

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2021**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 PM on Monday, October 4, 2021 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was in attendance, as well as Mrs. Renee Childress, Mr. Kyle Neukam, and Dr. Matt Williams. Board member Mrs. Cheryl Lynch was absent from the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluation, collective bargaining, school safety and security, 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 6:03 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above were in attendance. Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and Mrs. Felicia Wolfington were also present. Mrs. Lynch did not attend the meeting.

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

Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2021 and September 21, 2021 board meetings, and the vouchers and claims listings as presented. Mr. Burton seconded. The motion carried 5-0-1, with Mr. Dalton abstaining.

Mrs. Childress thanked Dr. Apple for providing lunch for all staff members last Friday. Students enjoyed presentations today from author Professor Watermelon and illustrator Mr. Smart. Mrs. Childress stated the presentations were tailored to specific grade levels and tied to our Indiana Academic Standards in reading, writing, social studies, science, and visual arts. Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for this Thursday from 3:30 to 6:30 PM and on Friday from 8:00 to 11:45 AM. Students will have a normal school day on Thursday, but school will not be in session on Friday. Fall break will be the week of October 11 through the 15th. Elementary student pictures will be taken on October 19th. Red Ribbon Week will be recognized the week of October 25th, with drug-free messages and dress-up day events planned. Student ambassadors are sponsoring a hat day on Tuesday, October 26th, with donations to be used to trick-or-treat all of the Pre-K through 5th grade students on Friday, the 29th and to share baskets of candy with healthcare workers at the Paoli and Jasper hospitals. Mrs. Childress thanked the PTSO for sponsoring our Fall Parties, which will be held on Friday, October 29th. She added that students, teachers, and staff have worked hard this first quarter of school, and she wished everyone a safe and restful fall break.

Mr. Neukam thanked teachers and aides for all of their work in this challenging start to the school year, and wished everyone a well-deserved Fall Break. Parent-teacher conferences at the high school are scheduled for this Thursday after school until 7:00 and Friday morning until Noon. Art teacher Mrs. Abby Laux will have a solo art show at the Cultural Center in Jasper on November 4th. Picture retakes will be on October 21st. The PSAT test will be administered on October 26th. The FFA state convention will be October 27-29 in Indianapolis. Grades for the first nine-week grading period for junior-senior high school students will be posted this Friday, October 8th. The school's YouTube channel is now called "The NEW Blackhawk Nation", and the media team runs their content on the Instagram page, "BlackhawkMediaNews". Mr. Neukam congratulated the Blackhawk Brigade for finishing second at Floyd Knobs a couple of weeks ago and hosting a great competition here this past weekend. He recognized all of the fall sports teams, stating that every program has had successful team and individual performances and said that we are being well represented by our band and athletic programs. Homecoming festivities were held Friday evening and Mr. Neukam commended everyone involved on an excellent job. Mr. Neukam congratulated the girls' golf team for having two girls advance to regional competition. Cross country runners Grant Brown, Alan Marshall, Sophie Harris, and Dane Harris earned all-conference awards. Senior Night is scheduled for Friday, October 8th. The cross country sectional will be held this Saturday at Jasper, the football sectional draw is set for Sunday, the 10th,

and the volleyball team will compete in sectional play on October 16th at Orleans against Northeast Dubois.

Mr. Wininger congratulated Mr. Hagen, band students, and parents for hosting the Festival of Bands event last Saturday, with 12 participating bands and the Blackhawk Brigade. He thanked Tyler Albright for doing a fantastic job of covering the facilities, and the French Lick Street Department for ensuring that we had everything needed to keep the traffic away from students on Larry Bird Boulevard.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple presented the following personnel items as a consent agenda: 1) Chris Hatfield – 6th grade boys’ basketball coach, \$1,000; 2) Tom Hahn – volunteer 5th/6th grade boys’ basketball coach; and 3) Tony Whitaker – volunteer high school basketball coach. Mr. Burton so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Apple advised the student enrollment ADM count on September 17th was 814.

After meetings with members of the Teachers’ Association concerning the 2021-22 and 2022-23 contract, Dr. Apple advised that he will be recommending a motion to approve the tentative contract agreement between the Springs Valley Teachers Association and the Springs Valley Community School Corporation. The tentative agreement has been ratified by the Teachers Association. Dr. Apple opened the floor for comments from the public regarding the tentative bargaining agreement. With no public input, Dr. Apple asked for a motion to approve the 2021-22 and 2022-23 contract as presented. Mr. Farris made the motion to approve the contract, and Mr. Marshall seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 5-0-1 with Mr. Dalton abstaining.

Dr. Apple advised that back pay for the new contract will be distributed on the October 29th payroll.

The Springs Valley Safe Room BRIC Pre-Application has been approved to move forward with the FEMA application.

Dr. Apple provided an update on COVID numbers, advising that we currently have no student cases and one staff case, with nine students in quarantine while four of those are due to exposure outside of school.

An entry canopy at the high school staff entrance has been installed. Dr. Apple advised that he will be receiving quotes for roofing the high school roof area two, which is the auditorium/foyer area and the next section of the roof, and will then provide that information to board members.

Dr. Apple stated that we will potentially be entering into a memorandum of understanding with Team OC Orange County Youth Mentoring. The group will work with several Orange County entities to provide adult mentors for some of our at-risk students. The completed MOU will be forwarded to board members when available for their review.

The ISBA Fall Regional Meeting for our region will be held on Monday, November 8th at Klubhaus 61 in Jasper, which is the scheduled date for our November board meeting.

Mr. Burton made a motion to change the November board meeting from the 8th to November 1st. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marshall advised that he will be attending the state ISBA meeting this coming weekend.

There was no other business for consideration.

There were no policies for review.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Burton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM.
