

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 12, 2021 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was in attendance virtually, as well as Mrs. Cheryl Lynch. Mrs. Renee Childress, Mr. Kyle Neukam, and Dr. Matt Williams were also present. Mrs. Beth Cave and Mr. Jim Hamilton attended a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluation, collective bargaining, school safety and security, 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 6:23 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Mr. Wininger, Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Shipman, Mrs. Childress, Mr. Neukam, and Dr. Williams were present. Dr. Apple and Mrs. Lynch participated in the meeting virtually. Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mr. Luke Aylsworth, Mrs. Kelly Schmitt, Mrs. Kris Tarr, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were also present.

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

Mr. Wininger requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 board meeting, and vouchers and claims as presented. Mrs. Allstott advised that high school ECA treasurer Mrs. Sasha Robison has recently voided 23 outstanding checks from the years of 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 per State Board of Accounts' guidelines. Mrs. Shipman made the motion as recommended, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mrs. Lynch abstaining. (copy attached)

Mrs. Childress reported that students in grades 3 through 5 will begin the ILEARN assessment testing on April 19th, and she thanked Mrs. Tanya Gilmore for her time and effort to ensure that staff and students are prepared. Miss Sarah Stackhouse has been working with students after school to practice for the Math Bowl competition that will be held virtually tomorrow afternoon. Future Problem Solvers' teams performed well during state competition, and Mrs. Lori Chestnut shared that two teams will now compete virtually at the international level. Fifth grade students have completed the DARE program, and Mrs. Childress thanked Officer Andy Burkhardt for his time and dedication. Our fifth graders will visit the middle school on Tuesday, May 11th to tour the building and meet the teachers they will have next year.

Mr. Neukam thanked Mrs. Laux and Miss Stackhouse for organizing the Art Fair held on April 5th. He congratulated juniors who completed the SAT a few weeks ago, and advised that our group as a whole scored higher than the state and national averages. He also thanked all of our teachers for impacting our SAT students in a positive way, and recognized Dr. Kara Pickens and Mrs. Chris Rowland for teaching the SAT prep class.

Dr. Apple extended best wishes to the Future Problem Solvers' students that will be participating in international competition this summer. He congratulated Mr. Aylsworth and the three winter ensembles for being state finalists this year and the Winter Winds for being recognized as state champions.

Mr. Aylsworth offered his appreciation to board members, Dr. Apple, administrators, and Mrs. Schmitt for the opportunities given his students to practice and participate in competition, and recognized students and parents for earning another trip to state finals and the fifth state championship for our school.

Mrs. Tarr addressed the board. She stated that she was proud of all the band students, and thanked Mr. Aylsworth, band boosters, parents, and the board for their support of the students.

Dr. Apple recommended Brittani Ratliff for the position of high school librarian at the pay rate of \$15.50 per hour on a 32-hour per week schedule. A definite start date has not been established yet as Mrs. Ratliff will be transitioning from the substitute school nurse position. Mr. Burton so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of Kyle Chase as assistant varsity football coach 2, with pay for the non-certified position at Area 3 Level B for \$1,600.00. Mr. Marshall so moved. Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 5-2, with Mrs. Shipman and Mr. Wininger voting in the negative.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve Chad Goldman and Annemie Smith as volunteer track coaches, as recommended by Dr. Apple. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised that Andrea Smock and Mika Deel have submitted their letters of resignation from their positions of elementary special education aides, with Miss Smock's last day on May 19, 2021 and April 16, 2021 for Miss Deel. He advised that Mrs. Childress will fill Miss Smock's position and recommended Stephanie Miller be employed to fill the vacancy created with Miss Deel's resignation at the beginning pay rate of \$11.40 for 29 hours per week with employment to start on April 19, 2021. Mr. Burton made the motion to employ Mrs. Miller as stated. Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Shawn Willett has resigned her position as lead instructor for the three-year-old preschool class effective April 13, 2021. Dr. Apple recommended approval for the current assistant, Donna Rastorfer, to fill the vacancy at the same pay rate of \$17.00 per hour. He stated that Mrs. Childress will begin the search for a new preschool assistant. Mr. Burton so moved, Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Howard Knight has resigned from his position of night custodian effective April 9, 2021. Dr. Apple advised that they will begin looking to fill that vacancy.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of the following summer school teachers: HS English remediation-Amanda Dalton; JH Math remediation-Jolynne Cruz; Algebra 1-Chris Rowland; HS English-Kristina Allen; SV Academy supervisor-Jolynne Cruz; Erin Carnes-PE; Jonathon Bowles-PE; Marty Niehaus-PE; Luke Aylsworth-Band/PE; Taylor Chastain-Summer SAE; 1st grade-Monica Wolford; 2nd-Darla Carnes; 3rd-Heather Tucker; 4th-Kris Tarr; 5th-Gina Webster; Special Education-Jennifer Hill, and Teaching Assistants-Megan Harrison; Beth Hall; Stephanie Martin; and Angie Hawkins. Mr. Marshall motioned to approve summer school staff as recommended, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion was passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Dalton abstaining.

Dr. Apple advised that a Kindergarten Countdown program will be held for incoming kindergarten students from July 19 to July 30 with Janelle Crews as teacher and Mickey Arthur as aide. Mr. Farris made a motion to approve the Kindergarten Countdown program as stated. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval to raise the hourly rate of pay for Gail Johnson to \$18.70 per hour effective March 22, 2021, advising that she will serve as Custodial & Maintenance Coordinator with added oversight responsibilities. Mr. Marshall so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of a spring/summer mowing contract with Kevin Ragains at an hourly rate of \$25 plus \$10 an hour for an assistant as needed. Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve the mowing contract with Mr. Ragains as stated. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

There were no substantial project updates to report.

The board had previously approved the pay rate for certified staff of their contracted hourly rate to be paid for after-school tutoring through the remainder of this school year, and Dr. Apple recommended the same contracted hourly rate be paid for Thursday night

school instructors effective March 18 2021 through the end of the 2020-21 school year. Mr. Farris so moved, Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

An update on COVID numbers were provided to board members. Dr. Apple reported that we currently have one positive case in the corporation, around 30 quarantined students, with only seven of those due to school contact.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of a quote from Midwest Specialties in the amount of \$65,260 to install new lockers in the high school locker rooms, advising the final cost could be a few hundred dollars higher due to a change order for galvanized steel bases. Mr. Marshall so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded. Mrs. Schmitt advised the upgrade to the girls’ and boys’ locker rooms and the boys’ cage area would include 18”x24” lockers with seat, dry erase marker boards, and lockable cabinets. She stated the galvanized steel bases would minimize rust on the new lockers and allow expansion of the current concrete base. The quote includes removal and disposal of the old locker units. Mrs. Schmitt stated the new lockers should be shipped around July 19th with installation to follow and be ready for use at the start of school next fall. Midwest Specialties will be honoring the lifetime warranty as quoted by another vendor on the locker project. Discussion was held, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple informed the board that our corporation is in discussion with Southern Indiana Community Health Care about the possibility of providing school-based health services such as physical and mental health care for students at local schools with services to be provided on school property. He and other administrators are currently reviewing a survey that may be sent out to parents at a later date to gather more planning information. Dr. Apple reiterated this matter is in the early discussion phase only at this time.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Burton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

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