

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 11, 2013 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Ryan Carnes, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance.

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, discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction including job performance evaluations, 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 board members, Mr. Todd Pritchett, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present.

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

Minutes of the January 21, 2013 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. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

There were no recognitions and acknowledgements.

No patrons addressed the board.

Under Personnel, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of a family medical leave as requested by Mrs. Jacqueline Myers Bermejo for the period of two to eight weeks, pending doctor's release. He stated that available sick days would be used, and then the leave would be on an unpaid basis. Mr. Allstott motioned as recommended, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided additional information regarding the Hoosier Uplands' 21st Century grant. We are in the final year of the three-year grant, which has funded our after-school elementary and junior high programs. A new grant application has been submitted for the elementary program, but the junior high program for grades 6 through 8 did not meet grant criteria and could not be included in the application.

The local Classroom Teachers' Association has requested that Mr. Todd Pritchett investigate the possibility of direct deposit for payroll at Springs Valley Community Schools. Mr. Pritchett advised that discussion has been held with Mrs. Allstott and Mrs. Pinnick, and stated that he will gather information from our software provider and bank regarding the costs to determine feasibility.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that the recent implementation of a new state law includes the provision that the board president and secretary are the only board members that need to sign teachers' contracts. For clarification of the matter, he requested board approval so that the board president and secretary are the only board members' signatures needed on all employment contracts. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that due to the missed school day on February 1st, students will be in school on Monday, February 18th and the professional development program scheduled for that day will be held at the end of the school year.

Information was provided to board members on the 1782 Budget Notice issued by the Department of Local Government Finance for the 2013 approved budget, including the tax rates and assessed valuation. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated the 2013 tax rate for taxable funds will be \$0.9616, and the assessed value increased slightly to \$234,373,059.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided an update on the General Fund financial situation, and advised that the revenue from state sources for 2013 will be \$5,923,700, which is down \$145,916 or 2.4% from 2012.

In collaboration with the AdvancEd External Review Team's findings in October, 2012, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he will be setting a date for an open meeting for community and staff members to work with a facilitator to develop core values and mission statements for our corporation and schools.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that a vacancy had been created on the Lost River Career Cooperative Board due to the recent passing of Mr. Larry Pritchett. He stated that the Lost River Career Cooperative is a separate entity, and their board is comprised of members from Paoli, West Washington, and Springs Valley. Mr. Kalb nominated Mr. Purkhiser to serve on the Lost River Career Cooperative Board of Trustees, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was approved 6-0-1, with Mr. Purkhiser abstaining.

Mr. Purkhiser expressed sympathy to Mr. Todd Pritchett on the loss of his father, and stated that Mr. Larry Pritchett had been a big part of Springs Valley Schools and will be missed. On behalf of his family, Mr. Todd Pritchett thanked everyone for their condolences.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Galloway motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

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