

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2015**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 9, 2015 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, 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 Session other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:11 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker, as well as Mr. Jim Bush, Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Minutes of the October 12, 2015 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Purkhiser, and second by Mr. Galloway. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve vouchers and claims as presented. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recognized the girls' varsity volleyball team for their record of 27-5 and winning the PLAC conference championship. He also congratulated students Olivia Carnes for being named to the academic all-state team, 2nd team all-state, and all-conference, Hannah Pendley – all-state (2nd year in a row), all-conference, and Class "A" Showdown all-tourney team, Caity Pierce – all-conference and conference record for assists in a season, and Caitlyn Reynolds for being named to the all-conference team.

He acknowledged the varsity football team for their record 5-5, and congratulated Hunt Reynolds, Daniel Green, Hector Walker, Yosiah McTier, Jacob Bates, and O'Brien Selby for being named to the all-conference team.

The girls' basketball team opens their season tomorrow evening at home against Shoals.

A taco dinner will be hosted by the boys' and girls' basketball teams on Friday night, with other activities planned after that.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the Blackhawk Brigade on an outstanding season, finishing second in state competition. The band had a great season, and Mr. Whitaker is very proud of Mr. Luke Aylsworth and his students.

Mr. Purkhiser stated the culinary arts class did a fabulous job in preparing food for a recent Orange County Extension meeting. Mr. Bush added that the culinary arts class is taking orders for pumpkin rolls, to be delivered prior to Thanksgiving.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Mr. Whitaker informed board members that Mrs. Teresa Apple has started drawing days from the Sick Leave Bank, per terms of the Master Contract.

As recommended by Mr. Mark Hammond, Mr. Whitaker requested the following coaches be hired for the winter season: Trent Pendley as 5th/6th grade boys basketball volunteer assistant, and Frank McCormick as volunteer assistant for the 7th/8th grade girls basketball. Mr. Galloway motioned as recommended. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Scott Stenftenagel of The Stenftenagel Group presented information to the board regarding the bids recently received for the VRF installation project and the bus garage roof replacement project. South Central Roofing of Columbus, Indiana was the low bidder on the bus garage roofing project, with a bid in the amount of \$56,281.00. Mr. Stenftenagel stated this bid amount was less than the estimated project cost, and South Central received good references. He recommended accepting their bid and proceeding with the project as weather permits. Mehringer Plumbing & Heating of Jasper submitted the low bid of \$127,250.00 for the VRF installation project using Mitsubishi units in the high school gym. Mr. Stenftenagel advised the specifications allowed for bids using three different manufacturers. Upon review of the bids received and consultation with Schmidt Associates and Mr. Wes McNeely, the Daikin units were

selected for the project with the Mehringer bid amount of \$127,700.00. He added that Mehringer's is aware of the sensitivity of the project due to daily usage of the facility. Mr. Stenftenagel requested acceptance of Mehringer Plumbing & Heating's bid. Three other bids were received for the bus garage roof replacement, including Schmidt Contracting for the amount of \$58,575, Sentry Roofing for \$69,650, and Midwest Roofing for \$82,650. Other bids for the VRF installing project with the Mitsubishi units were received from HFI Mechanical in the amount of \$140,000, Graves Plumbing for \$138,138, and Commercial Services for \$146,000. The local contractor HPDI did not submit any bids for this project. Mr. Whitaker then recommended proceeding with Mr. Stenftenagel's proposals for these two projects. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Stenftenagel stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Whitaker, Mr. McNeely, and contractors on Thursday to move forward with these projects. He added that future projects in the main gym include air conditioning and humidity control along with the installation of circulation fans, lighting improvements for which tremendous rebates will help pay for the project, and acoustical improvements, along with installation of VRF systems in other areas of the gym and upgrading the facility to meet ADA access. He added that he would hope to have the gym completely off the hot water system, where we have had water leaks recently. Possible projects in the swimming pool area include repairs to the HVAC system, improvements to meet ADA requirements, and lighting improvements to increase energy efficiency. Installation of LED lights in the cafeteria and gym spaces, classrooms, and academic areas will also be considered. Discussion was held regarding these issues.

Mr. Whitaker stated that as discussed at previous meetings, Orleans and Paoli Community Schools have adopted resolutions concerning the distribution of casino funds currently held in our county that have not been divided due to the recent legislative change that states the three schools must agree on the distribution formula. Orleans and Paoli both adopted resolutions allowing for 36% of said funding to go to Springs Valley, 34% to Paoli, and 30% to Orleans. He then recommended that a resolution be adopted tonight by our board, even though it might not be with the same figures as used by the other two schools, and asked for a motion for one of the previously discussed distribution formulas to be adopted or guidance for direction. Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to retain the original 50/25/25 split, stating that he felt this distribution was fair as the casino is completely in the Springs Valley school district, we are the only district in the county that has to deal with various hotel/casino activities, and we are the only one affected by the TIF district. Mrs. Carnes seconded the motion, adding that Mr. Purkhiser was correct that we are not making any attempt to change the distribution, leaving the percentage as originally decided, and not attempting to take any more than the original agreement. The motion was then approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker informed board members that the General Fund Task Force had met recently, and good discussion was conducted at the meeting with movement toward getting out of deficit financing by the 2019 budget year. He added that our school is very financially sound, and long-term and short-term goals are both being considered.

Mr. Whitaker stated that preliminary ISTEP scores for grades 3-8 have been received, but are embargoed at this time. Parents have the opportunity to request re-scoring of the tests due to issues at the state level, scores should be finalized on December 8th, and the principals will share the results after that time.

The January board meeting has typically been moved to the third Monday of the month to allow time for processing the end-of-year financial reports. Mr. Whitaker reported that the 3rd Monday of January, 2016 falls on the 18th, which is scheduled as a no-school make-up day on the school calendar. He recommended the January 2016 board meeting be held on Tuesday, the 19th. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser advised fellow board members that a bill has been proposed for the next legislative session which would make the school representative a voting member on TIF district boards, thus giving us a say in those matters. He suggested others contact legislators to support this bill.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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