

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 2026

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 Jeromy Mouw, Sonja Hamm, Greta Gruys, Brandon Meyer, and Mieka Stecker. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber–Co-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, Officer Vos 4 staff member, 5 visitors and 3 students.

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

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

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

A) Minutes of the regular meeting on September 14; B) Claims for payment of \$667,102.99; C) Employment of Ramsey Kalsow as Support Center Associate, Heidi Wicks and Alison Woodroof as ES Associates; Resignation of Skye Simonsen as ES Associate; D) Open enrollment applications into Spirit Lake from Okobojo for Alexander Rodriguez and Chase Westlake. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The Middle School presented on their new course, Extension & Enrichment, for 7th & 8th Graders.

Angela Olsen reviewed the District Cabinet meeting from September 16th.

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

Ashley Weber presented the fiscal management performance measures for FY26.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to approve updating board policy 705.05 Fiscal Management and adding board policy 701.05R1 Fiscal Management - Financial Metrics which established the following goals for FY27: Authorized Budget Ratio (15%-25% with a max of 30%), Unspent Authorized Budget Net of Restricted Fund Balances (15%-25%), Solvency Ratio (15%-20% with a min of 10%). All aye vote. Motion carried.

Hamm/Meyer moved/seconded to approve request for allowable growth/supplemental aid for the negative special education balance of \$973,868.58 in FY26. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Meyer moved/seconded to approve request for allowable growth/supplemental aid for the excess costs of the English Learner program of \$60,754.10 in FY26. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Hamm/Stecker moved/seconded to approve updating and reviewing board policy 505.09 Parent and Family Engagement: District-Wide Policy and 505.09R1 Building Level Regulation. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Meyer/Stecker moved/seconded to approve updating board policy 604.05 Technology and Instructional Materials and adding board policy exhibit 604.05E1 One to One Digital Device Adoption Checklist. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Meyer moved/seconded to approve adding board policy 601.03 Religious Expression. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Meyer/Hamm moved/seconded to approve bond services agreement with Ahlers Cooney Attorneys. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The High School presented their plans to replace Financial Foundations with Digital Foundations for life skills. Financial Foundations content is covered in Personal Finance.

Hamm/Gruys moved/seconded to approve updating board policies 505.05 Course Requirements and 505.1 Graduation Requirements. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Meyer/Stecker moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Jeromy Mouw
Board President