

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2016**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2016 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. Mr. Tony Whitaker and newly elected board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, and Mr. Justin Wininger were also present. Mr. Mark Hammond was present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluation, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, 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 6:09 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mr. Jim Bush, Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

Mrs. Lynch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Minutes of the November 14, 2016 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Allstott and second by Mrs. Shipman. The motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recognized Mr. Luke Aylsworth and senior members of the Blackhawk Brigade, and congratulated them on winning the 2016 ISSMA state championship. Mr. Aylsworth stated this band achieved a first in school history by having an undefeated season, with this being the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive trip to the state finals for the brigade. He thanked the board members and administration for the resources and facilities to make this possible.

The junior and senior forestry teams competed in state competition this past weekend. Mr. Kevin Knies had reported that the senior team of Addie George, Brendan Hughes, Katherine Hamlin, and Reed Tarr placed 25<sup>th</sup> out of 48 teams, and Reed Tarr finished as our top individual placing 74<sup>th</sup> out of 189 individuals. The junior high team of Kayla Estrada, Kyla Tarr, Gunner Purkhiser, and Brycen Qualkenbush placed 7<sup>th</sup> out of 18 teams. Gunner Purkhiser was our top individual, placing 22<sup>nd</sup> out of 76 and Kayla Estrada finished 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated senior Addie George for winning the Eli Lilly scholarship, which is a four-year fully paid scholarship to an Indiana college of her choice. He stated that Addie plans to attend Indiana University and major in speech and hearing science. She is currently working with our speech and hearing therapist as a student helper.

Mr. Whitaker thanked Jasper Seating Company for their recent donation of a desk unit for the corporation office, which was much needed and greatly appreciated.

Mr. Whitaker recognized the retiring board members Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Dr. Ryan Carnes, and Mr. Tony Galloway, stating that he appreciated working with these board members both as a principal and superintendent. Mr. Galloway thanked Mr. Whitaker for his work.

Mr. Henry Cruz addressed Mr. Whitaker and the board regarding the possibility of an educational trip for Spanish Club members to Puerto Rico, and requested permission to proceed with planning and fundraising for the trip during Spring Break 2018. He stated

that he has 11 students and four chaperones who have expressed interest. The estimated cost through a travel agency is \$2,100 to \$2,500, however he believes he could coordinate the trip for \$1,200 to \$1,400 per attendee. Mr. Cruz has received permission for our students to spend a partial day at his former high school interacting with the students there, and would have tours to historical sites planned for the other days of the trip. Discussion was held regarding this matter. With board consensus, Mr. Whitaker directed Mr. Cruz to proceed with planning the trip and to follow proper channels for the fundraising events.

Mr. Whitaker requested approval for one-year contract extensions for Varsity Football Coach Justin Scheller, Varsity Girls Golf Coach Landon Harner, and Varsity Cross Country Coach Derek Freeman, as recommended by Mr. Mark Hammond. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve a one-year contract extension for Varsity Volleyball Coach Erin Carnes, per Mr. Hammond's recommendation. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 6-0-1 with Dr. Carnes abstaining.

Mr. Whitaker advised there were no updates at this time for the upcoming pool project.

Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve corporation policies number 3120.01 through 4000 and policies number 3430.1 through 5330.02, with the exception of numbers 4120, 4120.04, and 5200, as Mr. Whitaker had presented at the September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 10<sup>th</sup> board meetings. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker presented additional policies for the first reading: number 5335, 5340, 5340.01, 5341, 5350, 5410, 5420, 5421, 5430, 5451, 5460, 5461, 5462, 5463, 5464, 5500, 5511, 5512, 5513, 5514, 5514.01, 5516, 5517, 5517.01, 5520, 5530, 5530.01, 5531, 5540, 5605, 5610, 5610.02, 5611, 5620, 5630, 5710, 5720, 5724, 5730, 5751, 5771, 5772, 5820, 5830, 5850, 5855, 5860, 5870, 5880, and 5895, adding that he will recommend these policies for adoption at the January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 board meeting.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the contract with Tucker and Tucker to provide legal counsel for 2017, stating that the terms of said contract remain the same as 2016. Mr. Allstott motioned to approve the contract with Tucker and Tucker. Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker informed board members that our corporation had received an incentive/rebate check from Duke Energy Smart Saver Prescriptive Incentive program in the amount of \$21,646.90. The rebate will go back into our Capital Projects Fund, and is a rebate from our energy savings after completing our gym lighting projects.

After review of quotes and discussion with three playground equipment companies, Mr. Whitaker recommended the purchase of play structures from Game Time with funding from Casino Revenue Fund. With their original quote of \$160,006.61 including freight reduced by the company grant of \$37,176.50 and seeking other offers to remove and dispose of the existing equipment, our total cost would be \$115,780.11 including \$1,500 for removal of the existing equipment from the elementary playground. The preschool piece was priced at \$16,308.50, with a company grant of \$3,609.75 for a total cost of \$12,698.75 including freight. Mr. Purkhiser commented a portion of the new play area would be inclusive for children with disabilities. Installation is projected for January or February. Following discussion, Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve the purchase of the two play structures as quoted. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion was passed 7-0. Mr. Whitaker thanked Mrs. Erin Carnes for her work in securing the play equipment grants, and encouraged other staff members to look for grant opportunities.

Mr. Whitaker updated board members on the continuing discussions and considerations to decentralize the South Central Area Special Education Cooperative (SCASEC), stating no action is needed at this time. The purpose of decentralization would be to maximize resources and staffing for special needs students, and should lead to a decrease of overall fiscal and administrative service costs. The SCASEC Governing Board is working with the six school corporations involved to finalize details. The special education cooperative would continue to exist as an inter-local cooperative providing the following services: administrative and supervisory, fiscal/clerical, employee training, psychological, occupational and physical therapy-related services, preschool program coordination, behavioral consultation and program services, and autism consultation. Decentralization is anticipated to occur by July 2017.

Mr. Whitaker requested permission for Mrs. Allstott to pay invoices as needed through the end of 2016 with said claims to be approved by superintendent, and permission for superintendent to do any emergency hiring subject to board approval at the January 9, 2017 meeting. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

An ISBA New Board Member Orientation will be held on Thursday, January 26, 2017 at the Greater Clark Community Schools Administration Center Board Room in Jeffersonville. New board members are encouraged to attend, and veteran members are invited to attend as well. Anyone wishing to attend was instructed to contact Mrs. Allstott for registration.

Mr. Whitaker again thanked the four outgoing board members Mr. Allstott, Mrs. Carnes, Dr. Carnes, and Mr. Galloway, and welcomed the four new members as our corporation continues the journey of making things better.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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