

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2009**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Larry Pritchett, Mrs. Deborah Brothers, Mr. Willard Owen, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. John Emmons was present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, 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 6:12 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett were present, as well as Mr. Gary Boyd, 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.

Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9th, 2009 Board Meeting. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with the motion by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Student Kyle Apple has been chosen as a recipient of the Lilly Grant Scholarship. He was one of two seniors in the county who will receive this scholarship.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated the FFA Dairy Judging team for their achievement in recent competition. The team tied for first place, and placed 2nd in the tie-breaker. Team members included students Roganna Emmons, Kelsey Moore, Alyssa Terry, and Lacy Richardson. Miss Terry also placed fourth in individual competition.

Mr. Boyd thanked everyone for their support in making the prom and after-prom very successful. He stated that pre-prom activities included “drinking and driving” programs.

Mr. Whitaker stated that more than 60 students participated in the Kindergarten Roundup, with 70 students expected for the Kindergarten class this fall.

No patrons addressed the Board.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the approval of junior high volunteer baseball coaches Jay Hill, Willie Wilson, and Larry Kalb, and junior high softball coaches Shane Jones and Joe Crow with the pay to be split between the two coaches. Mr. Larry Pritchett made an all-inclusive motion for the above. Mr. Owen seconded. Following discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Teacher’s aide Mrs. Risha Warren has requested to be off without pay on May 11, 2009 to attend her husband’s college graduation. Mr. Galloway moved to approve Mrs. Warren’s request, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to approve Mrs. Geri Garrison’s retirement from her teacher’s aide position effective at the end of the 2008-09 school year. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of Ms. Marci Collier’s request for maternity leave to begin May 1, 2009. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Hoosier Hills PACT director Mr. Jon Kuss thanked Springs Valley Schools for their support and financial funding. Mrs. Kathy Kuss discussed programs offered to Springs Valley students by Hoosier Hills PACT. Mrs. Katrina Brace, operator of programs at Springs Valley Junior/Senior High School, stated that she works closely with Mrs. Hedy King and teachers on a daily basis to identify and assist students in need.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the revised 2009-10 calendar as presented, which reflects changes in professional development days and parent/teacher conference days due to new Indiana Department of Education regulations. Mr. Owen so moved. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that summer school class offerings include elementary and middle school basic skills in math and language arts, high school English and algebra, instructional ensemble, and supervised agricultural experience. Student numbers and staffing needs will be presented at the May meeting. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

A quarterly financial update was provided by Mr. Todd Pritchett. The 2009 final budget with the approved 1782 Notice should be received within the next four to six weeks. The school's assessed valuation decreased from \$220 million to \$217 million, due in part to the Homestead Tax Credit. General Fund revenue for 2009 is estimated at \$6.7 million, with expenditures anticipated to be in the \$6.7 to 6.8 million range. He stated that he hoped the corporation would receive the initial tax installment by the end of June.

Architect John Hawkins stated that he should receive the wage scale tomorrow, with the wage hearing scheduled for next week, and bids would be due May 6th on the gym project. He presented different options for the possible lobby addition, and stated that the least aggressive scheme would cost approximately \$300,000 to \$350,000. Discussion was held regarding the gym renovation project.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that upcoming summer projects include the replacement of air-handling units, gym renovation and elementary restrooms update, and painting of elementary school and hallways to possibly include the cafeteria/gym area, as well as the regular summer cleaning needs.

Revised amounts for funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) are \$108,000 per year for two years in Title I funds, and \$225,000 per year under the IDEA funding. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that 50% of the IDEA funding could be used to offset special education cooperative financing, and the balance would be available for projects to involve students with disabilities.

The Common Wage Hearing is set for April 21st at 2 PM at the superintendent's office. Mr. Todd Pritchett requested reaffirming Mr. Scott Crews as local business representative and Mr. George Harrison, local taxpayer representative. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. The motion then passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve Mrs. Lori Chestnut's request for permission for the choir to participate in competition at Kentucky Kingdom on Saturday, May 16th. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to approve Mr. Kevin Knies' request for an overnight stay on Friday, May 15th so that students could participate in the state dairy contest on May 16th at Purdue, and also June 15th and 16th for students to attend the state FFA convention at Purdue. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Mrs. Kelly Schmitt has requested permission for the varsity/junior varsity girls' basketball team to attend camp in Transylvania, Kentucky on June 10-12, 2009 and the junior high team to attend camp July 20th to 22nd. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Social studies textbook adoption was approved as presented for the junior/senior high school and elementary school, with a motion by Mrs. Brothers. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copies attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the purchase of band instruments as requested by Mr. Luke Aylsworth under proposal B in the amount of \$20,346.80, with funding from the Casino Revenue Fund. The purchases are necessary due to the growth of band

participants and to replace equipment. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn. Mr. Owen seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

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