



REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 630pm by President Andy Jensen.

Members present: Jensen, VanStrien, Alster, Bremer, Eluskie, Bormes, Driscoll

Members absent: None

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

- A. Election of Officers:** The Board elected officers for the 2024 calendar year.
A motion was made by VanStrien, supported by Eluskie, to appoint Andy Jensen as Board President.
Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
A motion was made by Jensen, supported by Alster, to appoint Amanda VanStrien as Board Vice-President.
Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
A motion was made by VanStrien, supported by Jensen, to appoint Mark Alster as Board Secretary.
Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
A motion was made by VanStrien, supported by Bormes, to appoint Kim Eluskie as Board Treasurer.
Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
- A. Building/Committee Assignments:** The Board designated the following members for Building Assignments for the 2024 calendar year:
- High School: Jensen, Alster, Driscoll
 - Middle School: Alster, Bremer, Bormes
 - Appleview: Jensen, Bremer, VanStrien
 - Ridgeview: Jensen, Eluskie, Bormes
 - SECC: Driscoll, VanStrien, Eluskie

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. School Board Appreciation:** The Board was recognized and thanked for their commitment to Sparta Area Schools.
- B. Building and Program Communications:** Updates provided from building principals and administrators
- C. Audience Comments/Public Participation:** Sparta School & Community Theatre promoted the upcoming performances, One-Act Plays (January 12, 2024) and Cinderella (February 2024).

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Budget Amendment:** Kristin Melvin, Director of Finance and Operations, presented a budget amendment. The Board will be asking to adopt the amendment at the February 2024 meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA/APPROVAL:

- A. Previous Minutes:** to accept the minutes from the December 11, 2023 meeting.

B. Personnel Report: to accept the personnel recommendations as presented by Superintendent Stoner.

C. Treasurer's Report: to accept the Treasurer's recommendation to approve the following expenditures:

General Fund	\$624,843.78	Debt Retirement	-
Sinking Fund	\$ 5,632.92	2016 Bond Series 1	-
Student Activities	\$ 37,501.87	2019 Bond Series 2	\$ 23,340.00
Food Service Fund	\$ 179,831.44	Payroll Fund	\$ 903,546.32
		TOTAL	\$ 1,774,696.33

Motion by VanStrien, supported by Alster, to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Board Policy – Second Reading: The Board adopted the following updated policies as presented: po1422, po2266, po4362, po0122, po1420, po2340, po3120, po3130, po3131, po3132, po3139, po3140, po3142, po3220, po1540, po2370.01, po7217, po7540.03, po8305 and po8531.

Motion by Bormes, supported by Eluskie.

Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

A. Thrun School Law Notes: December 2023

B. Board Workshop: January 22, 2024. Steve Johnson, Director of Academic Services, will present an update of the PLC process.

C. Roundtable Discussion:

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Driscoll, supported by Eluskie, to adjourn the meeting at 730pm.

Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mark L Alster

Board of Education Secretary
Sparta Area Schools