

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 9, 2024**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 PM on Monday, December 9, 2024 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Justin R. Wininger, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joe Lynch, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Wininger were present. Dr. Trevor Apple, Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mrs. Erin Carnes, and Mrs. Carla Newlin 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.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:11 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Felicia Wolfington, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the November 11, 2024 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Justin R. Wininger made the motion to approve, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Carnes acknowledged the custodial staff for keeping the building clean and sanitized for students and staff. She also recognized the teachers and teaching assistants for the dedication and love they show to the students every day. She noted the elementary choir participated in the French Lick Resort Christmas Tree Lighting on November 23, the elementary staff held their annual Christmas party on December 4, the choir held a concert on December 5 for students, staff, and the public, the 4<sup>th</sup> grade Christmas musical will be on December 12 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium, picture retakes will also be on December 12, and school will be closed from December 23 through January 1 for Christmas break.

Mr. Pritchett noted the Veterans Day program was held on November 11, National Honor Society held their induction ceremony on November 17, the community Thanksgiving dinner was held on November 22, and the Forestry team advanced to state competition, which will be held on December 14 at Purdue University.

The school board recognized several student athletes and coaches who participated in junior high cross country, football, volleyball, and high school cross country. There were many record breaking performances this season. Each student received a certificate for their outstanding achievement.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the following spring sports personnel as a consent agenda item: Softball: 1) Jill Bonta, Varsity Head Coach at \$4700; 2) Jason Hickman, Varsity Assistant Coach at \$1500; 3) Volunteers, Shawn Kluesner, Justin Wininger, Shaun Mathies, Darren Kovas; 4) Jason Hickman, Junior High Head Coach at \$1250. Track and Field: 5) Derek Freeman, Boys Varsity Track Coach at \$3000; 6) Colten Cassidy, Girls Varsity Track Coach at \$1900; 7) Emma Denbo, Girls Varsity Assistant Track Coach at \$1500; 8) Toby Brown, Boys Varsity Assistant Track Coach at \$1400; 9) Justin Harris, Junior High Coach at \$1500; 10) Jim Tritle, Junior High Coach at \$1500; 11) Volunteers, Kade Hinkle, April Saliba, Todd Marshall, Tim Weisenberger, Elisha Holland, Tristan Parmley, Sarah Dillion. Baseball: 12) Rob Denbo, Boys Varsity Baseball Coach at \$4125; 13) Seth Dickey, Boys Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach at \$1595; 14) Michael Allstott, Jr. High Baseball Coach at \$1250; 15) Volunteers, Rob Land, Matt Pierce, Chad Goldman, and Mavrick Land, pending background check. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Justin R. Wininger abstaining.

Dr. Apple noted the transfer of Megan Johnson from elementary instructional assistant to high school instructional assistant effective December 9, 2024, and the resignation of Alyssa Kuypers, elementary instructional assistant, effective December 20, 2024.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the following new business consent agenda items: 1) Recommended the board approve a contract with Tucker and Tucker to provide legal counsel for 2025 at the hourly rate of \$200; 2) Recommended the board approve corporation treasurer Felicia Wolfington to pay invoices as needed through the end of 2024 with said claims approved by the superintendent; as well as permission for the superintendent to do emergency hiring subject to approval at the January board meeting; 3) Recommended the board approve a year-end transfer from the curricular fund to the education fund as required by the SBOA; 4) Recommended the board approve the health insurance rates for 2025; 5) Recommended the board approve the 2025-26 school calendar as presented; 6) Recommended the board approve a field trip for Mrs. Casey and 5 students to Italy and Greece on June 1-15, 2025; 7) Recommended the board approve a field trip to Louisville, Ky for Mrs. Sneed-Mueller and 5 students on January 24-26, 2025; 8) Recommended the board approve a field trip for Miss Gerkin, four students, and a chaperone to West Lafayette, IN on December 13-14, 2024; 9) Recommended that the board approve a student transportation contract for the Mowery family; 10) Recommended the board approve a quote from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$109,993 for a 2025 Collins International 14 passenger activity bus; 11) Recommended the board approve payment of the Teacher Appreciation Grant stipend on December 13, 2024. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Beth Cave gave a presentation on our ADM count.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a 2-year agreement with Cintas. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented the following policies for first reading: 1130 – Conflict of Interest; 3113 - Conflict of Interest; 4113 - Conflict of Interest; 6110 – Grant Funds; 6111 – Internal Control Standards and Procedures; 6112 - Cash Management of Grants; 6114 – Cost Principles – Spending Federal Funds; 6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds; 6550 – Travel Payment and Reimbursement/ Relocation Costs; 7310 – Disposition of Surplus Property; 7450 – Property Inventory; 0164 – Notice of Meetings; 0164.4 – Meeting of the Board Defined (Rescind); 0165 – Board Meetings; 0172 - Legal Counsel; 1213.01 - Staff-Student Relations; 1220 – Employment of the Superintendent; 1230 – Responsibilities of the Superintendent; 1617 – Weapons; 2312 - Class Size (Rescind); 2623 – Student Assessment; 3217 – Weapons; 4217 – Weapons; 5136.01 – Technology Resources and Other Electronic Equipment; 5410 – Promotion, Placement, and Retention; 5460 – Graduation Requirements; 5772 – Weapons; 7217 – Possession of Firearms and Weapons by Visitors; 7540.03 - Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 8400 – School Safety Information; 5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation; Proof of Indiana Residency; 5500 – Student Conduct; 5610 – Suspension and Expulsion of Students; 6140 – Depository Agreements; 6250 - Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership; 540.03 – Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 7540.04 - Staff Technology Acceptable Use and Safety; 7540.09 – Artificial Intelligence ("AI"); 8420 - Emergency Preparedness Plans and Drills.

Dr. Apple recognized Mr. Justin R. Winger, outgoing board member, for his eight years of service to Springs Valley Community Schools.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin L. Winger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded, and the regular session adjourned at 7:02 PM.

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