

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2019**

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:03 PM on Monday, February 11, 2019 in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Joel Dalton, and Mrs. Cheryl Lynch were present. Dr. Trevor Apple, Mr. Kyle Neukam, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were also in attendance.

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

Minutes of the January 14, 2019, January 25, 2019, and February 4, 2019 board meetings, and vouchers and claims were approved as presented with a motion by Mrs. Lynch. Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple stated that Mrs. Jan Van Emon could not be at the meeting tonight, but asked that he share the following information. The elementary spelling bee was held recently, with Lydia Gossett, champion, and Addie Moffatt, Matthew Woolsey, and Jake Stillions – runners-up. These students will compete in the county spelling bee on February 24th. Six elementary students received Gold status at the ISSMA Solo & Ensemble competition: Logan Siegrist, Josie Dixon, Noah Aylsworth, Marissa Marshall, Skylan Emmons, and Elliott Wininger. A school-wide celebration of the “Arctic Blast” was held at the elementary school, with students arriving to the Arctic by plane with tickets and passports. Students experienced the Arctic through video presentations, and were visited by Mrs. Land and her sled dog Negin. Mrs. Land has participated in the Iditarod dog sled race. Other classroom activities were planned by teachers for their students throughout the week. A special thank you was extended to the staff for their time in planning and decorating for the celebration. Six staff members attended the Southern Indiana Education Center textbook fair to review reading materials for the spring adoption. National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) testing will be completed in grade four this month. The recent eLearning day was successful with a very high percentage of students returning their assignment packets.

On behalf of Mr. Jason Russell, Mr. Neukam congratulated Colton Reynolds for being named First Team All-State by the Indiana Football Coaches’ Association, Jackson Land and Cole Cooper for being selected as Academic All-State honorees for this past football season, Christian Tucker and Jewel McCormick for being named Indy Star Athletes of the Week this season, Jewel McCormick for scoring her 1,000th point, and Coach Martha Niehaus on her 400th career win. The boys’ basketball sectional is February 26th, March 1st, and March 2nd at Wood Memorial.

Mr. Neukam thanked Mr. Russell and everyone involved with hosting the girls’ basketball sectional and regional. He stated that many compliments were received on the tournament organization, cleanliness of our facility, great food, and the hospitality. He thanked our custodial staff for the great job in maintaining our facilities, and for the work they do every day. Patriot’s Pen Essay finalists, Brynne Buchanan, Madysine Burton, Jack Dalton, Sarah Drabing, Kaylee Hall, Lola Pantoja, and Bella Shipman, will receive an award from the Paoli VFW Post. Junior high spelling bee winners are Karson Dalton – 1st place, Lola Pantoja – runner-up, Kaylee Hall and Konner Chase, county finalists to compete at the February 24th competition. Media students were invited to “Escape French Lick” in their newly opened room, with students to write reviews which will be used for marketing purposes by the organization. We are excited to bring in Equitable Education Solutions for our continuing school improvement plan, and Mr. Neukam stated that we look forward to bringing new ideas to our staff which will in turn support our overall goal of maximizing student success. ISTEP re-testing will be conducted February 27th through March 5th.

Mrs. Janet Harrison, Youth Services Supervisor with Hoosier Hills PACT, provided an update on the various programs conducted by PACT staff during the first semester. The Behavior Monitoring Reinforcement Program worked with 21 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students, with those students showing improvements in grades, overall grade-point

average, attendance, and suspension rates. Family consultants supervised 15 students on in-school suspension for a total of 27 days' ISS. Lifeskills, a substance abuse prevention program, was included with the health curriculum for 24 students enrolled. The anti-violence and bullying program, Owning Up, was facilitated by PACT staff in gender-specific groups. The PACT staff provided assistance to 140 additional students for things such as conflict resolution, academic support, hygiene items, and school supplies. Mrs. Harrison thanked the board for their support of the PACT programs.

Mr. Damon Robbins addressed Dr. Apple and board members with questions on the costs of current and proposed bus routes, and suggested negotiations for the eight routes as per the previous specifications instead of the corporation taking back three of the routes.

Dr. Apple presented the following personnel items for recommendation: 1) Andrea Smock has resigned as instructional assistant in the elementary, and approve hiring Jenny Crews as special education instructional aide. 2) Hire Luke Keller as health and physical education teacher in the junior/senior high school. 3) Approve Darren Kerns and Jason Russell as driver's education instructors at a salary of \$40 per hour. 4) Approve fall head coaches – Cross Country – Derek Freeman, Football – Mark Hammond, and Volleyball – Erin Carnes. 5) Junior High Baseball Volunteer – Richard Hammond. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. Dr. Apple stated that Mrs. Crews will begin work on February 12th, and Mr. Keller will begin employment on February 13th. Mr. Neukam commented that he believes Mr. Keller will be a good fit at Springs Valley, who holds additional licenses and brings experience in coaching and athletic duties. The motion was carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended seeking bids for bus routes 2, 3, 8, 10, and 11 with bids due in the superintendent's office by 2:00 on March 7th, with bids to be opened at that time and action taken at the March 11th board meeting. Mrs. Shipman motioned as recommended, and Mr. Burton seconded. Discussion included the possibility of negotiations with bus drivers instead of re-bidding, the corporation taking on three routes to save money, concern for student safety, the need for bus drivers, and the desire for a good balance between cost-savings and keeping contracted drivers. With no other discussion, a vote was taken on the motion to seek bids for the five bus routes as stated. The motion did not pass with the vote of 3-4, with Mr. Burton, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Marshall, and Mrs. Shipman voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple advised that he is currently reviewing a quote from Architectural Sales to add wireless card access locks on a number of additional entryways around the school. This project will be paid for with the Secured School Safety Grant and corporation matching funds up to \$70,000 total.

A corporation safety audit was held recently, and all of Springs Valley's building safety plans are in compliance with the Indiana Codes and Indiana Administrative Rules' requirements. Dr. Apple thanked Mr. Wolford for his efforts on this matter.

Dr. Apple stated that he has received the amended agreement with Youth First, which will reallocate the funds received from the Lilly Counseling Implementation Grant. He added that there will be no change in the services provided by Youth First.

Springs Valley Community Schools has met all requirements for the Office of Civil Rights compliance, with Mrs. Marilyn Tucker Fullen having submitted the outstanding documentation on January 11th.

Mrs. Lynch motioned to appoint Mrs. Suzanne Emmons to the Melton Public Library Board for another term, as recommended by Dr. Apple. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval of the driver's education program this summer, with the student fee of \$330.00. He advised the cost proposal had been provided in the board financial packet. Mrs. Shipman moved as recommended, and Mr. Burton seconded. Discussion was held regarding the matter. The motion was then passed 7-0.

The February 2019 ADM count was reported with 817 students. Dr. Apple stated that the February 2018 count was 846, and the September 2018 count, which is used for funding purposes, was 834. The September 2017 student count was 858.

Dr. Apple reported that Dr. James Halik will be meeting with board members and administrators on March 14 and 15 to begin strategic planning for our corporation. A working dinner is planned for Thursday, the 14th, followed by a day of planning on Friday, March 15th. More information will be provided as available.

Upcoming projects include directional signage, landscaping, and cleaning of building exteriors.

The dates for Kindergarten Roundup have been set, with those activities planned for April 2nd and 3rd.

The following policies had been presented for first reading at the January 14th board meeting: 1430, 1520.08, 1521, 2221, 2370.03, 2414, 2462, 2700, 3120.07, 3120.08, 3121, 3139, 3141, 3220.02, 3430, 3431, 4120.08, 4121, 4430, 5112, 5330, 5340.01, 5350, 5460, 5517.01, 5771, 6210, 6212, 6620, 6621, 6655, 6800, 7440, 8340, 8455, 8462, 8500, 8600, and 9160. Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve the policies as presented. Mr. Burton seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Shipman questioned what steps will be taken now that the contracted bus routes will not be rebid. Mr. Wininger advised the only direction will be to negotiate with drivers. Mr. Damon Robbins addressed the board.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.

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