

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 2011**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 9, 2011 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 was 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, discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction, and interviewed industrial or commercial prospects. 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 6:32 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mr. Luke Aylsworth, 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 April 11th, 2011 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Kellams. The motion passed 7-0.

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 Bedford Office Supply the amount of \$50.19 for materials purchased with Safe Haven Grant funds. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett acknowledged Mrs. Dawn Zehr and Mrs. Hedy King upon their retirement, and presented each one with a plaque in appreciation of their years of service.

The Orange County Community Foundation Commissioners Supporting Organization has announced that they will once again be funding the \$1,000 scholarship to each graduating senior who is furthering their education through college, military, or other post-secondary training.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, May 28th at 6:00 at the high school gym.

Mr. Todd Pritchett announced that due to the early dismissal experienced on May 2nd and the school closing on May 3rd because of flooding, school will be in session on May 25th and 26th, with the teachers' last day set for May 27th. The ISTEP test scheduling had to be altered, and he expressed appreciation to teachers, bus drivers and parents for their efforts during this time.

The annual ISBA Spring Regional Meeting will be held on Monday, May 23rd at 6:30 at Huntingburg. Board members planning to attend are asked to notify Mrs. Allstott for registration.

Mr. Marshall reminded patrons in attendance of the rules for addressing the board.

Patron Mr. Josh Evans provided copies of the United States Constitution and the Indiana Civil Rights Act, as well as copies of the school policy concerning expulsion and school board minutes from a specific meeting in reference to expulsion hearings. He asked the board to consider conducting expulsion hearings for students. Mr. Marshall advised that he would need to check with the school attorney on this matter.

Patron Mrs. Tiffani Evans officially requested a review of the expulsion hearing for her son, and suggested that students who are exhibiting signs of an illness should be sent to the school nurse for evaluation. She also discussed the expulsion policy, stating that the board should work as advocates for the students.

Patron Mr. Perry Noble requested review of school policy concerning haircuts, to avoid any political discrimination. Mr. Marshall stated that Mr. Todd Pritchett would review the policy. Further discussion was held to clarify the issue on which Mr. Noble spoke.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Todd Pritchett requested that Mr. Tony Whitaker's salary be increased from \$72,699 to \$75,841, in order to make his salary comparable to teacher's daily rate of pay at the top of the Master's scale. Mrs. Lynch so moved. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

There was no Old and Unfinished Business.

Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve the FFA overnight trip to the Indiana FFA Convention to be held June 13th – 15th at Purdue University. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was carried 7-0.

Recommendation was made for adoption of math and science textbooks at the elementary school. Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the adoption, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Architect John Hawkins presented a copy of the bids submitted for the renovation/building project for the five bid items and alternate bids. He stated that seven contractors picked up the bid specifications, and two bids were submitted, with Kremp Lumber being the low bidder. Discussion was held. Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended accepting the quotes for bid #1 Band Room, bid #5 Weight Room, alternates #1A and 1B for sound system and furniture for a total project cost of \$1,079,400, with payment from Casino Revenue or Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Purkhiser moved to accept the recommendation for the four bid items as specified, and authorized Mr. Todd Pritchett to sign a contract with the low bidder and to sign off on change orders that do not increase the price. Mr. Kellams seconded the motion, and the motion was approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Luke Aylsworth thanked board members for their support with renovation of the band room. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the band would be using the auditorium during the renovation, thus use of the auditorium facility by the public will be limited.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that a lot of changes were made in the recent legislative session regarding school matters such as collective bargaining, health insurance, deficit spending, and teacher evaluation/merit pay, and will provide more information as details immerge.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that \$9,000 has been appropriated for summer school transportation, and requested permission to hire bus drivers for the routes as follows: four routes - \$90.00 per day, or five routes - \$72.00 per day. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that Trane Corporation is conducting an energy audit of our facilities, to provide a second opinion on energy management.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.
