



## **SPRING LAKE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT 16**

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Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

### **Minutes of the Regular Meeting School Board, Independent School District 16 Spring Lake Park, Minnesota Tuesday, January 11, 2011**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:00 P.M.**

Chairperson Vranish called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following School Board members were present: Colleen Vranish, John Stroebel, Marilyn Forsberg, Annette Winrick, Gary Brisbin, Kelly Delfs, Jodi Ruch, and Superintendent Dr. Jeff Ronneberg; Student Board Representative Krista Bryz-Gornia.

The following School Board members were absent: Student Board Representative Paulina Yang.

#### **B. AGENDA APPROVAL**

Chairperson Vranish asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

*Motion by Ruch, seconded by Stroebel, motion carried unanimously.*

#### **C. ORGANIZATION OF BOARD**

##### 1. Election of Chairperson

Nominations were called for the position of District 16 Board Chairperson. Vranish was nominated by Delfs, seconded by Brisbin. No further nominations were made and nominations were declared closed. A ballot vote was taken and Vranish was unanimously elected School Board Chairperson for 2011.

##### 2. Election of Vice-Chairperson

Nominations were called for the position of District 16 Board Vice-Chairperson. Stroebel was nominated by Ruch and seconded by Winrick. No further nominations were made and nominations were declared closed. A ballot vote was taken and Stroebel was unanimously elected School Board Vice-Chairperson for 2011.

##### 3. Election of Clerk

Nominations were called for the position of District 16 School Board Clerk. Delfs was nominated by Brisbin and seconded by Forsberg. Winrick was nominated by Ruch and seconded by Stroebel. No further nominations were made and nominations were declared closed. A ballot vote was taken and Delfs received 4 votes (Vranish, Brisbin, Forsberg, and Delfs); Winrick received 3 votes (Ruch, Stroebel, and Winrick). Delfs was elected School Board Clerk for 2011.

##### 4. Election of Treasurer

Nominations were called for the position of District 16 School Board Treasurer. Ruch was nominated by Winrick and seconded by Stroebel. No further nominations were made and nominations were declared closed. A ballot vote was taken and Ruch was unanimously elected School Board Treasurer for 2011.

##### 5. Board Parliamentarian

*Motion by Ruch, seconded by Delfs, to designate Brisbin as the Board's Parliamentarian. Brisbin declined.*

*Motion by Brisbin, seconded by Ruch to designate Winrick as the Board's Parliamentarian who shall rule on all parliamentary procedures and questions.*

*Motion approved unanimously.*

#### **D. PRESENTATION – MINNESOTA LEGISLATORS**

Representative Tom Tillberry (District 51B: Fridley, Spring Lake Park, Mounds View, and a portion of Blaine) reviewed the "interesting things about politics and what does it mean?" He noted the \$6.2 billion

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deficit will make it difficult and a challenge; that the number 1 priority is schools; there is a need to raise revenue and to raise taxes or fees will not do it—plus, they can't cut enough to make a difference. The questions raised continue to be: "How will this affect our children?" and "What are we going to do with our children?"

Representative Tim Sanders (District 51A Blaine) noted that he does not sit on any education committees, but does work on the Commerce Committee, Transportation Committee, and Election Committee with commerce-related issues. His feeling is that Education extremely important and the theme has been in caucuses that "kids are kids—education is important." He indicated there is a need to fund education and would like to see mandate relief for schools. There is review of the Shift and discussion with Governor Dayton on how to repay the Shift. Much will be determined by the February forecast numbers in early March. Representative Sanders requested that school districts put together a Wish List and continue the open communication between the Legislature and school districts.

Senator-elect Pam Wolf (District 51: includes 6 school districts and she has taught or coached at 4 out of 6 of the districts; currently teaching at The Pines School grades 6-12); reviewed that her philosophy is to try and keep things as local as possible. She feels that school districts better idea of what your schools need. She noted that she is in a listening mode in this early phase of her legislative term.

Representative Tillberry and Sanders noted the importance of working together "across the aisle" to be able to reach out with concrete things to do to help our districts.

Superintendent Ronneberg thanked the legislators for all that they are going to do over the next few months; hoped that with their work that education is a priority and that with the Legislature as a whole that education really is a priority. He noted that Governor Dayton appointing Dr. Brenda Cassellius as Commissioner of Education, this will be the first time in 25 years that the MDE Commission will have a background in education.

Board Chair Vranish thanked the Legislators for attending this meeting.

**E. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Add School Board Meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2011

*Motion by Stroebel, seconded by Winrick to add a regular meeting of the School Board on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. (Communication to the School Board and Administration at 6:45 p.m.)  
Motion carried unanimously.*

**F. ADJOURNMENT OF THE REGULAR-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 7:28 p.m.**

*Motion by Ruch, seconded by Forsberg, to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m.*

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Kelly Delfs, Clerk  
Independent School District 16  
Spring Lake Park School District