

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2022**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2022 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Justin Wininger, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was also in attendance, as well as Dr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matt Williams.

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 6:06 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and Mrs. Felicia Wolfington were present.

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

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the March 7, 2022 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mrs. Allstott requested permission to pay Thermal Service, LLC the amount of \$2,218.00 from Operations Fund. Mrs. Shipman so moved. Mr. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Williams thanked teachers and support staff for their hard work in preparing our students for the upcoming ILEARN state tests, which will be administered from April 19th through April 27th for students in 3rd grade, April 26th-29th for 4th grade students, and May 3rd-5th for 5th graders. Students are encouraged to get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy breakfast, and arrive at school on time. He also thanked our custodial and maintenance staff as they continuously do a great job. Mrs. Lori Chestnut and third grade students performed the musical titled Joust recently, which was fantastic. Third graders will also have a field trip to Squire Boone Caverns on April 29th. Midterm of the fourth nine weeks will end on April 20th, and progress reports will be sent home on April 29th. Kindergarten roundup will be held tomorrow and Wednesday from 8 AM to 12:30 PM.

Dr. Neukam thanked his staff for their efforts in finishing out the 3rd 9 weeks. ILEARN starts next week, and junior high students have taken their practice test. Students and parents were reminded the state exam is extremely important to provide progress data. He recommended that all students get a full night's rest, eat breakfast every morning, and bring chromebooks fully charged every day they are testing. Mrs. Lisa Golden took two culinary teams to the FCCLA Prostart Culinary Competition in Muncie recently, with both teams receiving silver medals. Our juniors scored above the state average on the English and Math portions of the SAT test, with an overall average of 6 points higher than other Indiana students and 11 points higher than the national average. He thanked all of our teachers and support staff for the positive impact they have had on our students. Fine Arts night is scheduled for Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dr. Neukam congratulated our boys' basketball team on a phenomenal season and tournament run, adding that it was an exciting time for our team, the school, and the community.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended that the board approve Troy Pritchett as junior-senior high school assistant principal effective July 1, 2022 on a two-year contract for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years. The contract will be for 215 days per year at an annual salary of \$83,500, with 17 sick days and three personal days per year, along with all other benefits as indicated in the Master Contract. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion carried 7-0. Mr. Pritchett addressed the board and administrators,

and stated that he appreciated their support and the opportunity to return to Springs Valley.

Dr. Apple recommended that the summer school teachers and aides be approved as listed, pending interest and enrollment numbers. Mr. Farris made the motion as stated. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (see attachment)

Mr. Wininger made the motion, as recommended by Dr. Apple, that Amanda Dalton be approved as junior high English teacher for summer school. Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Mr. Dalton abstaining.

Dr. Apple presented the consent agenda of Spring and Fall coaches as listed. Mr. Farris made a motion to approve the coaching staff as listed, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, as Mrs. Shipman abstained. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple requested authorization to post any upcoming or necessary open positions pending board approval. Mrs. Shipman so moved. Mrs. Lynch seconded. Dr. Apple stated the authorization is from now through the summer. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple informed board members that he accepted the resignation of elementary teacher, Hannah Flamion, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Dr. Apple advised that the last day of employment for Nick Breedlove as temporary custodian was April 1, 2022.

Heat pumps and custom cabinets have been ordered for the elementary HVAC project, and installation should be completed this summer.

Dr. Apple advised that he accepted a high bid of \$2,550 for the 2010 International school bus last month.

Dr. Apple requested approval for an overnight, out-of-state field trip to the Business Professionals of America National competition for Mr. Darren Kerns, one student, and two chaperones to Dallas, Texas on May 4 to 7. Mr. Wininger so moved, Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple reminded families, students, and staff that there will be no school on Friday, April 15th.

There was no other business that came before the board.

Mr. Wininger made a motion to approve the policy number 8510, Wellness, which was presented for the second reading. Mr. Farris seconded, and the policy was approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple commented that the policy change regarding permission to speak at board meetings had been changed a couple of months ago. The policy now states that patrons must contact the superintendent seven days prior to the board meeting if they wish to speak regarding an item that is not on the meeting's agenda. No time limit was imposed if the discussion item is included on the agenda.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

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