

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 9, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 9, 2023 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joe Lynch, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Wininger were present. Dr. Trevor Apple and Dr. Matt Williams were also in attendance.

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 6:00 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Felicia Wolfington, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Mr. Lynch made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2023 and September 28, 2023 board meetings, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Williams thanked Mrs. Kathy Dillman, retiring custodian, for all her hard work and dedication she has given to the students and staff at the elementary school. He also thanked the Lions Club for their donation of dictionaries to the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. He noted the Book Fair started today and will run through October 13, Parent/Teacher conferences will be October 12 from 3:30 PM until 7:00 PM and on October 13 from 8:00 AM until noon, fall break will run from October 16 through October 20, and picture day will be October 30.

Dr. Apple read the following report from Dr. Neukam. Dr. Neukam thanked the staff for having a strong finish to the first nine weeks. He announced Parent/Teacher conferences will be held at the same time as the elementary school, sophomores will take the PSAT on October 10, and the band will perform a community show on October 19 at 7:00 PM on the football field and will compete in semi-state on October 21. Sectional play will be held on October 14 for cross country and girls' volleyball, and on October 20 for football. He congratulated the following groups: the Blackhawk Brigade for their performance at regionals, the girls' golf team, the girls' volleyball team, and the boys' and girls' cross county teams for all winning their PLAC championships. Lastly, he thanked the junior high athletic programs for representing Springs Valley this fall.

Dr. Apple thanked Wabash Valley Produce for lending us a refrigerated trailer and the French Lick Resort for the use of their freezer while our elementary freezer was being repaired.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple presented the following consent agenda item: 1) Recommended Emma Webster be hired as night custodian in the elementary school at \$13.90, effective October 9, 2023. 2) Recommended Andrew Kendall be hired as elementary custodian at \$16.40, effective October 23, 2023. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a coaching change that was previously approved at the June meeting. He recommended Silas Morin as boys 7<sup>th</sup> grade

basketball coach and Landon Harner as volunteer. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion and Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple reiterated Dr. Williams earlier comment regarding the resignation of Mrs. Kathy Dillman, elementary custodian and bus driver, effective October 20, 2023. He thanked her for her dedication to our students and school and wished her well in the future.

Dr. Apple informed the board that previously employed Joshua Taylor is no longer employed with Spring Valley Community Schools effective September 28, 2023.

Dr. Apple recommended a motion to approve the 2023-24 and 2024-25 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. With no public input, Dr. Apple asked for a motion to approve the 2023-24 and 2024-25 master contract as presented. Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve the contract, and Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion was approved 5-0.

Dr. Apple updated the board on the ADM count. As of October 2, 2023, our enrollment was, at minimum, 825, and could increase to 831, based on some student certifications that are being processed. At this time last year our ADM was 837. \* Note – as of October 11, 2023 the official count is 831.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a credit card through Springs Valley Bank and Trust for the elementary school with a credit limit of \$10,000. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the school resource officer agreement with the Town of West Baden. Mr. Lynch made the motion, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a transportation contract with the Bryant family. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the new insurance rates for 2024. The Southern Wellness Trust approved a 5% rate increase which the board has agreed to cover. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 5-0.

Dr. Apple notified the board that the ISBA Fall Regional Meeting for Region 9 will be held at 6:00 PM, November 20, 2023 at Klubhaus 61 in Jasper.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin L. Wininger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lynch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM.

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