

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 2009**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 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. Tony Whitaker and Mr. Trevor Apple were 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 6:05 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett 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.

Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11th and May 27th, 2009 Board Meeting. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

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

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated the Girls Softball team for winning their third straight sectional championship.

Graduating seniors were commended for their participation in the commencement ceremony.

The Boys Golf team was recognized for winning the Patoka Lake Athletic Conference title, and has advanced to regional competition after placing second in the Jasper sectional.

The Indiana School Boards' Association Summer Academy will be held July 9th and 10th. Board members who wish to attend were asked to notify Mrs. Allstott for registration.

No patrons addressed the Board.

Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the 6-weeks maternity leave request by Mrs. Jessica Roberts. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Mr. Justin Scheller be hired to fill the Social Studies teaching position. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended acceptance of Mr. Gary Boyd's retirement letter, effective 6/30/09, with the severance package to include the purchase of one year service from the Indiana State Teachers' Retirement Fund and 15 sick days. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. There was no discussion, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested permission to post the junior/senior high school principal position, with the following timeline: posting by June 10th, applications preferred by June 26th, first round of interviews July 1st, and second interviews July 8th, with a selection to be named at the July 13th board meeting. Mr. Owen so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Larry Pritchett made a motion to approve up to 20 additional days for Mr. Josh Thompson at his current daily rate to fill the void during the principal's transition. Mr. Owen seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion was then passed 7-0.

Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to extend the contracts for Mr. Tony Whitaker and Mr. Josh Thompson for one additional year through the 2010-2011 school year, giving them the standard two-year contracts. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the posting of two elementary Title I teaching positions, subject to the sustainability of grant funding. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Discussion followed, and Mr. Whitaker stated that he would be posting the positions immediately and would have recommendations at the July 13th meeting. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Marshall stated that a motion had been made and then tabled at the May 11th meeting regarding the elementary and junior/senior high school student handbooks. Mr. Larry Pritchett commented that he would re-entertain his previous motion to approve the handbooks as presented with the recommended changes. Discussion included the day reporting program and clarification of the handbook. Mr. Marshall stated that a second to this motion was not necessary, as Mr. Owen had seconded the motion at the previous meeting. The motion then passed 6-1, with Mr. Kellams voting against. (copies attached)

Two bids were received for the Lost River Vocational/Special Education bus route, and Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended acceptance of the low bid by Mr. Dave Emmons at a daily rate of \$65. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Brothers made the motion to reappoint Mrs. Susan Freeman as the school's representative on the Melton Public Library Board. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that construction crews are on-site, and the work is progressing very well. The elementary restrooms have been knocked out and the painting project has been started. The high school gym windows have been removed and plywood installed, and work has begun on replacement of the air handling units.

A recommendation was made by Mr. Todd Pritchett to approve the contract with Mrs. Kim Pendley to provide student transportation to and from the Louisville Deaf/Oral School as presented. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Information was provided by Mr. Todd Pritchett regarding possible changes in the services by Springs Valley Regional Water District. Discussion followed, including changes in the billing procedures.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that there will be no changes in the cafeteria prices for the 2009-10 school year.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested approval for the purchase of computers to replace existing classroom computers. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. During discussion, Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the overall cost would be approximately \$150,000 to \$165,000, with payment to be made from the Casino Revenue Fund. The motion then passed 7-0.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn. Mr. Owen seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 PM.
