

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 7, 2022**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 7, 2022 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Justin Wininger, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was also in attendance, as well as Dr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matt Williams.

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 6:01 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and Mrs. Felicia Wolfington were present.

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

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the February 14, 2022 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mrs. Allstott requested permission to pay Lindsey's Construction the amount of \$3,649.44 from Operations Fund and Youth First - \$6,457.40 with Casino Revenue and Secured School Safety Grant funds. Mr. Wininger so moved. Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Neukam thanked his entire staff for their work this last month. He recognized Mrs. Abby Laux, Mr. Chad Goldman, Mrs. Stacy Denbo, and Dr. Kara Pickens for their efforts on the school's informational flyer, which will be displayed as an advertising piece at local businesses. Mrs. Brittany Ratliff and Mr. Jim Tritle were thanked for volunteering their lunch times during the first semester of 2021-22 and through the February board meeting to supervise students who ate lunch in the library and study hall to follow COVID protocol on social distancing. FFA students and Mrs. Taylor Chastain provided a delicious breakfast to staff recently. Dr. Neukam congratulated our boys' basketball team for winning the sectional this past weekend and wished them good luck this Saturday at Loogootee in regional competition. He thanked Mrs. Kelly Schmitt and everyone involved for putting on a fantastic sectional.

Dr. Williams thanked teachers and support staff for their efforts in preparing students for the IREAD and ILEARN state testing, adding that the IREAD 3 testing will be administered to third grade students on March 8th, 9th, and 10th. He thanked our custodial and maintenance staff for keeping the buildings looking great and for getting the pool up and running for our students. First grade students recently donated food items in memory of Mrs. Angie Ragains' mother. Choir fund-raising products will be delivered soon. The third grade musical has been rescheduled from March 15th to April 7th. The third grading period will end on March 11th, with report cards to be sent home on March 18th. Kindergarten Roundup will be held on April 12th and 13th from 8:00 to 12:30.

Dr. Apple congratulated Coach Jonathan Bowles, his players, managers, and coaches on a great season so far and for how well they have represented Springs Valley with their work ethic, sportsmanship, enthusiasm, and grit.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple requested approval of the consent agenda for Spring and Fall Coaches as listed. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion carried 7-0. (see attached)

Dr. Apple requested a motion to approve Isral Qualkenbush as volunteer junior high baseball coach. Mrs. Lynch made the motion as stated. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion carried 5-2, with Mr. Wininger and Mrs. Shipman voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple requested approval of the independent contract with Mr. John Emmons as high school interim assistant principal effective February 22, 2022 at the daily rate of \$300. Mr. Marshall so moved. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

There were no projects for discussion, and no old and unfinished business presented.

Dr. Apple requested a motion to approve the Summer School Category 1 course offerings which are funded by the DOE, including traditional high school courses toward graduation and grades 1-5 reading/math courses. Summer school will be held June 6 through 24 from 8 to 11, with lunch provided free of charge to students in the high school cafeteria from 11 to 11:30 daily. Mr. Wininger motioned to approve summer school courses as stated, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval of Dr. Matt Williams as interim elementary principal and provide authorization for him to sign financial documents. Mr. Marshall so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion passed 7-0. The bank resolution was signed.

Dr. Apple advised that he would like to plan a board work session for strategic planning purposes and to discuss infrastructure needs, and will schedule a date within the next couple of months.

The ISBA Region 9 spring meeting will be held on April 25th in Jasper. Board members were instructed to notify Mrs. Allstott if they plan to attend.

Mr. Wininger made the motion to approve an overnight field trip to Indianapolis for Mr. Jadon Hinkle and four Fire Science students on April 28, 2022. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised that he and the other county superintendents will be signing the master service agreement with IU Health for a School Health Coordinator as discussed in a previous board meeting.

Dr. Apple presented the policy number 8510, Wellness for first reading.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:11 PM.

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