

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 10, 2012**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 10, 2012 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also present. Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Mark Hammond, Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mrs. Linda Carnes, and Mr. Ryan Carnes were in attendance for portions of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation/pending litigation, implementation of security systems, purchase or lease of real property, received information about prospective employees, discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction including job performance evaluations, and interviewed industrial or commercial prospects. 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 6:20 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members, Mr. Todd Pritchett, and Mr. Whitaker were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

Minutes of the November 12th, 2012 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Purkhiser. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott requested special permission to pay invoices as received for the remainder of December, 2012, with said claims to be approved by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was passed 7-0.

On behalf of the Southern Indiana Superintendents' Club, Mr. Todd Pritchett thanked board members for their support of the recent conference held in French Lick. He stated that the conference was very successful, and attendees were impressed with our school facilities and the community.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recognized outgoing board members Mr. Todd Marshall and Mr. Eddie Kellams, and expressed appreciation for their service. Mr. Marshall has served eight and one-half years, including six and one-half years as board president, and Mr. Kellams has served four and one-half years. Their terms as board members will expire the end of December.

No patrons addressed the board.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the nepotism and employment practices would be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the wireless connectivity project for our buildings is almost complete, and will enable the use of additional electronic devices with pilot programs beginning soon. This project was approved under the Capital Projects plan, with the hope of being reimbursed for a percentage of costs by an e-rate grant. We have, however, been notified that our grant application was denied due to a lack of funding.

The bus barn roof repairs have been completed by Hedinger Roofing. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the need for more permanent repairs or replacement will be addressed in the next couple of years.

An energy savings report from Schnieder Electric was distributed to board members, and discussion held.

Mrs. Cheryl Lynch made a motion to adopt the 2013-14 calendar as presented. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of attorney J.C. Tucker as legal counsel for 2013, with terms of the contract remaining unchanged. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested approval of plan administrator change from MetLife to Security Benefits for the 401(a) Plan Buy-Out and 401(a) Plan On-Going. He stated that administration and the local classroom teachers' association had agreed to the change, and Security Benefits will also be added as a 403(b) vendor. Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the changes as stated. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve the dissolution of the South Central Area Vocational School, as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. This cooperative ceased operations over ten years ago, and dissolution would allow refund of the remaining funds held in account, with Springs Valley Community Schools to receive 20% of said funds (\$7,078.10). Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

In reference to previous discussion regarding policy development and review, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the cost for Neola's services was estimated at \$21,000. His recommendation was to explore other alternatives for said work, and the board concurred.

Springs Valley Education Foundation has requested a matching endowment up to \$25,000 for donations received in 2013. Mr. Marshall stated the endowment fund has a current balance of over \$250,000, with a scholarship program in place. Mr. Allstott motioned to approve the request. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that a special board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 20th, 2012 with the executive session to begin at 5:00 PM and the regular session to start at 7:00 PM or following the executive session, whichever is later.

Following past practice, Mr. Todd Pritchett stated the January board meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month, the 21st, and will serve as the annual board of finance meeting and the re-organizational meeting, with incoming board members to be sworn in.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Marshall motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kellams seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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