

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2010**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, July 14, 2010 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Eddie Kellams, Mr. Larry Kalb, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Ralph Purkhiser. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, and Mr. J.C. Tucker were each present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation of litigation and pending litigation, implementation of security systems, purchase or lease of real property, received information about prospective employees, and discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. 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 6:10 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marshall, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. J.C. Tucker administered the Oath of Office to incoming board members Mr. Larry Kalb, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Ralph Purkhiser.

Mr. Marshall opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Kalb nominated the following slate of officers: Mr. Marshall for board president, Mr. Purkhiser for the office of vice-president, Mrs. Lynch as board secretary, and Mr. Marshall for legislative liaison. Mr. Galloway seconded. With no other nominations, the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser motioned to adopt the Code of Ethics, as prepared by the Indiana School Boards Association. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that board meetings are currently held on the second Monday of each month with the executive session starting at 5:00 PM and the regular session beginning at 6:00 PM or following the executive session in the Springs Valley Learning Center, with the January meeting moved to the third Monday. Mr. Galloway made a motion for the meetings to remain the same, and Mr. Allstott seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reminded board members of the special budget hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00 in the learning center building.

Mr. Marshall moved that board compensation remain at \$2,000 annually with \$100 per month per diem and \$50 per diem per special meeting, with fully paid dental, vision, and life insurance. Mr. Kalb seconded, and with no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Mr. Marshall and Mr. Jerry Ritter be appointed as Springs Valley Schools' representatives to the Springs Valley Education Foundation Board. Mr. Kalb so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that a nominee would be named to the Orange County Community Foundation Supporting Organization at the August meeting.

Mr. Galloway made a motion that Mr. Larry Pritchett remain as the Springs Valley Schools' representative on the Lost River Vocational Center Board. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Galloway motioned to appoint Mrs. Kathy Allstott as corporation treasurer with a bond of \$50,000, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick/deputy treasurer, Mrs. Brenda Wyman/high school ECA treasurer, and Mrs. Penny Harner/elementary ECA treasurer, each with a \$10,000 bond. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Marshall presented the minutes of the June 14th board meeting, and Mr. Tucker was questioned how the new board members should vote. He stated that new board members would typically abstain, but could vote otherwise if they so choose. Mr. Galloway then made the motion to approve the minutes, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed by the vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Purkhiser abstaining as a new board member.

Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Kellams seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott requested special permission to pay the following: B.C. Concrete – up to the proposal amount of \$16,800.00 from Casino Revenue Fund, Irwin Seating Company - \$68,418.24 from Casino Revenue Fund, and Lindsey's Lumber & Construction - \$1,968.87 from Capital Projects. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Marshall stated that he and Mrs. Lynch recently attended the ISBA Summer Board Member Academy. Mrs. Lynch commented that the meeting was very informative, and it was interesting to talk with board members from other school corporations. Mr. Marshall spoke about various workshops attended.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the following personnel matters: Brad Bledsoe as head junior high football coach with 10+ years experience at a salary of \$2,147.00, Ben Reynolds and Matt Cooper to divide the second junior high football coach position pay of \$1,463.00 for \$731.50 each, Tessa Jones as varsity assistant/freshman volleyball coach, and JoLynne Cruz and Jill Hammond as volunteer volleyball coaches. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Daniel Wolford, director, addressed the board regarding the Summer Advantage Program. This is a five-week summer school program, which offers academic and enrichment classes. Springs Valley has 128 students in grades 1 through 9 enrolled, and 29 staff members. Breakfast and lunch meals are provided for the students. He invited board members to come to Springs Valley Elementary School to observe the program. Mrs. Robin Owen, teacher, stated that she is very pleased with the curriculum. Mr. Galloway stated that he has heard nothing but good comments about the program.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended acceptance of the elementary attendance policy revision as requested by Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Kalb so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. Mr. Purkhiser questioned the grammar of a particular statement in the old policy. The motion was approved 7-0. (Refer to Elementary Handbook.)

Mr. Todd Pritchett updated the board on the status of summer construction projects, and offered to conduct a walk-through of the facilities following the meeting.

Mr. Todd Pritchett addressed the concern of our home football bleachers not being handicap-accessible, and provided information which he had received. Options include adding a wheel chair ramp to our current bleachers, or replacing the current bleachers/press box. He stated that he was not making a recommendation at this time. Mr. Galloway advised that he would like to see the upgrade in our facilities, but suggested shopping around for other possibilities since any work could not be completed prior to this fall's football season. Further discussion suggested adding auxiliary bleachers that would be handicap-accessible. Mr. Marshall requested that Mr. Todd Pritchett gather additional information for further consideration.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he has applied for enrollment in the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program through SIHO (Southern Indiana Health Organization), whereby our plan would receive partial reimbursement for medical expenses of early retirees. Money received would go into the self-insurance fund to help reduce health premiums.

Information concerning the corporation's two-way radio system and upcoming changes in the Federal Communications Commission's regulations were discussed. Mr. Galloway made a motion to accept the proposal of \$33,737.00 for a digital radio system, as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Allstott seconded. With no further discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Troy Pritchett discussed upgrading the weight room equipment, stating that he had met with both the former and current athletic director, as well as head coaches, and comprised a list of requested equipment for the amount of \$14,990.00 that would serve all athletic programs and physical education needs. Mr. Allstott moved to approve the purchase of weight room equipment from Casino Revenue. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided a financial overview, and advised that at this time for revenues received and appropriations spent, our budget is on track.

Mr. Marshall reminded board members of the walk-through of facilities.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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