

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 12, 2011 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Larry Kalb, 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 6:15 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick. Board member Mr. Tony Galloway was absent.

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

Minutes of the November 14th, 2011 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Purkhiser and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Kellams motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Allstott requested special permission to pay invoices as received through the remainder of December, 2011, subject to approval by Mr. Todd Pritchett, including Chicago's Pizza the amount of \$370.55 with payment from the General Fund for meals at professional development staff meeting and Helix Technologies for \$6,711.46 from Capital Projects for materials. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated Mr. Kevin Knies and the FFA Forestry Team for competing in recent state competition, and student Bailey Bromstrup-Crowder for placing 16th out of 192 students.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the following personnel items: acceptance of Mrs. Liz Buchanan's resignation as kindergarten teaching assistant, employ Miss Chelse Carnes to replace Mrs. Buchanan, approve Mrs. Julianne Edwards' request for two unpaid leave days so that she may accompany her husband on a trip to Europe, and approve Mr. Kenneth Goodpasture as volunteer strength and conditioning coaching. Mrs. Lynch motioned as recommended. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Under Old and Unfinished Business, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Krempp Lumber is working on the concrete pads for the football bleachers. The band room is at least 95% complete with some punch list items to be finished. The band has moved into the new facility.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that our school attorney will be present at the February meeting to assist with adjustments necessary to restate the by-laws concerning school board elections.

Relative to our Capital Projects Plan for 2012 and beyond, Trane, our energy savings consultant, has provided information for review.

Mr. Todd Pritchett informed the board that Krempp Lumber has advised that they would still honor the bid price offered in the spring of 2011 for the agriculture building project.

Karr Tuckpointing has given a quote for a possible future project at the high school gym.

Discussion was held regarding wireless capability improvements for our corporation. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he has received one quote of approximately \$150,000 to make our entire corporation wireless. Teacher input was requested for suggestions in meeting teacher and student needs, with the goal of reaching the key ratio of one-to-one (one computer to one student). Mr. Troy Pritchett and Mr. Jeff Kerby recently attended a computer conference on new technology.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of renewing Mr. J.C. Tucker's contract as school attorney with the compensation remaining at the current 2011 rates. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that a substantial amount of community interest has been expressed for support of the Ivy Tech project, and more than enough money has been raised for the first and possibly second year's expenses. Ivy Tech has stated that computer and electrical wiring will be updated at the Learning Center building at their expense, and Mr. Todd Pritchett requested that adding a removable wall partition be done at the school's expense. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Kalb seconded. Further discussion was held, and Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would like to include electrical and data wiring as well. The motion and second were amended, and then was approved 6-0.

Funding for the final year of the Summer Advantage summer school program has not been authorized, as Mr. Todd Pritchett has been advised by Hoosier Uplands, indicating there is a possibility that the K-8 program will not be available next summer as it has been conducted in the past.

Mr. Todd Pritchett discussed the School Bus Replacement plan, and will look into the costs of a new bus with modifications. More information will be provided at a future meeting.

On December 19th, the Department of Local Government and Finance will hold the budget hearing at Paoli. Mr. Todd Pritchett plans to attend the hearing.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reminded board members that the January meeting will be held on the third Monday of the month, the 16th.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

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