

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2011**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, October 10, 2011 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, 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, discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction, and interviewed industrial or commercial prospects. 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 Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Mark Hammond, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick. Board member Mr. Larry Kalb was not in attendance.

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

Minutes of the September 12th, 2011 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Lynch motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Galloway seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that the Blackhawk Brigade is again having a successful fall season. The band advanced out of district competition winning all of the caption awards, and will compete in the Evansville Regional this Saturday.

Mr. Hammond congratulated Coach Tony Whitaker and members of the girls' golf team for advancing out of the Jasper Sectional. This is the first time that the entire team has advanced to regional play. Cross country runner Brian Resenbeck received all-conference honors, and the sectional meet will be held tomorrow night. The volleyball team won the conference with a record of 6-0. In football action, Valley defeated Perry Central Friday night and finished second in conference play, with their first sectional game to be played at Milan. Mr. Hammond also announced that Springs Valley High School received the Sportsmanship Award from the IHSAA for the 2010-11 school year.

Mr. Marshall thanked board members for their support of the Springs Valley Education Foundation Hall of Fame and the Chuck Akers Memorial Golf Tournament. He reported that 25 teams participated in the golf scramble and there were 32 sponsors, with a total of \$12,354.00 raised for the foundation scholarship fund.

The ISBA Fall Region Meeting will be held on Monday, October 24th at Huntingburg. Board members are asked to notify Mrs. Allstott if they plan to attend.

No patrons addressed the board.

There were no items for review under Personnel.

Architect John Hawkins updated the board on the construction project, advising that the project is under budget and on schedule with an estimated completion date of the second week in November. The acoustical treatments on the band room walls will cause a delay in fine-tuning the sound system, but Mr. Hawkins stated that this will be the nicest band room in the state. Work will begin on the bleachers when the football teams and band are done with the field.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Requests for Qualifications for an energy savings plan are due in his office by 2:00 on Friday, October 21st.

The corporation's ADM count is down 22.5 students from last year at 936, and the overall student count is 977, which is 25 less. The decrease in students will result in an estimated loss of revenue in the amount of \$129,000.

Information on class sizes was distributed by Mr. Todd Pritchett. He stated the kindergarten through 3rd grade levels average 19 students per class and the 4th and 5th grade classrooms are just under 22 students each. The junior and senior high school averages about 26 students per classroom.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided a financial report for the third quarter. He estimated that expenditures will exceed revenue by \$227,000 in the General Fund for 2011. Other budgeted funds are on track, with the Bus Replacement Fund balance remaining in the negative until the fall tax draw is received.

As a member of the Southern Indiana Education Center, our annual fee is \$3,355. Springs Valley Community Schools has realized annual savings in the amount of \$66,000 with the bulk/cooperative purchasing of equipment, copy paper, school buses, and insurance.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended entering into contract with TSA for administration of our 403(b) plan, with no additional fees. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Board members were updated on recent discussions with Ivy Tech to bring opportunities for adults and students to take college classes locally.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he will be receiving training later this month for E-Verify, in order to comply with new regulations whereby public schools and public employers must verify eligibility of employees to work in the United States.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that I-Read is a new statewide assessment program in which third grade students will be evaluated before promotion to fourth grade. Reading programs already in place in our elementary school should allow for a smooth transition to I-Read.

Sample policies should be available soon regarding new regulations on indoor air quality inspections/evaluations. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the regulations are not much different from procedures currently in place.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that he is active on new teacher evaluations and contracts, although guidance from the state level is not complete.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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