

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 16, 2012**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 16, 2012 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, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, and Mr. J.C. Tucker were present for a portion of the session.

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.

Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 6:10 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett were present, along with Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

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

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that an annual Board of Finance meeting is required, and recommended that board members and officers of the Springs Valley School Board be appointed as members and officers of the 2012 Board of Finance. Mr. Kalb motioned to keep the Board of Finance officers the same as the board. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the Report of Investments to board members for their review. (copy attached)

With no other business, Mr. Kalb made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 6:12 PM.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:13 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members, Mr. Todd Pritchett, Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present.

Minutes of the December 12th, 2011 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Purkhiser and seconded by Mr. Kellams. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Galloway abstaining since he did not attend that meeting.

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

Mrs. Allstott requested approval of the annual transfer of appropriations in the General, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Rainy Day Funds. Mr. Kalb so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (attachment)

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Ivy Tech classes will begin in February at the Learning Center.

Mr. Troy Pritchett honored Mrs. Tina Lynch, cafeteria worker, who passed away on December 26th. He stated that she was a “true Blackhawk”, and will be missed. Board members also remembered Mrs. Lynch as a loyal employee and fan.

Mr. Troy Pritchett recognized student Ethan Galloway, who has signed a letter of intent to play golf at Indiana Tech.

Mr. Purkhiser congratulated the 6th grade boys basketball team on their tournament win this past Saturday.

Patron Max Weaver addressed the board regarding a domestic violence program, stating that both males and females are abused. Mr. Marshall clarified that Mr. Weaver was referring to a program sponsored by Hoosier Hills PACT. Mr. Troy Pritchett was instructed to communicate Mr. Weaver’s concerns to Hoosier Hills PACT.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the Athletic Coaching Recommendations as presented, which includes the resignation of Mr. Devon Harrell. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Mr. Harrell had worked 6 of the 18 weeks in his contract, and would be paid one-third of the designated salary of \$366.67 for his services. Mrs. Jessica Roberts has requested a six-week maternity leave, and Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Mr. Bill Harris expressed interest in filling that leave, noting that the first 15 days would be at regular substitute pay of \$65 per day and the pay rate for the following consecutive days would be based on Mr. Harris's experience. Discussion was held, and Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he would proceed in that direction, if there were no objections. Board consensus was that Mr. Harris would do an excellent job, and it would be worth the additional money for him to fill the maternity leave. Mrs. Heather Tucker requested two unpaid leave days to allow her to travel with her husband. Cafeteria manager Mrs. Aletha Cooper recommended that Mrs. Margaret Finney be hired to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Tina Lynch's death. Mr. Marshall summarized all of the above, and requested a motion for approval of the Athletic Coaching Recommendations as listed, maternity leave request for Mrs. Jessica Roberts, hiring Mr. Bill Harris to fill Mrs. Roberts' leave, approval of Mrs. Heather Tucker's request for two unpaid leave days, and employing Mrs. Margaret Finney as cafeteria worker. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that construction on the band room is almost finished, and the football bleachers are nearing completion. Pieces of the gym flooring in the P.E. complex are failing, with suspected termite damage. This issue will be explored further when the gym is more available at the end of basketball season.

In looking at possible summer construction/remodeling projects, Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that if everyone agreed that the elementary roof should be top priority, then he would need to know how to proceed in regard to that issue. He questioned if the school would want to utilize Trane as the general contractor, and then they would guarantee energy savings for that building, or if we would prefer to do the project on our own or consult an architect to be sure the job was done properly. Discussion was held, and board consensus was for Trane representatives to be in attendance at the February meeting to discuss this matter and answer any questions presented.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that grant funding will be available for the project of providing wireless internet connection to all of our buildings. Grant dollars are based on the free/reduced poverty rating, and would be refunded by E-Rate up to 80%.

Mr. Todd Pritchett has been advised that the Summer Advantage summer school program may be available, as that budget was not reduced.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided a financial review of 2011 revenue and expenditures, and end-of-year balances in the General, Debt Service, Retirement/Severance Bond Debt, Capital Projects, Transportation, Bus Replacement, Rainy Day, and Casino Revenue funds. He reminded board members of the overpayment by the county auditor in June, which was reflected as an expenditure when repaid. All of these funds have a positive balance. The 1782 Notice for the 2012 budget has not been received yet. He also presented information on the 2012 estimated revenue and expenditures for the General Fund, and stated that with the Education Jobs funding available to offset salary expenditures this year, the General Fund expenditures are expected to overspend the revenue by approximately \$250,000.00 this year.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the summer driver's education program as presented, stating that 44 students have signed up to date. Cost for the program is \$320.00 per student. Mr. Kalb so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The 2012 Bus Replacement Plan was reviewed, and discussion was held regarding future bus purchases.

Mr. Todd Pritchett presented a resolution for adoption in order to comply with legislation change for school boards to be elected in the fall, which will extend the terms of board members by six months causing the terms to expire in December, 2012 or December, 2014. Mr. Galloway made a motion to adopt the Resolution of the Board of School Trustees Concerning the Election Schedule for Members of the Governing Body. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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