

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING
March 9, 2026

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on March 9th 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 2026-2027 School Calendar. Present were board members Teresa Beck (call-in), 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, 3 visitors, 1 staff member and 2 students. No public comments were received.

The hearing was closed at 5:23 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 (call-in), 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, 6 visitors, 3 staff members and 3 students.

Vice President Sonja Hamm called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and visitors were recognized and welcomed.

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

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

A) Minutes of the February 9th regular meeting; B) Claims for payment of \$767,930.70; C) Employment of Terry Butler as Co-HS Head Girls Golf Coach, Carson Farmer as HS Head Girls Soccer Coach, Gracie Hamm as ES Special Education Teacher, Gregory Hiemstra as K-8 Assistant Principal, Emily Miller as MS Associate, Maxwell Miller as 6th Grade Teacher, Alyssa Naatjes as HS Asst. Softball Coach and Molly Strom as 1st Grade Teacher; Resignations of Denise Clements as MS Associate, Emilee Meadows as HS Asst. Girls Soccer Coach and Erick Turner as HS Head Girls Soccer Coach; D) Open Enrollment Applications In to Spirit Lake for Landon Harper, Raegan Howard, Serenity Muckey, Adam & Benjamin Schumacher and Jasmine Smith from Estherville; Aubrey & Kadence Wilson from Okoboji; Open Enrollment Applications Out to Clay Central Everly for Jennaya Garcia; to Harris-Lake Park for Evan Gath and Carsen Luinstra; to Sibley-Ocheyedan for Allison Wedge; E) AEA Purchasing Agreement; F) Iowa Local Government Risk Pool Natural Gas Program Participation Agreement; G) SDSU Agreement for student teaching; H) Morningside Agreement for Teacher Education Clinical Experience Placements; I) Iowa Lakes Corridor 2026 Commitment Form. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The High School presented on the District Career and Academic Plan.

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

Mouw/Gruys moved/seconded to approve a public hearing for the 2027 budget adoption on April 13th at 5:15 PM. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Gruys moved/seconded to approve a public hearing for the 2026 budget amendment on April 13th at 5:25 PM. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Stecker moved/second to approve a 3% increase for all certified and support staff and a 3% increase to the Schedule B base for FY27. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Beck moved/seconded to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Mouw moved/seconded to approve the District's full 90% special education funding to go to Heartland AEA for FY27 for services. Motion carried.

Angela Olsen gave an update on the strategic planning process.

Mouw/Stecker moved/seconded to contract with GeoComm for digital mapping services. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Gruys 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.

Gruys/Mouw moved/seconded the addition of Board Policy 106 to authorize individuals' animals for use within the District. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Mouw moved/seconded the addition of Board Policy 604.09 and 604.09R1 to allow AI tools to be open and utilized by our staff and students. It was recommended by Heartland AEA to adopt the policies created by IASB and allow our Technology Acceptable Use Policy to cover the misuse of AI tools. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Mouw moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Sonja Hamm
Board Vice President