

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 09, 2022**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 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 6:03 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 April 11, 2022 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mrs. Allstott requested permission to pay Land Improvement Solutions the amount of \$12,500.00 from Operations Fund. Mr. Wininger so moved. Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Williams recognized teachers and support staff for their tireless efforts this school year, ensuring that our students had an enjoyable and productive year as well as preparing students for success on the IREAD and ILEARN state tests. He also thanked parents for ensuring their students were here at school and on time so that only a minimal amount of make-up tests were needed. In observance of Teacher Appreciation Week, he thanked the PTO, Hawkins Health, Fast Eddies, Karen Crews, and Dr. Apple for the food items and giveaways. Dr. Williams recognized our custodial and maintenance staff for their hard work with keeping the building looking great and safe. He thanked Aramark and the cafeteria staff for all of the delicious meals they have prepared this school year. Several field trips have occurred the last two weeks, with more trips planned. Third graders were recognized for their outstanding conduct and behavior exhibited on their field trip to Squire Boone, as numerous compliments from park representatives were received. They have also completed harvest of the month, a program provided by the Purdue Cooperative Extension. Second grade students will be performing the musical, It's All Good tomorrow. Kindergarten graduation will be held on May 19th in the PE Complex.

Dr. Neukam thanked teachers for all of their work this school year. Activities last week for Teacher Appreciation Week included meals prepared by Mrs. Jolynne Cruz and Mrs. Lisa Golden and their students, as well as lunch provided by Hawkins Health. The entire staff greatly appreciated the recognition. He thanked students who have completed the ILEARN state exams, parents for emphasizing the importance of education and attention to these exams, proctors for administering the ILEARN exams and other teachers for providing supervision, and those who provided snacks and monetary donations during the testing sessions. The Academic Team was recognized for their performance at South Knox recently, with the Math and Fine Arts teams finishing 3rd in their respective subject areas and the Interdisciplinary team finishing 2nd. He thanked the Academic Team students for representing Springs Valley and the teachers for guiding our students and putting in the late hours for this meet. Dr. Neukam complimented Mrs. Abby Laux, Mrs. Lori Chestnut, and Mr. Brandon Hagen for their efforts in the Fine Arts program. He stated efforts by the cafeteria workers are always appreciated as they provide great meals and service all year long.

Dr. Apple recognized Mrs. Allstott for being named the IASBO Region 9 Treasurer of the Year recently. He also advised that he has accepted Mrs. Allstott's retirement letter

effective July 1, 2022. Dr. Apple congratulated Mr. Marshall for earning the advanced governance award from the Indiana School Boards Association.

No patrons addressed the board.

Under personnel matters, Dr. Apple recommended the approval of ten work days in June, 2022 for newly hired high school assistant principal, Mr. Troy Pritchett, with the days to be paid at his daily rate. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended employment of Hunter Whitaker as math/physical education teacher for the 2022-23 school year at a base pay of \$40,300, with benefits as included in the master contract. Mrs. Lynch made the motion as recommended. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended that Amber Dorsam be approved as high school special education teacher for the 2022-23 school year at a base pay rate of \$41,800, with fringe benefits as stated in the contract. Mr. Wininger made a motion to hire Mrs. Dorsam as stated. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented the following consent agenda for approval: 1) Jason Lowe as a summer school instructor at the hourly rate of \$10.00; 2) Casey Bowles as swimming supervisor at a rate of \$19.65 per hour, with hours to be determined; 3) Janna Foxx as Varsity Cheer and Pep Club, \$2,500; 4) Greg Stephens as Cheer Assistant 1, \$1,500; 5) Renee Hopper and Karen Crews as Junior High Cheer 7th and 8th grade at \$625 each; 6) Taylor Johnson as Elementary Cheer 5th and 6th grades, \$500; and 7) Ranza Rominger as temporary substitute teacher at \$75 per day. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion was passed 7-0.

Mrs. Lynch made a motion to authorize Dr. Apple to hire any upcoming or necessary open positions pending board approval. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wininger made the motion as recommended that special education teachers who attend the summer South Central Area Special Education Cooperative training will receive \$150 stipend to be paid from the Education Fund. Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised that he has accepted the resignation of Dr. Kara Pickens as high school language arts teacher effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

Dr. Apple stated that Olivia Burton has resigned as band administrative assistant effective June 21, 2022. The position will be posted soon.

Dr. Apple advised that he has accepted the resignation of Joyce Reed as elementary instructional assistant effective May 20, 2022.

Separation of employment with the following individuals has occurred, and should be noted: Marissa Hall, effective March 31, 2022; Sonya Nibert, March 18, 2022; Savannah Pendley as of March 18, 2022; and Tyler Albright effective January 17, 2022.

Dr. Apple stated that phase one of the softball field drainage project has been completed. Phase two will be done following the sports season, with crowning of the infield and additional drainage.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of Hoosier Hills PACT for services to be rendered in 2022-23, with \$15,000 to be paid and then the remaining amount of \$15,000 to be paid in January of 2023. The Casino Revenue Fund will be used to fund this program. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Wininger made a motion to renew the contract with athletic trainer Megan McGregor for the 2022-23 school year. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval of an overnight field trip for Mrs. Taylor Chastain, FFA students, and a chaperone to a state livestock judging activity on May 13-14, 2022 in Lafayette, Indiana. Mrs. Shipman so moved, Mr. Wininger seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented updates to the Support Staff handbook for review, and would like for the matter to be considered at the June board meeting.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the 2023 budget timeline as presented. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Burton opened the floor for discussion of policy 0167.3 – Public Participation at Board Meetings. Mr. Marshall asked for clarification on the timeframe to add an item to the agenda, with the policy stating that patrons must contact the superintendent seven days before a meeting if they wish to add an item to the agenda or they can sign up prior to the meeting to address the board regarding an agenda item. Input was received from Mr. Wininger and Dr. Apple. Dr. Apple requested that Mr. Marshall and two other board members meet with him and Dr. Halik to address this policy, and reminded board members to be cognizant of policies when reviewing for adoption.

Mr. Farris left the meeting.

Dr. Apple recommended that Dr. Williams be approved to work ten days in June at his daily rate of pay. Mr. Wininger motioned as stated. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:31 PM.

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