

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2020**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 9, 2020 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. 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 attended the meeting virtually. Mrs. Renee Childress and Mr. Kyle Neukam were present for a portion of the meeting.

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 6:10 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, Dr. Jeff Kerby, 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 October 5, 2020 board meeting, and vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Childress reported that 1,428 pairs of socks were collected during the Socktober event, and Mrs. Mallory Hall's third grade class earned a pizza party by collecting 249 pairs. Elementary students collected over 1,000 food items during the recent food drive. First grade students will enjoy a donut party for their efforts in donating the most food items. Our PTSO purchased a subscription to Sumdog, a digital tool to reinforce math concepts. Congratulations to Mrs. Hinkle's 4th grade class which placed 9th, Mrs. Cave's 4th grade class for their 12th place finish, and Mrs. Tarr's 3rd grade class for placing 29th out of 42 qualifying classes in southern Indiana schools. Student Dyllan Bradley scored 937 for a 9th place finish, with the first place student score being 978. Mrs. Childress recognized her staff and students for their continued efforts in wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, and sanitizing hands and work spaces to keep everyone safe.

Mr. Neukam advised that this year's Veterans' Day program will be a virtual event, and he thanked Mr. Chad Goldman, media students, Dr. Kara Pickens, National Honor Society students, and others for their work on this video project. He recognized Mr. Bob Hounshell, his construction class, and our maintenance staff for preparing Mrs. Lisa Golden's Culinary Arts room. Remodeling of the classrooms and library has begun.

Dr. Apple thanked the teaching staff and everyone in the buildings for their concern of our students beyond the classroom, such as conducting food drives, providing coats, socks, and hygiene supplies. He recognized National Honor Society students under the leadership of Dr. Kara Pickens, and Mr. Chad Goldman for creating a video to honor our veterans. Dr. Apple thanked Food Service Director Melissa Campbell and her husband Kelly Kellams, SVHS alumnus Nathan Apple, and SV employees Jerry Allbright, Geoffrey Kendall, Jerome McClintock, and Wes McNeely for their help in transporting food items from the elementary to high school after freezer issues this past weekend. He also thanked Dr. Kerby, Lionel Brown, and Larry Burton for working on the virtual setup on such short notice.

Mr. Farris advised that he has received several messages complimenting the performance of Mrs. Childress in her position as elementary principal.

Parent Mrs. Aaliyah Harford addressed Dr. Apple and board members on matters relating to racism. Mr. Marshall spoke on the matter. Mr. Wininger advised that the administration team will address Mrs. Harford's concerns.

Dr. Apple recommended the following personnel items as consent agenda: 1) Hunter Whitaker as boys' 5th grade basketball coach at \$1,000; 2) Tony Whitaker as volunteer boys' 5th grade basketball coach; 3) Caleb Moffatt as boys' 7th grade basketball coach at \$2,000, replacing Devon Harrell who is unable to coach this season; 4) Kali Walls as volunteer high school cheer coach; and 5) adjustment to Mike Brown's basketball coaching pay to \$1,250 (Non-Certified Area 4/Level A). Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple announced the resignation of Kyle Crews as assistant boys' basketball coach.

Regarding the HVAC and classroom renovations project at the high school, Dr. Apple advised the old floor tile has been removed from the classrooms and a contractor meeting was held this morning.

Dr. Apple recommended changing the COVID Back to School Plan addressing the situation of students who frequently switch back and forth between virtual and traditional without notice. He stated that Mrs. Childress has requested that a student who is in the traditional classroom be required to produce a doctor statement indicating they are contagious and/or need to attend school virtually until a designated date or have been advised they need to quarantine per Nurse Kearsten. Mr. Burton made the motion as requested. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised that another revision is being made in the Back to School Plan regarding the path taken by elementary students from the cafeteria to the playground. He stated the current route used in exiting the cafeteria to go the playground is to use the door in the gym hallway to exit and walk to the playground thus creating safety concerns, and advised that students will now be following the typical path to recess.

Dr. Apple reminded everyone that weekly status updates are posted on the school’s website with COVID-19 information.

Dr. Apple requested permission to advertise and request an additional appropriation of up to \$587,000 for the Education Fund and \$400,000 for the Operations Fund. He stated this involves revenue we are already scheduled to receive, and have an expected revenue of \$6.2 million in the Education Fund and \$2.6 million in Operations. With board approval, a public hearing on the proposal will be held on December 14, 2020. Mr. Burton so moved, and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The corporation policy number 5113, Verification of Residency, was presented for first reading. Dr. Apple advised the information will be collected at registration, and is required per guidance from the Indiana Department of Education. A second reading for this policy will be held at the December board meeting.

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

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