

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2009**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 19, 2009 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Larry Pritchett, Mrs. Deborah Brothers, Mr. Willard Owen, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, and Mr. John Emmons were also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, received information about prospective employees, and discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. No subject matters were discussed in the Executive Session other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:08 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Gary Boyd, Mr. Josh Thompson, Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marshall, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mrs. Brothers made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 8th, 2008 Board Meeting. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Owen motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. Mr. Galloway questioned the payment to the Orange County Community Foundation for the matching donation to Springs Valley Education Foundation, and the claim to Robert T. Miller for financial consultation. The motion then carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott requested approval of the year-end appropriation transfers in the General, Capital Projects, Transportation, Special Education Preschool, and Rainy Day Funds. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (attachment)

Mr. Todd Pritchett presented the 2008 Financial Review, discussing information from the revenue and fund reports, and gave an 8-year review of General Fund revenues and expenditures.

Mrs. Allstott distributed copies of the Report of Investments for 2008. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that members of the Springs Valley School Board be appointed as members of the 2009 Board of Finance. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Owen and Mr. Galloway discussed information received at the ISBA School Law Seminar, which they attended in December.

Mr. Marshall thanked the Board for their support in helping the Springs Valley Education Foundation reach their goal in receiving more than \$25,000 in donations.

Mr. Boyd announced that a chili supper will be held this Friday evening prior to the Boys Basketball game to benefit the family of Brandon Goodpaster. Mr. Thompson congratulated the Pep Band for winning the Orleans Invitational Contest.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the 5th Grade Boys Basketball team for winning their tourney and 6th Grade team for placing second. He announced that a Title I dinner is being planned for Tuesday, January 27th.

No patrons addressed the Board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated there were no personnel matters.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the drivers' education fees remain at \$320 for in-district students and \$430 for out-of-district students for the 2009 summer session. Mr. Larry Pritchett so moved. Mrs. Brothers seconded. Discussion was held, and the motion then passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker gave a presentation on the ISTEP results for grades 3, 4, 5, and 6, and discussed professional development activities. Mr. Boyd reviewed test scores and comparisons for grades 6, 7, 8, and 10, and talked about differential instruction and writing initiatives as positive changes toward improving test scores.

As recommended by Mr. Jeff Kerby and Mr. Lionel Brown, Mr. Todd Pritchett requested approval for the purchase of the new student information software system Skyward at an initial cost of \$41,820 with a \$3,000 annual fee. Mrs. Brothers made a motion to approve the purchase. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

In regard to the Gym Renovations project, Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that architect Mr. John Hawkins recommended the first seven items of the bid be considered as a package. Mrs. Brothers made a motion to move forward with the renovation project in items 1 through 7, and to talk with Mr. Hawkins about ideas for the concession and trophy areas, items 8 and 9. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. The matter was then discussed, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Thompson presented information on discipline and attendance at the high school, and stated that the change from primarily using In-School Suspension to the Thursday night/Saturday School was proving very helpful in discipline matters and credit recovery. Discussion was then held.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that a decision on when to reschedule the make-up day for the December 17th school cancellation will be made at a later date, dependent upon future missed days and the school calendar.

The After School Enrichment Program by Hoosier Uplands for kindergarten through 5th grade students will begin next Friday, January 30th. Registration for the program is full at 70 students, with a waiting list for future participants.

Copies of the Annual Performance Report for Springs Valley Community Schools Corporation were distributed.

Mr. Todd Pritchett discussed Governor Mitch Daniels' initiative for consolidation of schools with an enrollment of less than 1,000 students, and relayed information from Mr. Frank Bush. Board members and superintendent discussed the issue. Mr. Owen suggested a proposal to be made at the February meeting, and requested this matter be considered as an agenda item for the meeting. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that at this point, he is opposed to the initiative.

Mr. Kellams stated that he would be unable to attend the February 9th meeting.

Mr. Marshall complimented Mr. Todd Pritchett on the balanced budget, and was pleased with the ISTEP test scores.

With no other business, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn at 7:35. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

