

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 8, 2024

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on April 8th 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 School Budget Proposal. 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, Officer Vos, the Administration/Department Team, 5 visitors, 4 staff members, and 2 students. No public comments were received.

The hearing was closed at 5:23 p.m.

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on April 8th at 5:25 p.m. in the District Office Board Room to hold a public hearing for the purpose of seeking public comment on the 2024-2025 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, Officer Vos, the Administration/Department Team, 5 visitors, 5 staff members, and 4 students. No public comments were received.

The hearing was closed at 5:28 p.m.

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2024

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 Weber-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, Officer the Administration/Department Team, Officer Vos, 5 visitors, 5 staff members, and 4 students.

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

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

Mouw/Hamm moved/seconded to approve the consent agenda including the following:

A) Minutes of the March 11th regular meeting and March 25th public hearing; B) Claims for payment of \$270,773.86; C) Employment of Shelby Mahr as 1st Grade Teacher, Emilee Meadows as Asst. Girls Soccer Coach, Elle Ruffridge as Asst. Girls Soccer Coach, Andrew Stoneking as SAMI Manager, and Erick Turner as Head Girls Soccer Coach; Transfer of Rena Coates from 1st Grade to TK; Resignations of Brady Dicks as Asst. Boys Basketball Coach and Greta Gruys as Nurse; FY25 salary increases for Joshua Bolluyt, Rachel Fisher, Angela Olsen and Chad Wheatley; D) Open Enrollment applications into Spirit Lake from Graettinger-Terril for Gabriel Ripley and Savannah Dean Towle; from Okoboji for Cylee Loerzel; E) UNI Cooperative Agreement for Student Teaching 2024-2025; F) USD PDD Agreement for 2024-2028; G) Iowa City CSD Contract for Services Provided by UIHC. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The Middle School Team represented by Mr. Butler and students demonstrated some 5th Grade science labs and explained how this jump starts student interest in science.

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

Jane Loveall and Ashley Weber presented a summary of the presentation on the 2024-2025 School Budget proposal given at the public hearing. The FY25 budget is based on a 4.0 increase in salaries, the sustained levy in the management fund and the usual board approved PPEL levy.

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the adoption of the FY25 budget. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Stecker moved/seconded to approve the District Career and Academic Plan. This plan is a component of district reporting that provides a framework for each student's individual career and academic plan. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Hamm moved/seconded to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the benefits package for FY25. Central Insure will take over the administration of our benefits and our LTD/Life insurance policies. The overall health insurance increase was 2.41%. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Hamm moved/seconded to approve the Spirit Lake High School 2024 graduates list. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Mouw moved/seconded to set a public hearing to dispose of staff computers and senior laptops for May 13th at 5:20 p.m. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Hamm/Mouw moved/seconded to approved the Technology Refresh for FY24-25. Next year we will update staff machines and Class of 2028 computers. All aye vote. Motion carried.

A discussion was held on the small wind turbine. Staff gave history of the equipment, steps taken to date to repair it, cost to repair it, and possible options for removal.

Gruys/Mouw moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Teresa Beck
Board President