

**SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2024
7:00 pm**

The November 18th, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President David Lightner followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: David Lightner, Jeff Caudill, Elliott Cook, Bret Nordland, Crystal Nowery, Alyse Rainey and Brian Sanford

Administrative members present: Christie Robinson, Tanya Newland, Melissa Butler and Jenny Dysert

Visitors: Amy Hicks, Dean Dermeyer, Mark Rimes, Owen Sanford and family, Tristan Schmidt and family

Motion by Secretary Nowery, Support by Vice President Cook, to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried, all ayes.

Motion by Trustee Rainey, Support by Trustee Nordland, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

- Regular Meeting Minutes of Monday, October 21, 2024
- Special Meeting Minutes of Monday, November 11, 2024
- General Fund Bills of \$ 757,777.48

Motion Carried, all ayes.

There were two Citizens of the Month:

Owen Sanford – 8th grade. Mrs. Newland introduced Mrs. Hicks who gave Owen's nomination to the assembly. Owen introduced his mom, dad and siblings, they shook hands with board members and Dr. Robinson and posed for a picture.

Tristan Schmidt – 7th grade. Mrs. Newland introduced Mrs. Sanford who gave Tristan's nomination to the assembly. Tristan introduced his family, they shook hands with board members and Dr. Robinson and posed for a picture.

The Board took a brief two minute recess.

Tanya Newland was in attendance for the principals. She went over her report with the board members and answered questions.

Amy Hicks was in attendance for the SEA and gave a report.

Motion by Vice President Cook, Support by Trustee Rainey, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Heather Bibler for May 1st and 2nd, 2025 as presented.

Motion Carried, all ayes.

Motion by Trustee Sanford, Support by Trustee Rainey, to approve the overnight trip for the wrestlers from February 28, 2025 through March 1st, 2025 as presented.

Motion Carried, all ayes.

Motion by Vice President Cook, Support by Trustee Sanford, to approve the following language for the Springport Public Schools Bond Proposal:

SPRINGPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Springport Public Schools, Jackson, Calhoun, Eaton and Ingham Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Thirty-Two Million Seven Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$32,700,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of:

erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings and a transportation facility; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping school buildings, including for school security; acquiring and installing instructional technology; and erecting, equipping, preparing, developing, and improving athletic fields and facilities, playgrounds, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only:

The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2025 is 1.50 mills (\$1.50 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a 0.00 mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is twenty-five (25) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 4.94 mills (\$4.94 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$1,525,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

As presented.

Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, BN – aye, CN – aye, AR – aye, BS – aye, DL – aye

Motion Carried, 7-0

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, Support by Vice President Cook, to deny enrollment of student 2023-02 to Springport Public Schools based on the recommendations and finding of the committee and administration.

Roll Call Vote: JC – aye, EC – aye, BN – aye, CN – aye, AR – aye, BS – aye, DL – aye

Motion Carried, 7-0

Dr. Robinson led in the discussion items of: Start time for Regular Board Meetings in 2025 from 7:00 pm to 6:00 pm.; Upcoming dates and start times - December 9 Special Meeting (to be posted) @ 6:00 pm, December 16 Regular Meeting (to be posted for change of time) 6:00 pm, January 13 Committee Meeting @ 6:00 pm (with swearing in of new board members @ 5:45 pm), January 14 Organizational Meeting (to be posted) @ 6:00 with Regular Meeting (to be posted) @ 6:30 pm; Board training workshop on Monday, January 20th, 2025 @ 5:30 pm; Shelley Szekely tenure status; Kelly Lane to be honored at and following the November 26th home basketball game; NJHS January 17th through 18th overnight trip; Literacy training @ ISD and posted position for district; Changes may be coming to Big 8 Conference with regards to other, local schools.

Motion by Treasurer Caudill, Support by Vice President Cook, to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Motion Carried.