

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2010**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2010 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Deborah Brothers, Mr. Willard Owen, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Eddie Kellams, and Mr. Larry Pritchett. Mr. Todd Pritchett, Mr. Troy Pritchett, and Mr. John Emmons were also present.

A second Executive Session was held, and dismissed at 8:00 PM. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett were present at the second Executive Session, with Mr. Kellams present for a portion of the session.

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 6:19 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mr. Josh Thompson, 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 motioned to approve the minutes of the March 8th and March 17th, 2010 meetings as written. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the vouchers and claims as presented, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recognized teacher Mr. Jason Russell for chaperoning a student trip to Washington, D.C. over Spring Break, and appreciated the opportunity given to our students.

Mr. Whitaker stated the Elementary Math Bowl team, coached by Mrs. Risha Warren, recently competed in region competition at Paoli and placed first in our division and first overall. The elementary spring carnival will be held this Saturday from 11:00 to 1:00 at the elementary gym.

No patrons addressed the board.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended extending one year to the contracts for Mr. Tony Whitaker as elementary principal, Mr. Troy Pritchett as high school principal, and Mr. Josh Thompson as assistant high school principal/varsity boys basketball coach, giving each of them a two-year contract. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he had received a letter of retirement from Mrs. Leslie Akers as varsity volleyball coach. He and Mr. Emmons elaborated, stating that Mrs. Akers has been an icon in our community, having coached at Springs Valley High School for 37 years and amassed 596 team victories. She was recently inducted into the Indiana Volleyball Coaches' Hall of Fame. Mr. Larry Pritchett made a motion to accept Mrs. Akers' retirement letter. Mrs. Brothers seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Mrs. Erin Carnes be named the varsity volleyball coach at an annual salary of \$6,000.00. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. Mr. Kellams then motioned to table the matter until the next meeting for

further review, and Mr. Allstott seconded that motion. Mr. Marshall stated that it was not in the best interest of the school to table the motion. A vote was then taken on Mr. Kellams' motion to table the matter, and the motion was defeated by a vote of 3-4, with Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Brothers, Mr. Owen, and Mr. Larry Pritchett voting in the negative. The motion to accept the recommendation of Mrs. Erin Carnes then passed by the vote of 5-2, with Mr. Kellams and Mr. Allstott voting in the negative.

Mr. Larry Pritchett made a motion to approve Danny Orr as volunteer golf coach, as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion passed 7-0

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the 2010-2011 cheer coaches as follows: Monica Wolford – varsity, Janna Foxx – varsity assistant, Karen Crews – junior varsity, Amber Johnson – 8th grade, Shalynn Lindsey – 7th grade, Kali Walls – 6th grade, and Stacy Burton – 5th grade. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated there were no other personnel recommendations.

Mr. Jon Kuss, Mrs. Kathy Kuss, and Mrs. Katrina Brace addressed the board regarding the Hoosier Hills PACT programs offered to Springs Valley students, including the BRI and behavioral monitoring programs, case management, life skills, drug and alcohol education, and character education, along with the day reporting program. Discussion was held. Mr. Kellams and Mr. Galloway expressed their concerns about the day reporting program, and the funding request by Hoosier Hills PACT due to the current budget situation. Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended payment of \$25,000.00 from Casino Revenue for the continuation of these services, as requested. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion then passed by the vote of 4-3, with Mr. Allstott, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Kellams voting against.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he had met with teacher representatives and also with Paoli and West Washington Schools superintendents, and presented the 2010-2011 school calendar for adoption, with the first teacher day set for August 9th, the first student day on August 10th, and the last student day on May 17th with the last scheduled teacher day on May 18th. Mr. Larry Pritchett so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The calendar was adopted by the vote of 7-0. (copy attached)

Mrs. Brothers moved to adopt the 2010-2011 student handbooks, with the changes as presented. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported on the 2007-2009 audit report by Indiana State Board of Accounts, and advised that there were no findings and no comments noted. Mr. Marshall complimented Mrs. Allstott and Mrs. Pinnick for the audit report.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided information on quotes obtained for the auditorium seating, exterior painting of the high school gymnasium, and the elementary gym floor. Discussion followed, and Mr. Todd Pritchett was instructed to gather additional information on the elementary gym floor so that potential trips could be made to area schools that have this type of flooring.

Legislative changes were reviewed by Mr. Todd Pritchett. He advised that two major changes were the waiver of transfer tuition fees as statutory language, which Springs Valley Community Schools had already done, and the flexibility to transfer a percentage of funds from Capital Projects to the General Fund, which would not be beneficial to Springs Valley Community Schools at this time as we already have a Rainy Day Fund.

Under New Business, Mr. Roger Fisher and Mr. Jerry Ritter, as representatives of the Springs Valley Educational Foundation, addressed the board on the matter of displaying pictures of inductees to the Springs Valley Educational Foundation Hall of Fame. Mr. Fisher stated that a committee has been established to oversee this process, and stated that criteria for nomination would include excellent teaching, boardmanship, financial contributions, or career achievement. He requested space as determined by Springs Valley Schools to display the pictures, and also requested the services of Mr. Lionel Brown to set up the web page for the nomination and election process. Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of Mr. Fisher's request. Mr. Larry Pritchett so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Kellams asked Mr. Todd Pritchett to address the matter of other personnel issues. Mr. Marshall stated there was no other personnel recommendation to be made at this time, adding that we are still in search of a football coach and there was no reason to inform the public. Mr. Kellams clarified that the matter was being opened back up and looking at more applications. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated he had no recommendation for athletic director and head football coach, and that the current athletic director, principal, and himself would resume the process of interviewing applicants. Discussion was held.

Mr. Larry Pritchett then motioned to adjourn the regular session. Mrs. Brothers seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM. Mr. Marshall stated the executive session would reconvene in approximately five minutes.

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