

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JULY 13, 2015**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 13, 2015 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 Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance, as well as Mr. Mark Hammond.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed prospective employees, job performance evaluations, 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 6:16 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Minutes of the June 8th and June 25th, 2015 board meetings were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and second by Mrs. Shipman. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the vouchers and claims for approval, and requested special permission to pay the following: AdvancEd for an amount up to \$2,250.00 for accreditation fees from the General Fund, Indiana Small and Rural Schools/\$400.00 membership fee from General Fund, and Middle Cities Education Association/\$575.00 for student enrollment projections from General Fund. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that summer band camp has started, and the football pads are out!

Patron Justin Wininger addressed the board about his concerns with the superintendent's contract extension, stating that the corporation is continuing to lose funding.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the following summer/fall band staff as presented by Mr. Luke Aylsworth: John Aylsworth, Laura Aylsworth, and Brandon Hagen to be paid from state summer school funding, Phil Fleming, JD Opel, Kristina Allen, Sierra Funk, Mariah Brinkman, and Emily Timmons to be paid from the band account, Ross Moss, Andrew Alspaugh, Amber Alspaugh, and Brittany Hankins to be paid by Band Boosters, and volunteers Justin Wininger, Kim Sommer, Derek McBride, and Logan Henry. Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve the band staff as recommended. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway moved to approve Jessica Roberts and Lindsay Mendel as junior high volleyball coaches and Zeke Allstott as volunteer football assistant, per Mr. Hammond's recommendation. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested hiring Cody McNeely as recommended by Mr. John Carnes for the nighttime custodial position beginning August 3rd, with pay per the non-certified pay schedule, adding that Cody will be attaining his bus driver's CDL license within three months. Cody has worked in the half-time custodian position, which was eliminated following Jerry Allbright's retirement. With the decreased custodial staff, Mr. Whitaker stated that needs will have to be prioritized and the staff will work to get as much as done as possible. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion was then approved 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve hiring a first grade teaching assistant, as requested by Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Galloway seconded. Mr. Whitaker stated this addition to the staff will mean one and a half teaching assistants with three teachers in first grade. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended accepting the resignation of Mrs. Rachael Sellers as kindergarten teaching assistant, adding that she was a hard worker who did a good job. He stated this position will need to be filled. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended extension of the administration contracts as follows: Jim Bush (\$85,000), Julie Woolsey (\$75,841), Daniel Wolford (\$63,000), and Trevor Apple (\$68,695). He added that Mrs. Woolsey's contract was set to expire 12/31/15, but will be extended one and a half year to end 6/30/17, so that all of the above contracts are for the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school year with no changes in salary or terms of contracts. Mr. Purkhiser motioned as recommended, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed by the vote of 6-1, with Mrs. Shipman voting against the motion.

Mr. Allstott made the motion to approve the superintendent’s contract, extending through 12/31/18, as recommended by Mrs. Lynch. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 6-1, with Mrs. Shipman voting in the negative.

Mrs. Lynch stated that in moving forward, the board is aware of the financial situation of our corporation and is looking at all options to save money.

Mr. Whitaker advised that we have been working with AMERSCO on developing a plan for energy savings projects, and he has recently met with Scott Stenftenagel of Stenftenagel Group along with Schmidt Associates. As stated at last month’s meeting, he reiterated that due to our financial situation, we do not want to start numerous large projects at one time. Mr. Whitaker added that in working with Dr. Carnes and Mr. Galloway as board representatives, Stenftenagel Group will develop a facilities plan prioritizing our needs, and present information at the August board meeting. Mr. Galloway added that some projects need to be taken care of as soon as possible.

Mr. Whitaker reminded board members of the August 26th board meeting, per the budget calendar, to conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget.

Mr. Whitaker requested approval to accept resignations and hire personnel pending school board approval at the August meeting, as the new school year will start prior to the next meeting. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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