

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2017**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 27, 2017 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Justin Wininger. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, 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 6:00 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, along with Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons.

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

Mr. Wininger congratulated the Percussion Ensemble members of Brian Elkins, Olivia Burton, Addie George, Brooklynn Dixon, Aidan Aylsworth, and Brendan Hughes for receiving a gold rating at the ISSMA State Solo & Ensemble Contest. Brian also received gold on his solo and Olivia received a silver rating. The band's color guard earned first place at Floyd Central last weekend. The junior varsity boys' basketball team finished with an undefeated season, and sectional play starts tomorrow night for the varsity boys. More information on SeaPerch events will be provided at the next meeting. Mr. Marshall served as a judge for the county spelling bee held this past Saturday. Springs Valley sixth grader Lola Pantoja placed third in the spelling bee, after participating in a three-way spell-off for first place.

Mrs. Jennifer Hill addressed the board regarding some of her community and school projects, including the Adopt-A-Classroom endeavor. She requested a classroom or storage space be made available for her use to store clothing, hygiene and other supplies for high school and elementary students. Mr. Whitaker will explore possible options for this project. Mr. Marshall thanked Mrs. Hill for her efforts.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval for hiring the following personnel: Mrs. Cari Kirby as kindergarten teaching assistant to begin March 6<sup>th</sup>, Miss Alexis Lamb/first grade teaching assistant as of February 17, Mrs. Deborah Wilson – teaching assistant in third grade beginning February 21, and Mrs. Shanna Robbins as elementary special education teaching assistant, replacing James Marshall, as of February 27, 2017. All salary and benefits will be as stated in the salary schedule and handbook. Mr. Wininger made the motion to employ personnel as requested. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that two proposals were received for the LED lighting project, and has provided information to board members. Energy Harness submitted a bid of \$71,476 final cost after rebate from Duke Energy. Heat Pump Design Inc (HPDI) submitted a bid price of \$91,453 after rebate. Mr. Whitaker stated that The Stenftenagel Group has broken down the numbers using the projected rebate to calculate the best cost for the project. After consulting with Mr. Stenftenagel and reviewing the numbers, Mr. Whitaker recommended approving Energy Harness to complete the lighting project. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding the initial proposals and final cost. The motion was then carried 4-3, with Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Shipman, and Mr. Wininger voting in the negative.

Mr. Daniel Wolford has requested permission to attend a school safety conference in Columbine, Colorado on July 10, 11, and 12 with the corporation to pay registration and

hotel costs, while he would provide his own transportation. Mr. Whitaker recommended board approval for this professional development. Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve Mr. Wolford’s attendance at said conference. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested authority to offer a retirement incentive to eligible certified staff, with written notice to be received by 12:00 PM on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Incentive pay would be for the amount of \$25,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion was then approved 7-0.

Mr. Marshall invited Mr. John Carnes to address the board regarding concerns about bus routes and transportation matters involving his staff members, specifically overtime pay for custodian bus drivers. Open conversation continued between board members, Mr. Whitaker, and Mr. Carnes on these matters. Mr. Marshall closed the discussion by stating the board and Mr. Whitaker would continue to explore possible solutions.

Discussion was held regarding ideas for future building and maintenance projects. Mr. Marshall asked Mr. Whitaker to provide a list of possible summer projects at the next meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Wininger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Burton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

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