

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 13, 2026

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on April 13th at 5:15 p.m. in the District Office Board Room to hold a public hearing for the purpose of seeking public comment on the 2027 School Budget Proposal. Present were board members Teresa Beck, Sonja Hamm (call-in), Greta Gruys, Jeromy Mouw and Mieka Stecker. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, 1 visitor, and 2 students. No public comments were received. The hearing was closed at 5:17 p.m.

The Spirit Lake Community School Board of Directors met on April 13th 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 School Budget Amendment. Present were board members Teresa Beck, Sonja Hamm (call-in), Greta Gruys, Jeromy Mouw and Mieka Stecker. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, 1 visitor, 1 staff member, and 2 students. No public comments were received. The hearing was closed at 5:22 p.m.

SPIRIT LAKE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 13, 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 Teresa Beck, Sonja Hamm (call-in), Greta Gruys, Jeromy Mouw and Mieka Stecker. Also present were David Smith-Superintendent, Jane Loveall & Ashley Weber-Board Secretaries/Treasurers, the Administration/Department Team, Officer Vos, 1 visitor, 4 staff members, and 2 students.

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

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

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

A) Minutes of the March 9th regular meeting and March 23rd public hearing; B) Claims for payment of \$583,392.32; C) Employment of Madison Fay as HS Asst. Volleyball Coach, Ricky Reinking as HS Asst. Golf Coach; Ashley Dreeszen, Marlene Johnson, Paige Lynn, Shannon Stolen, Strachia Sullivan, Anna Tiefenthaler, Stephanie Walhof, Kate Wedge and Hailey Wilken as Building Leaders; Todd Rogers as Mentor Teacher; Transfer of Jamie Axlund to HS Large Group and Individual Speech Coach; Ashton Buss to Support Center Behavior Associate; Lucas Miller to HS Speech Assistant; Resignation of Ross Ackerman as MS Science Teacher; Beth Brown as HS Associate; Macy Cornwall as Nurse; Kelli Hagedorn as HS Wrestling Cheer Sponsor; Elle Ruffridge as 6th Grade Teacher, HS Asst. Girls Basketball Coach and HS Asst. Girls Soccer Coach; Madison Steffes as HS Family and Consumer Science Teacher; D) Open Enrollment applications into Spirit Lake from Okoboji for Nolan Holman and Layana Steven; Open Enrollment applications out to Clayton Ridge for Manuel Salas; out to Okoboji for Baylie Feather, Willow Jager and Aynslee Owen; E) FY26 Spring and Summer Officials Contracts; F) Wrestling Activity Agreement with HLP, Tennis Activity Agreement with Okoboji and Soccer Activity Agreement 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; G) RelayHub 2-Year Agreement of Service. All aye vote. Motion carried.

The Middle School presented on PE class activities made possible by community partners.

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

Jane Loveall presented a summary of the presentation on the 2025-2026 Budget Amendment given at the public hearing. The FY26 Budget Amendment is based on additional costs for the ES Playground, COPS grant equipment, Support Center start-up, HS athletic equipment and worker's comp insurance.

Mouw/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the adoption of the FY26 budget amendment. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Ashley Weber presented a summary of the presentation on the 2026-2027 School Budget proposal given at the public hearing. The FY27 budget is based on a 3.0 increase in salaries, the sustained levy in the management fund and the usual board approved PPEL levy.

Stecker/Mouw moved/seconded to approve the adoption of the FY27 budget. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/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.

Mouw/Gruys moved/seconded to pass a resolution to trade in the 2012 Dodge Caravan and use the \$2,500 proceeds towards the purchase of a 2017 Dodge Caravan. Roll call vote was taken. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Stecker moved/seconded to approve the benefits package for FY27. Central Insure will continue the administration of our benefits and our LTD/Life insurance policies. The overall health insurance increase was .003%. There is no increase to the health or dental premiums for employees. Retiree rates will reflect increase based on each plan. The HSA/FSA district contribution will remain the same. The Group Life/LTD Carrier will change from Hartford to Principal. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Hamm moved/seconded to approve the Technology Refresh for FY26-27. Next year we will update 3rd, 8th and 10th grade computers, 40 access points and ethernet cable. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Gruys/Stecker moved seconded to approve the Heartland AEA Service Agreement for math curriculum implementation and the Heartland AEA Service Agreement for literacy curriculum scope and sequence work. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Mouw/Gruys moved/seconded to approve the Hazel Health Master Services Agreement and Data Services Agreement for free mental health services, provided through tele-health, with Iowa Primary Care. All aye vote. Motion carried.

Stecker/Gruys moved/seconded to adjourn. All aye vote. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Jane Loveall
Board Secretary

Teresa Beck
Board President