

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 29, 2017**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Thursday, June 29, 2017 in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Todd Marshall, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Justin Winger were present. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance. Mr. Daniel Wolford was present for portions of the meeting. Board member Mr. Chris Burton was absent.

A second Executive Session was held following the Regular Session, and adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:39 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Purkhiser, Mr. Farris, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Winger, and Mr. Whitaker, as well as Mr. Trevor Apple and Mrs. Kathy Allstott.

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

There were no recognitions and acknowledgements at this time.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve Jeremy Reynolds as assistant football coach, as recommended by Mr. Whitaker. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker announced that Mr. Jim Bush has resigned as junior/senior high school principal effective June 30, 2017. The position was posted, applications were received for the prior two weeks through today. He stated the interview process will begin next week, and plans to bring the finalist before the board the following week, with the goal to name a principal the week of July 10th with the latest hire date of the 17th.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Mrs. Kelly Weisenberger has resigned from her position as Food Service Director effective July 6, 2017. The position has been posted, and applications will be screened when received.

Mr. Whitaker opened the floor for discussion on the matter of the contract for the assistant principal/athletic director position. Mr. Winger moved to table the matter. Mrs. Shipman seconded. With no other discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

As we continue to move through restructuring of the special education staff, Mr. Whitaker brought information before the board regarding hours and benefits for the teaching assistants. Mrs. Shipman made a motion to table this matter pending further information. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

There was no old and unfinished business to discuss.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the junior/senior high school and elementary student handbooks, along with a discipline matrix for the junior/senior high school as presented. He stated that changes to both were included in the June 12th board packet. Mr. Winger commented that he would make that motion with a change in the discipline matrix to include suspension/expulsion. Mr. Farris seconded. During discussion, Mrs. Shipman requested that the opening statement in the elementary handbook regarding "School is a student's job" be included in the junior/senior high school handbook as well. Mr. Apple recited the statement in reference. Mr. Winger then amended his motion to include the opening statement as mentioned in the junior/senior high school handbook. Mr. Farris seconded the amended motion, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Mrs. Susan Freeman has served as the corporation representative on the Melton Public Library Board for the past 16 years, with this being the maximum term allowed

per the by-laws. He thanked Mrs. Freeman for her service to the board, and recommended appointing Mrs. Connie Brewer as our representative for the term beginning July 10, 2017. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Winger seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Lynch noted that while continuing work on the NEOLA policies, she would like to incorporate some language provided by the ISBA regarding regulations for reporting neglect and child abuse. Mr. Marshall stated the changes would be included in the first reading of such policy.

Mr. Apple stated that the Kindergarten Countdown program for incoming kindergarteners will begin next Wednesday, July 6th with a full classload of 21 or 22 students.

Mr. Whitaker added that the summer school programs went very well.

Mr. Winger opened discussion on the matter of having the four Kindergarten classrooms located together, and asked Mr. Apple for his input. Mr. Apple stated that if that becomes an item the board would like to pursue, he agreed that he felt it would be best to have all Kindergarten classrooms together. Concerns with the moderate/severe special education classroom were discussed. Options and recommendations on this matter will be reviewed.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Purkhiser motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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