

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 11, 2020**

Virtual Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2020 in the Springs Valley Superintendent's Office and online virtually. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple, Mr. Kyle Neukam, Mrs. Amy Orr, and Mrs. Renee Childress 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.

Virtual Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:01 PM in the Springs Valley Superintendent's Office and online virtually. All of the above, as well as Mr. Jason Russell, Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 13<sup>th</sup>, April 27<sup>th</sup>, and May 4<sup>th</sup> board meetings, and the vouchers and claims as presented, along with two invoices from Land Improvement Solutions totaling \$7,580.00 from the Operations Fund for concrete work as presented by Mrs. Allstott. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Orr congratulated Maddox Wolford for participating in an online math bowl competition recently, in which he barely missed placing in the top three. All assignments must be turned in by May 14<sup>th</sup>. Parents may collect student belongings from May 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup>, and details were provided for that process. All textbooks, library books, chromebooks, and chargers are to be returned at that time as well. The Kindergarten drive-by graduation ceremony will be held on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM with the procession starting in the lower high school parking lot.

Mr. Russell stated that all high school spring athletes who had signed up to play a sport or who were already practicing will receive a Varsity letter. He recognized our staff for doing an outstanding job during this extended period of e-learning. He thanked the school board and administration for the opportunity to achieve one of his life goals of being an athletic director, and thanked colleagues, staff, parents, and students for an amazing 24 years at Springs Valley. Dr. Apple thanked Mr. Russell for the fantastic job he did for Springs Valley.

Mr. Neukam asked students in grades 6 through 12 to submit all e-learning assignments either digitally or by mail by this Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Junior-senior high student belongings can be picked up next week during the hours of 8:30 to 3:00, and all school materials must be returned before student belongings can be picked up, including chromebooks with chargers, classroom textbooks, library books, locks and/or locker keys, and calculators. He stated that we are proud of our students who have worked extremely hard during this unfortunate time period and appreciate their efforts. He thanked teachers and office personnel for making sure students had academic work to complete during the final weeks of our school year, adding that everyone has done a fantastic job. Prom is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> and will take place in the middle school parking lot. Graduation is set for Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> with the ceremony to be held on the football field. Plans for both the prom and graduation activities are subject to change pending state restrictions. Mr. Neukam congratulated Brycen Qualkenbush, Cody Radtke, and Kyle Tarr for getting their state FFA degrees.

Dr. Apple stated that he is continually thankful for the hard work that everyone is doing throughout this time.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended the renewal of Mr. Neukam's contract as high school principal for an additional two years through June 30, 2022 with the salary of \$90,500 per year, and continuing the current fringe benefit package of health insurance per the master contract and fully-paid dental, vision, life, and long-term disability insurance. Mrs. Shipman so moved. Mrs. Lynch seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested five additional days each for Mrs. Stacy Denbo and Mrs. Kelly Schmitt through June 30<sup>th</sup> with those days to be paid at their daily rate. Mr. Farris made the motion as stated. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Daniel Wolford has submitted his resignation and accepted the principal's position at Orleans High School. Mrs. Shipman made the motion to accept Mr. Wolford's resignation. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented the consent agenda for coaching positions as follows for the 2020-21 school year: Girls Basketball/Varsity coach-Martha Niehaus-\$7,300, Varsity Assistant-Kiana Wininger-\$1,550, Junior Varsity-Brad Bledsoe-\$3,849, Volunteer-Chris Burton, 8<sup>th</sup> grade-Kim Eckerty-\$2,000, and 7<sup>th</sup> grade-Teresa Cox-\$2,000; Boys Basketball/Varsity coach-Michael Leitzman-\$7,300, Junior Varsity-Ryan Chaplin-\$3,849, Varsity Assistant and Freshman Coach-Kyle Crews-\$2,168, and Volunteer-Kim Eckerty. Mrs. Lynch made the motion as recommended. Mrs. Shipman seconded and with no discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised the new high school gym flooring project has started with the old floor already removed and the subfloor being laid today. He stated that bids will be accepted on pieces of the old flooring, and the project should be completed within the next three to four weeks. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow to discuss the next steps in the bidding process for the HVAC project. Concrete repairs have been done at the elementary entryway and parking lot area. Dr. Apple will follow up with Cincinnati Floor on the final renderings for the gym floor.

Regarding the donation of personal protective equipment (PPE) as previously discussed, Dr. Apple informed board members that gloves from the science department had been donated to Springs Valley Meadows.

A pre-bid meeting will be held tomorrow for prospective companies interested in providing food management services for our corporation. Bids will be opened on May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

Dr. Apple presented a consent agenda for approval of the following matters: 1) Summer food service program from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup> with food to be provided one day per week from 9 to 10 AM at the Kindergarten entrance and students will be provided a week's worth of meals; 2) Summer school for high school English and math classes with Dr. Kara Pickens and Mrs. Barbara Fettes as teachers, and the program would run from June 1<sup>st</sup> to June 19<sup>th</sup>; 3) Mr. Kevin Knies as chaperone for three students to attend the state FFA convention at Purdue University June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup>, with Mrs. Taylor Chastain also attending the convention; and 4) Budget timeline for the 2021 budget preparation and adoption (copy attached). Mr. Farris made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, and Mr. Burton seconded. Discussion was held, and the motion was then carried 7-0.

Mrs. Lynch made the motion to approve the high school handbook with changes as presented. Mr. Farris seconded. Following discussion in which Mr. Neukam detailed the proposed changes, the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple recommended approval of the Athletic Department's request for funding of \$2,800.00 for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Dalton so moved, and Mr. Marshall seconded. Discussion was held on the matter, including the reporting process for providing expenditure detail to the board, loss of revenue due to the temporary casino closure, athletic budgeting, and other funding opportunities. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised the June board meeting will be held virtually, and tentative plans are being made for the July meeting to be conducted in the auditorium if allowed by state guidelines.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Dalton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

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