

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

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 4:30 PM on Monday, November 11, 2013 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Dr. Merrill Vandevanter was also in attendance.

A second Executive Session was held, and dismissed at 8:00 PM. All board members and Dr. Vandevanter were present at the second Executive Session, as well as a prospective superintendent candidate.

During the Executive Sessions, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, received information about prospective employees, and discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction including job performance evaluations. No subject matters were discussed in the Executive Sessions other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:00 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, 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.

Mr. Allstott made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 7th and October 23rd, 2013 board meetings. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mrs. Lynch. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the motion was carried 7-0.

Dr. Vandevanter congratulated the Springs Valley Blackhawk Brigade on a tremendous showing at the recent Indiana State School Music Association competition, placing 2nd in the state Class D competition.

Dr. Carnes congratulated student Rebecca Pierce for being named to the IHSAA Volleyball First Team All-State.

Mr. Purkhiser stated that a public hearing would now be held in regard to the proposed superintendent contract, pursuant to Indiana Code 20-26-5-4.3.

Teachers Mr. Jason Russell, Mrs. Cherish Wininger, and Mrs. Chris Rowland and patron Mr. Justin Wininger addressed the board expressing concerns on the proposed superintendent contract as advertised. Mr. Todd Marshall, former school board president, spoke in support of the proposed contract. Board members and Dr. Vandevanter responded to the issues at hand.

Mr. Purkhiser advised that having satisfied the requirements of the public hearing, no further action was needed by the board at this time.

Mr. Russell then addressed the board on the matter of the interview process for selecting the new superintendent, with board members and Dr. Vandevanter responding to his concerns.

Dr. Vandevanter stated that Mr. Wes McNeely has presented a quote from Clean Fuels in the amount of \$3,219.11 to clean the school's diesel tank. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve this service by Clean Fuels, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Vandeventer advised that he has received the following resignation notices: Mrs. Aletha Cooper retiring as Food Service Manager effective January 10th, 2014 following 28.5 years of service, and Mr. Kevin Mills resigning as Varsity Football coach effective immediately. Dr. Vandeventer commended Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Mills on their jobs well done, and stated that they will be given a plaque in recognition of their many years of service. Mr. Kalb made a motion to accept the resignations of Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Mills. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

The following personnel recommendations were made by Dr. Vandeventer: Mr. Randy Chaplin as 5th grade boys' basketball coach, Mrs. Kelly Weisenberger - food service director, Mrs. Floella Gonya as Spanish Club sponsor, Mrs. Brenda Wyman – SADD sponsor, and Mr. Ron Carnes as volunteer boys' basketball coach for the 2013-14 season. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Vandeventer advised that Mr. Trevor Apple has submitted a request for continuing support of the Top Hawk Program from Casino Revenue funds in the amount of \$5,000.00. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Mr. Purkhiser applauded the success of the student incentive program. The motion was then approved 7-0.

On behalf of the Hoosier Hills PACT Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention Services, Dr. Vandeventer recommended support of their grant proposal to the Orange County Development Commission. Mr. Galloway so moved to adopt the board resolution. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Vandeventer stated that Mr. Tim Garver with Choice Mechanical Services is preparing two proposals for the air conditioning project in the high school gym, and will present those at a later date. Mr. Garver also submitted a quote for upgrading the boiler burner at a cost of \$12,200. Mr. Kalb motioned to accept the quote for the boiler upgrade. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

In reference to previous discussion, Dr. Vandeventer advised Mr. Purkhiser and fellow board members that Springs Valley Community Schools has an adopted student restraint policy in place.

Mr. Purkhiser announced that the board would be returning to Executive Session. With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

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