

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 11, 2014 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mr. Jim Bush, and Mr. Mark Hammond were also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, personnel, and litigation. 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 6:29 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members, Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. Bush were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

Mrs. Lynch called the meeting to order, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2014 board meeting, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1, as Mrs. Lynch abstained.

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

Mr. Whitaker announced that the new school year is off to a great start. Registrations went smoothly at both buildings, the maintenance staff did an outstanding job in getting the buildings and grounds ready, professional development held for staff included two excellent speakers, and teachers and staff were well-prepared for the start of school, all of which has contributed to the smooth start. He thanked everyone for their effort and hard work.

Mr. Whitaker stated that the Larry Bird Boulevard paving project is looking good, and almost finished. Hughes Paving Company has been good to work with throughout this project.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated Mrs. Teresa Apple and students Noah Hinkley, Michael Lucas, and Tyler White on their success at the 2014 Academic Super Bowl competition. The Interdisciplinary Team finished as state champions, and the Science Team finished in fifth place. The students addressed the board, reflecting on their experiences as members of the academic teams.

No one from the public addressed the board.

As requested by Mr. Mark Hammond, Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the following athletic personnel matters: employment of football volunteer coaches – Heath Snider, Ethan Galloway, and Chase Snider; weight room coordinator – Justin Scheller; and cheerleading – Chelsey Bell and Tiffani Stemle as co-varsity coaches, Chelsey Bell – junior high coach, and Kali Walls – 5th/6th grade cheer coach; and resignations from Kerry Lueken as boys track coach and Doug Partenheimer as baseball coach. Mrs. Carnes motioned as recommended. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mrs. Becky Grable, school nurse, has submitted her letter of retirement, adding that she is a great lady and a dedicated employee. Mr. Galloway motioned to accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Grable, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended that Mrs. Rachael Sellers be employed as kindergarten teaching assistant, as requested by Mrs. Julie Woolsey due to the large class size. He added that Mrs. Sellers had volunteered in our kindergarten program last year, and adding her to the kindergarten staff would create a better teacher to student ratio. Mr. Allstott so moved. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Clear Armor will be at Springs Valley Schools tomorrow to apply safety glass protection to selected windows and doors. The Secured School Safety Grant amount of \$35,000 will provide \$17,500 in revenue to cover this expenditure.

Mr. Whitaker announced that he has been in contact with Jeffery Metcalf from Ameresco, as well as Doug Rose of Performance Services, regarding the school's equipment and utilities including the high school gym HVAC. Tim Garver of Choice Mechanical is working as a consultant on this matter.

Mr. Yancy Unger of Five Star Technology Solutions, LLC addressed the board regarding their proposal to aid with our technology and transition to 1:1 programming. He stated that Five Star is an education company that will coach teachers and the leadership team, providing a director of e-learning and on-site training. Mr. Whitaker stated that the proposal will be addressed as we move forward.

Mr. Whitaker presented a certificate of resolution for the Security Benefits 401(a) plan, requesting removal of Mr. Todd Pritchett as trustee and adding himself. Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to remove Mr. Pritchett and add Mr. Whitaker as trustee on the said plan. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0. (copy attached)

ISTEP scores have been released, and Mr. Whitaker stated that he was very happy with the scores for Springs Valley. Our students scored 81.8 in English/Language Arts compared to the state average of 80.7, and our overall Math score was 87.4 with the state average of 83.5. The principals will provide a more detailed report of the scores at the September board meeting.

The Indiana School Boards Association will be holding their annual fall conference September 15th and 16th in Indianapolis. Board members who wish to attend are asked to notify Kathy for registration at the conference.

Mr. Whitaker requested permission to advertise the 2015 budget forms 3, 3(2), and 3(3). He added that as information from previous superintendents Mr. Todd Pritchett and Dr. Jerrill Vandeventer had been reported, state funding continues to decline for our corporation, along with decreasing student enrollment numbers, adding that our Rainy Day Fund and Casino Revenue funding are being utilized to offset the deficit financing. He stated the budget form 3, Bus Replacement Plan Notice to Taxpayers, and Capital Projects Plan Notice to Taxpayers need to be advertised in the August 13 and 20th newspapers. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve publication as stated. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker reminded board members of the budget hearing scheduled for Wednesday, August 27th at 6:00 in the Learning Center Board Room, with executive session to begin at 5:00.

Mr. Purkhiser provided information on a workshop entitled "Skills for Effective Parenting" to be held next Tuesday, August 19th. The workshop is being sponsored by the Southern Indiana Community for Independent Living.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

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