

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF SPRING VALLEY  
Spring Valley, WI 54767  
SCHOOL BOARD PROCEEDINGS  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 21, 2024

**MINUTES:**

The Regular School Board Meeting of the School District of Spring Valley was called to order by President Robelia at 5:02 p.m.

School Board members Joan Ford, Jessica Fritz, Sandy Jacobs, April Robelia, Dan Stasiek, Monica Vorlicek, and Jennelle Wolf were present. Also present were John Groh, Chris Segerstrom, Nicole Lamb, Ben Lamb, Amy Webb and 19 others.

There was a motion by Ford, seconded by Vorlicek, to approve the agenda with an additional Community Participation session at around 6:00 p.m. The motion carried.

President Robelia opened the floor for Community Participation. Four members of the community addressed the Board on the topics of concern by students and parents regarding school safety; repeat offenders breaking rules of student code of conduct; vaping and bullying; suggestion to create a mentor program; and appreciation for the staff handling the January 18th security event.

There was a motion by Stasiek, seconded by Wolf, to approve the following Consent Items: Minutes of the January 15, 2024 board meeting, and the Financial Report for January 2024. The motion carried.

The Board sought public input on the ESSER Budget and the Safe Return to Learning Plan. Suggestions from the community on how to spend ESSER funds included training for substitute paraprofessionals, professional development, metal detectors for the school buildings, and treadmills. There was a motion by Stasiek, seconded by Jacobs, to adopt the updated ESSER Budget and Safe Return to Learning Plan.

Principal Lamb presented the Elementary Administrative Report with updates on the district's WIG (Wildly Important Goals) to increase literacy and math outcomes district-wide.

Principal Segerstrom presented the MS/HS Administrative Report. There was a motion by Wolf, seconded by Vorlicek, to approve the addition of College Biology and Introduction to Teaching as transcribed credit courses, and also to approve the district's participation in the Direct Admit program with universities in the state. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Ford, seconded by Vorlicek, to approve the monthly budget update. The motion carried.

At 6:00 p.m. President Robelia opened the floor for a second opportunity for Community Participation to allow any community members who entered the meeting late to have a chance to speak. No community members spoke at this time.

The Board discussed aligning the current school calendar with Elmwood and Plum City's teacher in-service day for professional development. There was a motion by Wolf, seconded by Vorlicek, to approve moving the April 15th in-service day to April 22nd. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Wolf, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. The motion carried.

The Board discussed the mid-year Superintendent review. Superintendent Groh presented his progress toward achieving the annual goals set by the Board in July/August 2023.

There was a motion by Ford, seconded by Jacobs, to approve the purchase of two buses and a van to keep the district's fleet current and to qualify for high cost transportation aid from the state. The motion carried.

There was a motion by Stasiak, seconded by Vorlicek, to approve the capital improvement Fund 46 project to have Ban-Koe replace the faulty fire panel and install surge protection. Nexus Solutions will then do a thorough review of the system. The motion carried.

Superintendent Groh discussed the district's efforts to date to assess the events of the January security incident and the plans to modify the school safety plan and increase staff training.

The Board was reminded of the CESA Board Workshop they are encouraged to attend on April 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

At 6:50 p.m. there was a motion by Vorlicek, seconded by Jacobs, to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c). The motion carried by roll call vote.

At 7:32 p.m. there was a motion by Vorlicek, seconded by Ford, to reconvene to open session. The motion carried by roll call vote.

President Robelia announced the Board's decision to approve the following new hires: Allison Retzlaff for School Nurse, Kylie Jensen for Elementary Paraprofessional, Trisha Martinez for CKC After School, Piper Juza for CKC After School, and Evan Pechacek for Substitute Teacher.

The Board accepted the resignation of Lori Kosek, Elementary Paraprofessional.

The Board accepted the retirement of Cathy Keehr, Early Childhood Special Education and 4K Teacher. Cathy will retire at the end of this school year. The Board thanks Cathy for her 25 years of service to the students and families of the School District of Spring Valley.

At 7:33 p.m. there was a motion by Vorlicek, seconded by Fritz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried.

  
Sandy Jacobs, Clerk

  
Cristy Peavey, Recording Secretary

Approved by the Board: March 20, 2024