



## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm 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 2025 calendar year.

A motion was made by Driscoll, supported by Alster, to appoint Andy Jensen as Board President.

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by Bormes, supported by Alster, to appoint Amanda VanStrien as Board Vice-President.

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by Bormes, supported by VanStrien, to appoint Mark Alster as Board Secretary.

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

A motion was made by Bormes, supported by Bremer, to appoint Kim Eluskie as Board Treasurer.

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

**B. Building/Committee Assignments:** The Board designated the following members for Building Assignments for the 2025 calendar year:

- High School: Jensen, Alster, Driscoll
- Middle School: Alster, Bremer, Eluskie
- Appleview: Jensen, Bremer, VanStrien
- Ridgeview: Jensen, Eluskie, Bormes
- SECC: Driscoll, VanStrien, Bormes

**C. Organizational Approvals for 2025:** The Board approved organizational approvals for 2025 as presented.

A motion was made by VanStrien, supported by Eluskie, to approve the organizational approvals.

Motion Carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

**A. School Board Appreciation:** The Board was recognized and thanked for their support and commitment to Sparta Area Schools students and staff.

**B. Spartan Of the Month:** Jane Wyckoff-Kingshott, Sparta High School English teacher, was honored as the January Spartan of the Month.

**C. Academic Spotlight:** Wendy Allen's presentation was postponed to a later meeting date due to illness.

**D. Building/Program Communications:** Updates were provided by building principals and administrators.

**E. Audience Comments/Public Participation:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Budget Amendment:** Kristin Melvin, Director of Finance and Operations, presented a budget amendment to the Board.
- B. Board Policy First Reading:** The Board was presented with the first reading of policy 2264 and decided to not move forward with adoption.

**CONSENT AGENDA/APPROVAL:**

- A. Previous Minutes:** to accept the minutes from the December 11, 2024 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:

<b>General Fund</b>	\$467,579.76	<b>Debt Retirement</b>	-
<b>Sinking Fund</b>	\$1,890.00	<b>2019 Bond Series 1</b>	-
<b>Student Activities</b>	\$19,956.83	<b>2019 Bond Series 2</b>	\$28,049.00
<b>Food Service Fund</b>	\$122,352.07	<b>Payroll Fund</b>	\$1,472,112.52
		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$2,111,940.18

- D. Donations:** There are no donations this month.

Motion by VanStrien, supported by Alster, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Board Policy Second Reading:** The Board approved the second reading of the fall updates and special update as presented.  
A motion was made by VanStrien, supported by Bormes, to approve the fall policy updates as presented.  
Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.
- B. Network Switch Approval:** The Board approved the purchase of new network switches to replace the old ones.  
A motion was made by Alster, supported by Bremer, to approve the network switches purchase as presented.  
Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.
- C. Resolution to call May 6, 2025 Election:** The Board approved the resolution to call for an election to renew the Operating Millage.  
A motion was made by Alster, supported by Eluskie, to approve the Operating Millage election resolution as presented.  
Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

**SUPERINTENDENT REPORT:**

- A. Thrun School Law Notes:** December 2024
- B. Board Workshop:** January 27, 2025. Kristin Melvin, Director of Finance and Operations, will present on the recent Facility Assessment and the Facility Use process.
- C. Roundtable Discussion:**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion by Bormes, supported by VanStrien, to adjourn the meeting at 8:50pm.

Motion carried: 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Mark L Alster*

Board of Education Secretary  
Sparta Area Schools