey Nonpublic entitlements for the Nonpublic School as follows:

Nonpublic Textbook Aid	\$17,533
Nonpublic Nursing Service Aid	\$29,274
Nonpublic Digital Divide	\$12,485
Nonpublic Security Aid	\$50,225
Chapter 192 Aid	\$42,606
Chapter 193 Aid	\$61,825

- E5. Motion to approve Covid Relief Fund for purchasing PPE in the amount of \$4,853.00

On motion by Mr. Moran, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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XII. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items - 8:36 p.m.

Mr. Roche requested that the School Sign have Columbus Day, Veteran’s Day noted on the sign. Dr. LaValva responded that that is a great point.

Cheryl Lynch wanted to thank the Board and President Worth for the opportunity to work with the “Future of Mountz” committee as well as commented on the reopening plan and her concern for the eighth graders. She has concerns about waiting to go in person full days until after the holidays and likes the idea of the students going home for lunch and coming back to school for the second half of the day.

Kiernan DeFeo also stated that she is 100% for getting back to school full time and asked if we can track how the students are doing versus full time.

Closed to public - 8:42 p.m.

XIII. Executive Session –Items discussed in executive session may result in Board action when the Board reconvenes in open session to conduct the regular business meeting.

WHEREAS, the Sen. Byron M. Baer Open Public meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., (the “Act”) provides that the Spring Lake Board of Education may hold an “Executive Session” from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are confidential or are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Business Administrator that the Spring Lake Board of Education go into Executive Session on October 26, 2020 at: 8:43 pm. to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public’s interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spring Lake Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items: (To be determined and announced as needed)

- Matters rendered confidential by state or federal law
- Matters which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy
- Matters involving collective negotiations and/or the negotiations of terms and conditions
- Matters involving the purchase, lease or acquisitions of real property or investment of public funds
- Matters concerning the protection of the safety or property of the public
- Pending or anticipated litigation and matters covered by the attorney-client privilege
- Matters involving employees and terms of their employment and contract

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said discussion may be disclosed to the public when reasons for

discussing and acting upon it in closed session no longer exists. Action MAY be taken on one or more items stated above.

Motion to enter Executive Session by Mrs. Giblin, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch Time 8:43 PM:

Passed by unanimous consent

Motion to exit Executive Session by Mr. Moran, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch Time 9:15 PM:

Roll Call:

Mr. Clark - yes	Mrs. Giblin - yes	Mrs. Matuch - yes	Mr. Moran - yes	Mr. Worth - yes
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XIV. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Worth, and seconded by Mrs. Matuch, Time: 9:19 PM:

Passed by unanimous consent

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanette Femia
Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary