

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2015**

Executive Sessions

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 19, 2015 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance.

During the Executive Sessions, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, personnel, and litigation. No subject matters were discussed in the Executive Sessions other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

A second Executive Session was held, and dismissed at 6:49 PM. All board members and Mr. Whitaker were present at the second Executive Session.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:06 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Edith Pinnick, and Mr. J.C. Tucker were present.

Mrs. Lynch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. J.C. Tucker administered the Oath of Office to re-elected board members Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Purkhiser, and new board member Mrs. Shipman.

Mrs. Lynch then opened the floor for nominations of officers. Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to retain the officers as in place the past year. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. Mr. Whitaker clarified the officers are Mrs. Lynch as board president, Dr. Carnes as Vice-President, Mr. Purkhiser - Secretary, and Dr. Carnes as Legislative Liaison.

The Code of Ethics, as prepared by the Indiana School Boards Association, was reaffirmed.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were signed by board members Mr. Allstott and Dr. Carnes.

Mr. Galloway motioned to retain the current meeting date, time and location, with the meetings to continue being held the second Monday of each month, except the January meeting to be on the third Monday, at 5:00 PM executive/6:00 PM regular session or following the executive, at the Learning Center Board Room. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that board compensation is currently \$2,000 annually with \$100 per monthly meeting and \$50 per diem per special meeting, with fully paid dental, vision, and life insurance. Mr. Galloway moved for board compensation and benefits to remain the same. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion for Mr. Purkhiser to continue as representative for Springs Valley Schools on the Lost River Career Cooperative Board, and Dr. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Purkhiser appreciated the opportunity to continue in that position, and stated they have recently received a \$96,000 technology equipment grant.

Minutes of the December 8th, 2014 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, as Mrs. Shipman abstained.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve vouchers and claims and the Allowance of Transfers of appropriations as presented. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (attachment)

Mr. Whitaker announced that the FFA State Forestry team finished 7th out of 49 teams at a recent competition, with Jasmine Hobson placing 8th out of 196 individuals, Brendan Hughes – 38th, and Addie George – 46th. He added that Bailey Crowder was unable to compete due to illness.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the basketball homecoming royalty of Princess Brooke Parker, Prince Hunt Reynolds, Queen Sherika Frances, and King Mitch Nelson.

The Blackhawk Brigade performed on WHAS Channel 11 last week, as Mr. Aylsworth and students accepted their Battle of the Bands award. The brigade received over 60,000 votes in the contest.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated Mr. Mark Hammond for receiving an Exemplary Sportsman Report from the IHSAA for his work and organization of our Holiday Tournament. He added that all of our athletic contests run very smoothly, crediting Mr. Hammond and our administrative staff.

Mr. Hammond recommended the following coaching positions for the 2014-15 spring sports seasons: Baseball – Bob Greger as head coach, Seth Dickey - assistant coach, Matt Pierce as volunteer assistant; Softball – Joe Crow, head coach, Jaima Emmons – varsity assistant, Sara Robbins as junior high coach, and volunteer coaches Heath Snider, Ashley Tinkle, Ronnie Allen, Gail Johnson, and Beth Emmons; Track – Jack Hinkle as head boys coach, Derek Freeman – head girls coach, Daniel Wolford as junior high boys, Monica Wolford – junior high girls, and Tim Weisenberger and Abby Brown as volunteer coaches; and Boys Golf – Brent Harner, head coach and Danny Orr as volunteer assistant. Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the coaching list as presented. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Mr. Galloway motioned to accept the resignation of Mrs. Leann Fromme, second grade teaching assistant, effective December 19, 2014. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Woolsey and Mr. Whitaker recommended Mrs. Misti Nelson be employed to fill the teaching assistant vacancy, and Mr. Whitaker stated the salary and benefits will follow the non-certified schedule. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended accepting the resignation of Mr. Blane Buchanan as night custodian, effective December 19, 2014. Mr. Galloway motioned as recommended. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. John Carnes and Mr. Whitaker recommended employing Mr. Larry Burton for the night custodian position, with salary and benefits to follow the non-certified schedule. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Mrs. Judy Edwards did not meet the terms of her employment when she was hired as a cafeteria worker in February, 2014. He stated that Mrs. Kelly Weisenberger has posted this opening, and is now accepting applications.

Mr. Whitaker stated the new school bus, which was ordered from Midwest Transit Equipment in September, 2014 should be arriving in late February.

Mr. Whitaker informed the board that no bids were received for the 1993 pickup truck and snowblade, which was advertised with a reserve bid of \$1,500.00. He suggested to re-advertise with a \$1,000 reserve. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended adoption of the 2015-16 school year calendar, stating the two make-up days before Christmas break will be for semester finals only and the August 4th date will be a one-half work day for teachers. Mr. Allstott made a motion to adopt the

2015-16 school year calendar as presented. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to allow Mrs. Barbara Renner and FCCLA members to travel to Indianapolis March 8 to 10 to attend the state conference, and allow Mrs. Lisa Wray and vocational students to attend the conference for competition. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker gave a financial review of 2013 and 2014 revenue, expenditures, and fund balances, detailing the continued financial decline with continuing reduction of state funding and declining enrollment. The General Fund had a balance of \$144,170 on January 1, 2014, and a negative balance of \$5,060 as of December 31, 2014, reflecting \$149,230 spent from the General Fund cash balance, as well as \$186,303 expended from the Rainy Day Fund for utilities that were not allowable under Capital Projects, for a total deficit amount of \$335,534 for the General Fund in 2014. He added that projected revenue in 2015 is \$126,479 less than 2014. In closing, Mr. Whitaker stated that it remains important that all stakeholders work together to develop a plan, making some tough decisions while keeping the students' best interest in mind. He added that the Rainy Day and Casino Revenue Funds are healthy, which will help us to keep afloat. Mr. Purkhiser urged the audience to call their legislatures to voice support of a proposed bill that would fund kindergarten students as full-time, whereas we are currently only receiving one-half funding for kindergarteners while providing full-time schooling.

Mrs. Lynch advised that the board would be returning to Executive Session following the Board of Finance Annual Meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Galloway motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 6:31 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker were present, along with Mrs. Allstott and Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Whitaker stated that an annual Board of Finance meeting is required by law, with the appointment of a president and secretary.

Mrs. Lynch opened the floor for discussion of officers. Mr. Galloway made a motion to appoint Mrs. Lynch as President and Mr. Purkhiser as Secretary for the Board of Finance. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the 2014 Report of Investments to board members for their review. (copy attached)

Mrs. Allstott advised that per State Board of Accounts' guidelines, she has voided a payroll check from 2012 that remained outstanding and unpaid, and the check amount of \$.91 has been receipted back into the originating fund. (see attachment)

With no other business, Mr. Galloway made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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