

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2010**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 13, 2010 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett and Mr. Troy Pritchett were also in attendance.

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 6:20 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Tony Whitaker, 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.

Minutes of the August 9th and August 25th, 2010 board meetings were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 7-0.

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

A letter of appreciation was read from Coach Kevin Mills and the Springs Valley football team thanking the administration and board members for the new weight room equipment, and expressing appreciation to Mr. John Carnes and staff for their work in the weight room.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the September 13, 2010 Athletic Recommendations List as presented. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Kalb abstaining because he is a volunteer coach on the list. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended adoption of the 2011 budget as advertised, including the General, Debt Service, Bond Severance, Capital Projects, Transportation, Bus Replacement, and Rainy Day Funds, as well as adoption of the 2011 Fiscal Goals regarding Expenditures, the Tax Neutrality Resolution, and the Reduction of Appropriations Resolution for the General, Capital Projects, and Rainy Day Funds. Mr. Purkhiser motioned to adopt the budget, fiscal goals, and resolutions as stated. Mr. Kellams seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0. The budget forms were signed at this time. (copies attached)

Mr. Whitaker discussed the Spring, 2010 ISTEP+ scores for elementary students and study methods being used by elementary teachers. Elementary scores showed substantial improvements. Mr. Troy Pritchett provided information on the high school students' test scores, and stated that overall test scores were much improved, including the special education scores, and he added that the ECA (End of Core Assessment) scores were better than expected. Mr. Purkhiser questioned the scores of ESL (English as Secondary Language) students, and Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he could provide that information. Mr. Todd Pritchett talked about corporation-wide test scores, which were at or above state-average in all categories and recognized the teachers and students for their hard work and improvements.

Permission was requested to approve and advertise the bus route specifications for 2011-12 through 2014-15, with the advertising dates of September 15th and September 22nd, and bids to be returned by certified mail postmarked no later than October 6th, 2010, with bids to be opened at the October 11th board meeting, per Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

There was no old and unfinished business.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the current enrollment for Springs Valley Community Schools is 1,003 students, which is up 30 students from last year. The current ADM count is 959.5, an increase of 21.5 students.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has approved our application for the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP), whereby we are entitled to reimbursement of medical expenses exceeding \$15,000 up to \$90,000 for early retirees below the age of 65. Reimbursement would be at the rate of 80%, and refunds would be credited to the Insurance Fund for use in health premium reductions.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Springs Valley Community Schools will be receiving \$204,086 in funding from the Education Jobs Bill. This is a one-time grant for educational purposes, which is to be spent by the fall of 2012.

Mr. Marshall discussed information received at the August 31st meeting held by Dr. Tony Bennett. He stated that Dr. Bennett asked school boards to have the courage to make tough decisions in balancing their budgets. Mr. Marshall asked Mr. Todd Pritchett to look at ways to reduce spending. Further discussion with board members included speculation that the Jobs Bill money would replace the Basic Grant payment, resulting in no additional funding.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested approval of the agreement with ClaimAid, as third party administrator through South Central Area Special Education Cooperative, to recover reimbursement on Medicaid claims. He stated contract language regarding length of term and interest rate of unpaid balance are pending adjustments per Mr. J.C. Tucker's recommendation. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve the agreement as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Kalb motioned to approve Mr. Kevin Knies' request for an FFA field trip on October 20th to 22nd for the National FFA Convention at Indianapolis, including overnight stays on the 20th and 21st, with expenses to be paid by the FFA Organization. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Mrs. Lori Chestnut has requested funding in the amount of \$4,000 for choir uniforms and \$3,000 for choir music, and he recommended approval of such from the Casino Revenue Fund. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that the surplus auction held on August 20th resulted in sales of \$4,364.00. He thanked Mrs. Allstott, Mrs. Pinnick, Mr. John Carnes, and staff for their work involved with the auction, and also thanked Mr. Preston Wininger and Mr. Gary Wininger for conducting the auction.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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