

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2013**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 12, 2013 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Dr. Merrill Vandeventer was also in attendance. Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, and Mr. Mark Hammond were present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation of/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 including job performance evaluations, 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 6:03 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present.

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

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2013 board meeting. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion was carried 7-0.

Dr. Carnes thanked Mr. Mark Hammond, Coach Joe Crow, and the grounds crew for their assistance with a youth league tournament that was held this past weekend at the school softball field. He stated that he received lots of compliments on the school facilities.

Dr. Vandeventer commented that the start of school at Springs Valley has been very smooth and the facilities look great. He commended Mr. Pritchett and Mr. Whitaker on a great job.

No patrons addressed the board.

Under Personnel matters, Mrs. Carnes made a motion to approve Miss Emily Galloway as substitute teacher for Mrs. Audrey Case. Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion was passed 6-0-1, as Mr. Galloway abstained.

Dr. Vandeventer recommended approval of the following personnel items: resignation of Mrs. Robyn Jackman as elementary instructional assistant effective July 12, 2013; resignation of Ms. Faith Riddle as elementary teacher effective July 15, 2013; Sara Robbins as elementary teacher to replace Ms. Riddle; Mrs. Judy Edwards as 3-hour cashier for the high school cafeteria, replacing Mrs. Staci Robbins who declined the position; Mr. Matt Cooper and Mr. Wade Allen as volunteer junior high football coaches; Mrs. Kali Walls as 5th grade cheer sponsor and Mrs. Stacy Denbo as 6th grade cheer sponsor; Mr. Tim Weisenberger for junior high cross country coach; Mr. Jim Jones as head boys' basketball coach, Mr. Rick Scholl/junior varsity coach, Mr. David Grable for freshman coach, and Mr. Butch Emmons as volunteer coach; Mrs. Kelly Schmitt as head girls basketball coach, Mr. Brad Bledsoe for junior varsity coach, Ms. Leigh Ann Kluesner as varsity assistant coach, and Mr. David Moss as volunteer coach; bonding of treasurers with Mrs. Kathy Allstott as corporation treasurer with a bond of \$50,000, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick/deputy treasurer, Mrs. Brenda Wyman/high school treasurer, and Mrs.

Penny Harner/elementary treasurer with bonds of \$10,000 each; and John Edwards as afternoon bus route driver as needed. Mr. Allstott made the motion as requested, and Mr. Galloway seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Wayne Hughes with Hughes Paving Company gave an update on the paving project at the high school track. He advised that unexpected issues were encountered after the track was milled off as directed, when soft spots developed with the use of large trucks and machinery. Mr. Hughes advised that he had filled some areas, and other soft spots developed. He submitted an invoice for an additional \$18,320.60 for extra stone. Dr. Vandeventer asked how much the total would be above the original proposal, and Mr. Hughes stated that he did not know. Mr. Hughes added that he will bring in a testing company, at his expense, to determine the extent of extra fill needed. Further discussion was held, and Dr. Vandeventer and board members agreed that the track needed to be completed so that it is safe for use.

Dr. Vandeventer requested permission to advertise budget form 3, pages 1, 2, and 3. He added that General Fund revenue will be decreasing over the next five and one-half years, but stated that our corporation is in good shape due to the Rainy Day and Casino Revenue Funds. He added, however, that if General Fund revenue continues to be less than expenditures, action will be needed to reduce General Fund expenditures. He also thanked former superintendent Mr. Todd Pritchett for his work on developing the 2014 budget. Mr. Galloway then moved to advertise budget form 3, pages 1, 2, and 3. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Allstott made the motion to hold a special board meeting to conduct the budget hearing on Wednesday, August 28th at 4:00 PM at the Superintendent's Office Conference Room, as requested by Dr. Vandeventer. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Vandeventer requested board approval of the Second Amended and Restated Agreement and Declaration of Trust of the Southern Wellness Trust. Mr. Galloway so moved, Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. The document was signed by Mr. Purkhiser, Dr. Vandeventer, and Mr. Jason Russell.

Dr. Vandeventer advised that after advertising the 1995 Ford bus for sale, no bids were received. Previous discussion had indicated that if no bids were submitted, the bus would be taken to salvage or sold for salvage price. He stated that French Lick Auto has purchased the bus at the price of \$1,200.00.

With an update on the Town of French Lick's improvement project on Larry Bird Boulevard, Dr. Vandeventer stated the work will begin in October with the majority of the cost financed by the town. Springs Valley Schools will incur some expense for work on school property, such as the retaining wall, street lamps, and sidewalk.

Dr. Vandeventer reminded board members of the Indiana School Boards' Association Fall Conference to be held on September 23rd and 24th, and the Fall Region meeting to be held on October 21st. Board members were directed to notify the office if they wish to be registered for the meetings.

Dr. Vandeventer requested board approval of the corporate resolution at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company for the Springs Valley Elementary School account to remove Mr. Todd Pritchett and add Mrs. Julie Woolsey as authorized signer on the account. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0. The document was signed by Mr. Purkhiser and Mrs. Lynch.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

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