

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 10, 2014 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance. Board member Mr. Ralph Purkhiser was absent from the meeting.

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 6:15 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were in attendance.

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 of the October 14, 2014 board meeting, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with the motion by Mr. Galloway. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker recognized the following athletic accomplishments: Girls Golf/All-Conference Members – Elizabeth Orr and Alex Parker, Regional Qualifier – Elizabeth Orr, Cross Country/All-Conference – Hannah Greger, Regional Qualifiers – Hannah Greger and Alaina Purkhiser, Football/All-Conference – O’Brien Selby, Hunt Reynolds, and Josh Bates, and Volleyball/All-Conference and All-State 1st Team – Hannah Pendley and Rebecca Pierce.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated Mr. Luke Aylsworth and members of the Blackhawk Brigade for placing second at the ISSMA State Finals. He added that the band has finished first or second at state finals the last four out of five years, with this year being the band’s 25th trip to state finals and the 21st time to place in the top five at the state contest. He congratulated everyone on this great accomplishment.

Mr. Whitaker announced that our school will honor veterans with the Veterans’ Day program set for 9:30 tomorrow morning at the high school gym. He invited the public to attend the ceremony.

Patron Mrs. Temple Grandstaff addressed the board with her concerns on the limited information provided on the board meeting agendas and the bidding/award process for contracted school bus routes. Mr. Damon Robbins responded.

Mr. Ron Kellams had signed up to speak, but declined to do so at this time.

Mr. Damon Robbins spoke to board members, stating that he has talked with Mr. Whitaker and asked the board to move on the proposed bus route bids tonight.

Mrs. Amy Cranfield and Mr. Lawrence Robbins had both signed up to speak, but declined the opportunity.

Mr. Whitaker recommended that Mr. Bob Greger be hired as the varsity baseball coach with the salary of \$4,125.00 per the master contract. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Carnes made a motion to accept Mr. Caleb Moffatt’s resignation as night custodian. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that he and Mr. John Carnes have reviewed applications and conducted interviews, and recommend employing Mr. Blane Buchanan as night custodian with pay as per our non-certified salary schedule. Mr. Allstott made the motion as recommended, and Dr. Carnes seconded. The motion passed by the vote of 5-0-1, as Mrs. Lynch abstained.

Mr. Whitaker stated that several inquiries have been received on our request for qualifications on the energy savings contract. The requests for qualifications are due by November 28th, and Mr. Whitaker advised that the board would be selecting a provider at the December 8th meeting.

Mr. Whitaker announced that contracted bus route bids were received and opened on November 6th. He recommended continuing negotiations with the bidders, and would have a proposal at the December 8th board meeting. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

The Indiana Department of Education has released the school grades. Mr. Whitaker informed board members that Springs Valley Elementary School received an “A”, the high school received a “C”, and the corporation’s grade was a “B”. Mr. Whitaker added that he is confident we will bring the grade up.

Mr. Whitaker advised that the school’s 1992 Chevrolet truck is having mechanical problems, with the cost of repair estimated at \$5,000 to \$8,000. He felt that it is in the best interest of the corporation to look at purchasing a newer used truck, and stated that Mr. Fred Carnes is looking for a vehicle.

Mr. Whitaker informed the board that the new school bus has been ordered. He requested permission to advertise selling the 2000 Freightliner bus with a reserve price of \$3,000, stating that bids would be opened at the December board meeting. Mr. Galloway motioned as requested. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker announced that the January board meeting will be moved to the third Monday of the month, January 19, 2015. This move would allow additional time to clear out the end-of-year records. Mr. Whitaker also stated this would be a reorganizational meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Allstott motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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