

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 14, 2016**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2016 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 evaluation, 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 6:04 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as 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 10, 2016 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and second by Mrs. Shipman. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2016 board meeting, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was approved 5-0-2, with Mr. Allstott and Mrs. Shipman abstaining.

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

Mrs. Lynch signed the Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Southern Indiana School Trust.

Mr. Whitaker recognized the Blackhawk Brigade for winning the ISSMA Class D State Championship. He stated that Band Director Mr. Luke Aylsworth was unavailable to attend tonight's meeting, but they hope to have some band members present at a future meeting.

The volleyball team finished the season with a record of 23 - 8, and were PLAC champions with a 6-0 record. Awards were announced as follows: PLAC All-Conference – Caity Pierce, Caitlin Reynolds, and Sophie Webster; 2nd Team All-State – Caity Pierce and Caitlin Reynolds; and new PLAC record set by Caity Pierce for all-time assist record. Mr. Whitaker also congratulated Caity Pierce for being selected to the Indiana North-South All-Star Team, and stated that she will play in the Class 1A/2A match this Sunday.

The football team had a season record of 4 – 6, and recognized Jacob Bates, Chase Crecelius, Triston Hart, and Braden Whitaker for being named to the All-Conference team.

Mr. Whitaker announced that two of our FFA Forestry teams have advanced to state competition: the senior team of Addie George, Brendan Hughes, Katherine Hamlin, and Reed Tarr finished 5th in the district, and the junior high team with members Kayla Estrada, Kyla Tarr, Gunner Purkhiser, and Brycen Qualkenbush placed 3rd.

Incoming board member Mr. Dustin Farris asked about attending the Executive Session of the December board meeting. Mr. Whitaker stated that he had planned to invite the four newly-elected board members to attend that meeting. Mr. Farris also spoke regarding the hiring of the elementary principal position, and requested postponement of that decision until the January 2017 meeting. Mrs. Lynch stated that we had been working on this matter since the end of last school year, applications have been reviewed, candidates interviewed, and Mr. Whitaker is prepared to make a recommendation at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Justin Winger questioned the cost of the benefit package for the new principal, and Mr. Whitaker advised he could get that information for him.

Under Personnel Matters, Mr. Whitaker recommended that Mr. Trevor Apple be hired as elementary principal on a two-year contract for the annual amount of \$74,000 with fully paid insurance benefits excluding the insurance bridge. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

As requested by Mrs. Kelly Weisenberger, Mr. Whitaker recommended the employment of Mrs. Joyce Reed as cashier of the lunch register in the elementary cafeteria, working four hours per day with her salary to be paid by the Cafeteria Fund and employment to begin immediately. Mr. Allstott motioned as requested. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Regarding the NEOLA policy process, Mr. Whitaker stated there were a few policies that had been proposed but not yet adopted. Following revisions, he now requests adoption of the policies as presented: 2370.02, 2460, 2460.03, 2510, 2600, 2700, 3112, 3140, 3215, 3217, and 3220. Mr. Whitaker stated that copies of the revised policies were provided to board members for review, and that he will be meeting with Dr. James Halik next week to prepare more policies to be presented at the December meeting. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to adopt the policies as presented. Mr. Galloway seconded. During discussion, it was stated that most of the revisions were due to verbiage clean-up and for state-required policies. The motion then passed 7-0.

Under Old and Unfinished Business, Mr. Scott Stenftenagel of The Stenftenagel Group stated that three bids were received for the Pool HVAC and Lighting Project. After review of the bids, he recommended acceptance of the low base bid from Commercial Services and alternate bids at the discretion of the board. Discussion was held regarding the matter, including alternate bid number 7 which is for the removal of existing suspended ceiling grid system, ductwork, and install new suspended ceiling system. Mr. Whitaker stated that we might possibly want to keep the ceiling grid but remove the ductwork, and asked if we could hold off and work with the contractor to determine what we want to do. Mr. Stenftenagel stated that a change order could be done if needed. Mr. Whitaker advised that Wes McNeely and John Carnes have reviewed the bids and alternates. Consensus was that the work in the pool area is long overdue. He then recommended acceptance of the base bid and alternates 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7, excluding alternate bid 4, for the total of \$849,019 with payment to be made from the Rainy Day and Capital Projects Funds. Mr. Stenftenagel stated an allowance of \$22,000 was built in to cover unforeseen items, and that the exterior work could be started before school dismisses next spring. Mr. Allstott motioned as recommended. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Stenftenagel advised that he is awaiting the close-out documents on the current lighting improvement project, and the doors and hardware are being installed tonight for the door security project, which should be completed by the end of the week.

Mr. Whitaker requested the purchase of a Thomas Activity Bus priced at \$52,623, with \$3,634 to be paid from the Bus Replacement Fund and the balance of the cost from Rainy Day. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker discussed the purchase of commemorative rings for Brigade members. Cost of the rings is speculated to be \$200 to \$250 per ring, with 90 to 100 rings being purchased. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve the purchase as requested. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Kevin Knies has requested permission for the junior and senior forestry teams to travel to the state competition at Purdue University on December 10th, with an overnight trip on the 9th to allow students the opportunity to attend the Rossville FFA practice event that evening. Mr. Whitaker stated this trip would be with no cost to the corporation except fuel for the bus. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Lynch advised that Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Purkhiser are working on grant applications for new playground equipment. Mr. Whitaker advised that he is also working with Mr. Apple on an Eli Lilly grant for counseling staff and programs.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

