

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 9, 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 was 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 6:18PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members, Mr. Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present.

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

Minutes from the May 12th and May 19th, 2014 board meetings were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve vouchers and claims as presented. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recognized the following teams and students from the spring sports season: boys' golf – county and PLAC conference champions, Hunter Whitaker was medalist at both the county and conference matches and all-conference, Carrolton Orr – all-conference and regional qualifier, with the team placing fourth in the sectional; boys' track – team finished second at the PLAC meet with Tristan Parmley winning the 100 meter dash and Kade Hinkle winning the discus, regional qualifiers were Sam Reynolds, Colton Crew, Jamar Ainsley, Jake Wolfington, Hunt Reynolds, Tristan Parmley, and Kade Hinkle, from which we had two state qualifiers as Tristan and Kade both represented Springs Valley at the state high school track meet, and new school records were set by Tristan in the 100 meter dash and 200 meter dash, and Kade in the discus throw; girls' track – Joelyn Ridenour qualified for the regional in high jump; baseball – season record of 5 wins and 16 losses, and Austin Walls was named to the all-conference team; and softball – season record of 9 wins and 11 losses.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Mrs. Julie Woolsey delivered a written preliminary decision to Mrs. Nicole Berry on May 13, 2014 declining to continue the teacher's contract effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year, adding that Mrs. Berry did not request a conference for discussion of this decision. Therefore, he recommended the teaching contract for Mrs. Nicole Berry not be continued, effective at the end of the 2013-14 school year as a reduction in force. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was approved 5-2, with Mrs. Carnes and Dr. Carnes voting in the negative.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the independent contracts for the After School Teen Program for the 2014-15 school year with Mr. Warren Owens as coordinator for the amount of \$13,000.00 and Mrs. Patricia Peddie as assistant in the amount of \$4,750.00. Mr. Allstott so moved. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mrs. Michelle Reynolds had completed the teaching duties upon Mrs. Nicole Purlee's resignation last September, and he recommended that she be hired to fill the English position at the salary of \$37,599.00. Mr. Purkhiser motioned as recommended, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended moving Mr. Trevor Apple to the grant writer/test coordinator/title one coordinator position with his contract amount remaining the same for a two-year contract through the 2015-16 school year, and moving Mr. Daniel Wolford to the assistant principal's position at the high school with a salary of \$63,000.00 on a two-year contract as previously approved. Mr. Purkhiser motioned as recommended, and Mr. Galloway seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

As consideration is given to air conditioning the high school gym, Mr. Whitaker informed board members that he will be talking with service contractors to help us through this process. He will provide some options for the project at the July board meeting.

Mr. Whitaker recommended the following reappointments to the Springs Valley Education Foundation: Mr. Roger Fisher as superintendent's representative, and Mr. Ralph Purkhiser and Mr. Todd Marshall as the school board's appointees. He stated that these three individuals are currently holding these positions. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve changes to the junior/senior high school handbook with the additions as presented, pertaining to bullying and electronic cigarette use. Discussion was held regarding the school's policy allowing parents to pick up their students for lunch. Mr. Allstott then seconded the motion as made by Mr. Galloway, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker stated that Coach Rick Scholl has requested funds from Casino Revenue to purchase a rebounder and cart to be used by the boys' and girls' basketball programs, with equipment for the amount of \$2,190.00 and \$274.95. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Galloway left the meeting at 6:32.

Mr. Todd Marshall, as representative of the Springs Valley Education Foundation, addressed board members and Mr. Whitaker, advising that the education foundation has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Orange County Development Commission. Plans are being made for an education forum to be held, with Ms. Janice Brown, former superintendent of the Kalamazoo, Michigan school corporation presenting information on their project called "Promoting a Promise", which paid all in-state tuition costs for graduating seniors, thus increasing student enrollment and revitalizing their community. Mr. Marshall advised that he will be attending a workshop next week, and the education foundation will be using the first grant as matching money to obtain another grant through INAPEF (Indiana Association of Public Education Foundations). Mr. Marshall stated that a committee will need to be formed to plan the proposed forum. He advised that board members, along with other community members, will be asked to participate. A cost study is currently being developed, and the results should be available within a couple of months. Discussion was held. Mr. Whitaker thanked Mr. Marshall for his efforts in this cause.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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