

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 8, 2012**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 8, 2012 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 and Mr. Tony Whitaker were also present.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation/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 6:10 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

Minutes of the September 10th, 2012 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 7-0.

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

Mrs. Allstott requested special permission to pay Chicago's Pizza for the amount of \$88.49. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recognized elementary art teacher Mr. Jeff Brothers, who passed away suddenly on September 27th. He stated that Mr. Brothers had a lasting impact on students and staff, and acknowledged his career that ended too soon.

Congratulations to the Blackhawk Brigade for earning a gold rating at district competition. The band will be competing in the regional this weekend.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated Coach Donovan Crews and the girls' golf team for an outstanding season and advancement to the Evansville regional.

Mr. Todd Marshall spoke on behalf of the Springs Valley Education Foundation, and stated that the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held last week, with Mr. John Butch Emmons, Mr. Roger Fisher, and Mr. Gary Holland honored. He thanked the school for their support of the education foundation. The Chuck Akers Memorial Golf Tournament raised \$10,000 for the education foundation.

The ISBA Regional Fall meeting will be held on Monday, October 29th, with dinner at 6:30. Board members wishing to attend should notify Mrs. Allstott by October 23rd for registration.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the elementary art opening will be posted, and Mr. Whitaker will move forward on accepting applications and possibly have a recommendation at the November meeting.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to accept Mrs. Abby Laux's resignation as varsity girls track coach, as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the elementary roof project is nearly finished. The roof is completely installed, and roofers are working on the flashing and "ribs". He is very pleased with the work.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended adoption of the Athletic Director Evaluation Plan as presented. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. Following discussion, the plan was adopted 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested board approval to host an area superintendents' conference in November, 2012. As host school, Springs Valley would provide for transportation and facility needs of the educational conference. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

The AdvancEd accreditation visit is currently being held, and Mr. Todd Pritchett reminded board members of the exit interview to be held on Wednesday, October 10th at 3:30 in the high school auditorium. Members were invited to hear the preliminary report of the audit findings.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the 2012-2013 Master Contract, including language change and stipend settlement of \$88,500 total for certified staff members, along with the memorandum of understanding regarding initial salary of starting teacher. Mr. Galloway motioned for approval as recommended. Mrs. Lynch seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that all non-certified employees in good standing and employed prior to January 1st, 2012 be given a stipend of \$1,000, with part-time employees to be given a full-time equivalent stipend. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Discussion was held. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Mr. Allstott abstaining.

The ADM count has been established at 920, which is down 16 students from the 2011-12 school year. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the full impact of this count will not be known until the December student count is available. The overall student count is currently 959, down from 977 in 2011-12.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that the General, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Bus Replacement funds are all in good standing at the end of the third quarter. The General fund has been overspent by approximately \$300,000, in addition to the Education Jobs funding of \$211,000, which was the expected shortfall for this fund.

The Southern Wellness Trust health insurance rates have been established for 2013 with a rate hold given by United HealthCare. This will be the third year at the current rates.

The corporation's A-F Accountability Grade, which was to be issued by the Indiana Department of Education the first of September, has not been released yet, but Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he expected to have the information by the end of October.

Springs Valley Community Schools has received the Indiana Public Employers Safety Award for 2011 from Downey Insurance. We are one of 510 government entities covered by this plan.

Discussion was held regarding the hiring policy, and adoption of a nepotism policy. Mr. Todd Pritchett was directed to appoint a committee for review of the current hiring policy. Mr. Marshall presented samples of various nepotism policies for review. It was noted that the state recently implemented a nepotism policy for local governments, but omitted schools from their policy. Further consideration will be given to these policies at the November meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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