

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 11, 2009**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 11, 2009 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Larry Pritchett, Mrs. Deborah Brothers, Mr. Willard Owen, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. John Hawkins was present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, 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 6:02 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett were present, as well as Mr. Tony Whitaker, 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.

Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13th, 2009 Board Meeting. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with the motion by Mr. Owen. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott requested special permission to pay upon receipt an invoice in the amount of \$111,105.29 from Trane U.S. Inc. for partial liquidation of purchase order number 7082, which would allow Springs Valley Community Schools to receive a 1% discount. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that elementary students who recently participated in the Media Fair at Paoli Throop Elementary did very well, and the elementary choir received a Superior Rating in the Trills and Thrills Competition and then went to Kentucky Kingdom.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated graduation will be held on Saturday, May 23rd, and requested that board members be at the high school gym by 5:40.

Parent Mrs. Lisa Burton addressed the Board regarding a recent disciplinary issue involving her son and questioned the school policy on fighting and the Day Reporting Program.

Under Personnel Matters, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Mr. Wes McNeely be hired as plant operator at a starting rate of \$15 per hour for the first year and \$17 thereafter, with employment to begin as soon as possible to work with Mr. Jerry Zehr until his retirement. Mr. Larry Pritchett so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the continuance of Mr. John Emmons' independent contract for the amount of \$28,000 as Athletic Director for the 2009-10 school year. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Summer school teachers as recommended by Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Gary Boyd pending need based on enrollment was approved with a motion by Mr. Owen. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copies attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the elementary and junior/senior high school handbooks as presented. Mr. Larry Pritchett made a motion to approve the elementary and junior/senior high school handbooks, and Mr. Owen seconded. During discussion, Mr. Galloway and Mr. Kellams requested waiting so that certain policies could be further discussed before printing the booklets. Mrs. Brothers suggested that the parent handbooks be made available online. Mr. Galloway then made a motion to table the previous motion, and Mr. Kellams seconded. The motion to table approval of the handbooks was carried by a vote of 4-3, with Mr. Larry Pritchett, Mrs. Brothers, and Mr. Owen voting against.

Bids had been received for the high school gym and elementary restroom renovations, and Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended accepting bid items number 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and Alternate E for a total bid of \$387,398. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded the motion. Mr. John Hawkins requested that the motion be amended to include a \$5,000 contingency allowance, thereby allowing Mr. Todd Pritchett and himself to approve change orders with both signatures required. Discussion followed, the motion was then amended and passed 7-0. (copy attached)

For clarification, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the renovation project be awarded to the low-bidder T&G Construction. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that no budget had been approved at the state level; however, we have received the 1782 Notice for 2009 showing approved appropriations. He advised that Springs Valley Community Schools did not file for an excess levy. Tax rate comparisons and assessed valuations for 2006 through 2009 were examined.

The bid for the elementary painting project was awarded to B&E Painting at a cost of \$28,900 for painting the hallways. A second bid for the same project was received in the amount of \$36,000. B&E Painting submitted a subsequent bid of \$25,670 to paint the gym/cafeteria area, which has been considered as a second year project, with the third year project to include painting the classrooms. Mr. Kellams expressed a desire to have the elementary gym painted this summer, prior to installation of the new folding wall.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he has received notification that the regular Title I money is expected to decrease approximately \$41,000 in the 2009-10 school year, but we should receive \$50,000 in Title I Stimulus funding.

Under New Business, Mr. Todd Pritchett requested permission to advertise for bids on the Lost River Vocational/Special Education route to Paoli. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

In light of the recent H1N1 Swine Flu outbreak, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Springs Valley Community Schools has a pandemic flu plan in place per local and state recommendations, and stated that Mrs. Becky Grable, school nurse, has done a great job of researching the Swine Flu situation, and keeping staff and parents informed.

Information was reviewed from Mr. Jason Russell, who is exploring the possibility of taking 7th and 8th grade students on a non-school sponsored field trip to Washington, D.C. during Spring Break of 2010. He has received a strong response from students, and is planning a parent meeting.

Mrs. Brothers made a motion to approve the bid from Lindsey's Lumber in the amount of \$9,920 for concrete work to extend the sidewalk at the softball/band practice area to allow better access to the playing field and bleachers and to make this area handicapped accessible, as recommended by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Owen seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Monica Wolford has requested authority to decide on an annual basis if the cheerleading squads would be competing in state competition, citing time constraints due to other student activities. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. Mr. Galloway stated that he hates to see the cheerleading squads stop competing because we have placed so well in the past, but understands the issue of student participation in several sports. The motion then passed 7-0.

Mr. Kevin Knies has requested permission to take students to the Newport Aquarium on June 24th. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held regarding possible dates for an executive session, and Wednesday, May 27th was chosen with the meeting to begin at 5:00.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn. Mr. Owen seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.
