

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 2010**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 11, 2010 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. Troy Pritchett was present for a portion of the meeting.

A second Executive Session was held, and dismissed at 8:20 PM. Mr. Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Allstott, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Kalb, Mr. Kellams, and Mr. Todd Pritchett were present.

During the Executive Sessions, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation of litigation and pending litigation, implementation of security systems, purchase or lease of real property, received information about prospective employees, and discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. 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 6:14 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

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

Minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Allstott and seconded by Mr. Galloway. The motion passed 7-0.

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

Mr. Troy Pritchett congratulated the following students: Morgan Whitaker for advancing out of girls' golf sectional into regional competition, girls' volleyball team – PLAC conference championship and Pekin Tourney champs, Brian Resenbeck on being named to the all-conference cross country team, Blackhawk Brigade – advanced out of district into regional competition this weekend at Evansville Central, and the football team on the 4-4 season record with one game left heading into the sectional. Springs Valley will be hosting the volleyball sectional next week, with our team playing Medora in the first game. The cross country sectional will be held tomorrow night at Bedford, and Springs Valley will host Linton-Stockton in the first round of football sectional play.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Kalb made a motion to accept Mr. Kevin Smith's resignation as varsity baseball coach and to post the vacancy, and to approve Miss Marci Collier's request for two unpaid leave days, as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would now begin opening the bus bids for student transportation for the 2011-2015 term, and advised that no action would be taken tonight. He recommended taking the bids under advisement and requested authority to negotiate if necessary and present recommendations at the November board meeting. The bus bids were opened at this time. Mr. Kellams stated that he would like for the board members as a whole to be involved in any negotiations. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion for bids to be taken under advisement and that any negotiations that become necessary would be with the superintendent and board. Mr. Kellams seconded the motion. Mr. Marshall stated that public input would normally not be accepted at this point; however, bus drivers would be allowed to ask questions during the bid process. Mr. Damon Robbins

questioned the definition of “negotiations”. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the bid specifications stated that the board reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted, to waive any and all formality or irregularities, and to negotiate any routes without advertising. Further discussion by board members, superintendent, and bidders included the bid award process and the timeliness of the matter. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would start the process soon, and bidders would know his recommendations before the November meeting. Mr. Marshall advised that the bid awards would be officially accepted at the November meeting. With no other discussion, the motion was then carried 7-0. (see attachment)

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that our final ADM count for the 2010-11 school year is 958.5, which is up 20.5 from last year. Total enrollment is 1,002, with an additional 29 students from 2009-10. He advised that state funding is based on the ADM count, with kindergarten students counted as one-half enrollment.

There was no old and unfinished business for discussion.

Under new business, Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would be looking at various capital projects suggestions, and would contact architects for feasibility studies. An independent engineer had conducted an acoustical review of the high school gym and auditorium. He reported the high school gym public address sound system is fine with a few minor details needed; however, the gym’s acoustics are very poor and are the most significant challenge of improving sound quality. Acoustical tile are needed in the auditorium to improve the audio quality there.

Information was reported on the Summer Advantage program, which indicated students gained in both the language arts and math skills areas. Mr. Todd Pritchett felt that we were fortunate to have this program at Springs Valley Community Schools.

Mr. Purkhiser and Mr. Marshall reported on workshops they attended at the ISBA conference. Mr. Purkhiser discussed information he received on geo-thermal heating/air conditioning and allergen removal systems. Suggestions were made to check on the availability of federal grants for conversion to geo-thermal, and to conduct a geo-thermal audit. Mr. Marshall stated that he attended workshops regarding the teacher evaluation process, current and future Indiana economy issues, differences in the job market, and electronic books.

Mr. Marshall reminded board members that they would be returning to executive session after a short break.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

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