

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING
March 10, 2025

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on March 10th at 5:20 p.m. in the District Office Board Room to hold a public hearing for the purpose of seeking public comment on the 2025-2026 School Calendar. Present were board members Teresa Beck, Sonja Hamm, Greta Gruys, Jeromy Mouw and Mieka Stecker. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, 4 visitors and 3 staff members. No public comments were received.

The hearing was closed at 5:22 p.m.

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The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. in the District Office Board Room at 2701 Hill Avenue. Present were board members Teresa Beck, Sonja Hamm, Greta Gruys, Jeromy Mouw and Mieka Stecker. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, Officer Vos, 7 visitors, 4 staff members and 9 students.

President Teresa Beck called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Hamm/Mouw moved/seconded to approve the agenda. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to approve the consent agenda including the following:

A) Minutes of the February 10th regular meeting; B) Claims for payment of \$352,018.54; C) Employment of Jamie Axlund as HS Special Education Teacher, Brady Dicks as HS Head Girls Golf Coach, Jackson Laven as MS Language Arts Teacher, and Cameron Sheda as MS/HS Spanish Teacher; Resignation of Kelsie Christensen as MS Special Education Teacher and Mindy Leinbaugh as Wrestling Cheer Coach; D) AEA Purchasing Agreement; E) Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Natural Gas Program Participation Agreement; F) FY25 Spring and Summer Officials Contracts; G) Wrestling, Tennis, and Girls/Boys Soccer Activity Agreements with HLP and Okoboji, 28E Agreements to share academics with HLP for Construction Trades, Family and Consumer Science and Vocational Ag, and Spanish Employment Sharing Agreement with HLP. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The Middle School presented on career exploration for middle school students.

Zach Arneson from Beck Engineering presented on proposed improvements to 23rd Street from Hill Ave. to Erie Ave.

Financial Report/Public Report was presented by Jane Loveall and Ashley Weber.

Mouw/Gruys moved/seconded to approve a public hearing for the 2026 budget adoption on April 14th at 5:20 PM. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Mouw moved/seconded to approve a public hearing for the 2025 budget amendment on April 14th at 5:25 PM. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Hamm/Mouw moved/seconded to approve the FY24 Audit. All aye vote. Motion carried

Gruys/Stecker moved/second to approve a 3% increase for all certified and support staff for FY26. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Gruys moved/second to update the Resolution Naming Depositories to include Venmo. Roll call vote was taken. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Stecker moved/seconded to approve Venmo as a payment option for fundraising and extracurricular activities. All aye vote. Motion carried

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the 2025-2026 school calendar. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Angela Olsen gave an update on the strategic planning process.

Hamm/Mouw moved/seconded the approval of the annual farm lease contract at \$125/acre for the total of 18.5 acres to Darin Radcliffe as presented. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Stecker moved/seconded to approve a Boys Soccer sharing agreement with Estherville Lincoln Central and a Girls Soccer sharing agreement with Algona Bishop Garrigan for the 2024-2025 school year. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Teresa Beck
Board President