

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 20, 2014 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Larry Kalb, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Ralph Purkhiser. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, and personnel. 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 board members, Mr. Whitaker, 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. Purkhiser opened the floor for nominations for the office of Board President. Mrs. Carnes nominated Mrs. Lynch, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Mr. Kalb motioned to close the nominations, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. Mrs. Lynch was elected Board President with the vote of 7-0.

Mrs. Lynch then asked for nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Galloway nominated Dr. Carnes for Vice-President, and Mr. Kalb seconded the motion. Mrs. Carnes moved to close nominations. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser was nominated for Board Secretary by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Allstott seconded. Mrs. Carnes motioned to close nominations, and Mr. Galloway seconded. Mr. Purkhiser was named Board Secretary by the vote of 7-0.

For the office of Legislative Liaison, Mr. Galloway nominated Dr. Carnes. Mrs. Carnes seconded. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to close nominations, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, as Dr. Carnes abstained.

The Code of Ethics, as prepared by the Indiana School Boards Association, was reaffirmed.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements were signed by board members Mr. Allstott and Dr. Carnes.

Mr. Galloway motioned to retain the current meeting date, time and location, with the meetings to continue being held the second Monday of each month, except the January meeting will be on the third Monday, at 5:00 PM executive/6:00 PM regular session or following the executive, at the Learning Center Board Room. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser moved that board compensation remain at \$2,000 annually with \$100 per monthly meeting and \$50 per diem per special meeting, with fully paid dental, vision, and life insurance. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the December 9th, 2013 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, as motioned by Mr. Galloway. Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the list of annual transfer of appropriations in the General, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Rainy Day Funds. The Allowance of Transfers was signed by board members. (attachment)

Mr. Whitaker thanked the custodial staff for their recent efforts on clearing the parking lots and sidewalks during the snow and extreme cold conditions. He congratulated the basketball homecoming royalty: Rebecca Pierce, Taylor Hackney, Kelby Godden, and Kade Hinkle.

Mrs. Carnes congratulated the 8th grade boys' basketball team for winning the Perry Central tourney, and commended the varsity boys' team for good sportsmanship displayed during the game with Shoals in which one of their players was severely injured.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Mr. Purkhiser, as representative of the Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living, addressed the board regarding activities planned at Springs Valley Schools during the Disability Awareness month of March. He also stated that representatives from SICIL will be participating with counselors in the development of individual learning plans for students with learning disabilities.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Whitaker recommended that Mrs. Julie Woolsey be named as elementary principal with the following contract: benefits to remain per the terms of her current contract, with salary of \$75,841 which is the current elementary principal salary, with said contract to be for 225 days on a two-year basis retroactive to January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker presented the following athletic recommendations on behalf of Mr. Mark Hammond: baseball/Doug Partenheimer as head coach, Chad Hammond – varsity assistant, A.J. Wesner – junior high coach, and Heath Snider and Dave Switzer as volunteer assistants, softball/ Joe Crow as head coach, Jaima Cox – varsity assistant, Gail Johnson as junior high coach, and Ron Allen – volunteer assistant, track/Kerry Lueken as varsity boys' coach and Derek Freeman as varsity girls' coach, Jack Hinkle and Abby Laux-Lueken – volunteer assistants, Daniel Wolford – junior high boys' coach, and Monica Wolford as junior high girls' coach, and boys' golf/Brent Harner as head coach with Danny Orr as volunteer assistant. Mr. Galloway moved as recommended. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Pat Buechlein as night-time part-time custodian effective January 17, 2014. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Galloway moved to hire Mr. Cody McNeely to fill the night-time part-time custodian position, as recommended by Mr. John Carnes. Mr. Allstott then seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that kindergarten teacher Mrs. Tara Allstott has requested a six-week maternity leave beginning approximately March 15th, with an additional two weeks of unpaid leave.

Mr. Whitaker stated that custodian Mr. Tony Clements will be having back surgery with an expected recovery period of six to eight weeks. He added that substitute help on a part-time basis will be used as needed.

Mr. Whitaker recommended the hourly salary of \$14.40 for Mrs. Kelly Weisenberger, who has replaced Mrs. Aletha Cooper as Cafeteria Supervisor. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker informed the board that permission had been previously granted for Mr. Kevin Knies and students to attend an over-night FFA conference at Purdue University. The conference has been postponed twice due to inclement weather, but Mr. Knies has stated the conference will be held soon.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Hoosier Uplands has included Springs Valley Schools in an after-school grant in conjunction with other area schools. If approved, the grant would run for a four-year period beginning in the 2014-15 school year, with Springs Valley to

provide transportation. Discussion was held regarding this matter, and Mr. Whitaker stated the transportation costs would be paid from the Transportation Operating Fund.

With the six days of school missed to date due to inclement weather, Mr. Whitaker stated that one day had been made up on December 20th, and April 2nd, 3rd, and 4th will also be used as make-up days. He has applied for the state waiver for school missed on January 6th and 7th, as recommended by Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mrs. Barbara Renner has requested permission for an over-night FCCLA trip to attend the state conference on March 6th through the 8th, with possibly a two-night stay if there is enough student interest. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker announced that school bus inspection will be held on February 24th, 25th, and 26th.

In compliance with the Bus Replacement Plan, Mr. Whitaker stated that we are scheduled to purchase a 78-passenger bus this year. We received appropriations in the amount of \$44,000 for the Bus Replacement Fund, which is about half of the estimated cost of a new bus. He requested permission to spend the remaining cost of a new school bus from the Casino Revenue Fund. Mr. Allstott so moved. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that a representative of the Indiana Department of Education will be at Springs Valley Schools on Monday, February 3rd to provide information regarding the A-F Accountability Report. He stated that Springs Valley Elementary School received an "A" grade on the recent report, while the junior/senior high school and the corporation received "C" grades. The meeting will be held from 3:15 to 4:00. Principals will be requested to attend the February 10th board meeting to explain the grades and steps being taken toward improvement.

As previously discussed by former superintendents Mr. Todd Pritchett and Dr. Merrill Vandeventer, Mr. Whitaker emphasized that challenging times are ahead as the reduction of state funding continues while schools are being expected to do more with less. He stated that the General Fund balance as of January 1, 2013 was roughly \$470,000, and the December 31, 2013 balance was approximately \$145,000, reflecting \$325,000 overspent in 2013 from the cash balance, with a projection to receive less revenue in 2014. Dr. Vandeventer had addressed the board on this matter at the December 9th, 2013 meeting, and Mr. Whitaker reiterated his position that all stakeholders must work together on this matter.

Mr. Whitaker stated that he had been contacted recently by school attorney Mr. J.C. Tucker regarding the possible refinancing of a building bond whereby the corporation could possibly save some money. Mr. Whitaker has discussed this issue with Mr. Tucker and financial consultant, Dr. Tom Miller. He will continue working on this matter, and update board members on future developments.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

#### Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 6:46 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker were present, along with Mrs. Allstott and Mrs. Pinnick.

Mr. Whitaker stated that an annual Board of Finance meeting is required by law, with the appointment of a president and secretary.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to have the same slate of officers and members of the Springs Valley School Board be appointed as officers and members of the 2014 Board of Finance. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the 2013 Report of Investments to board members for their review. (copy attached)

Mrs. Allstott advised that per State Board of Accounts’ guidelines, she has voided four checks from 2011 that remained outstanding and unpaid, and the check amounts have been receipted back into the originating funds. (see attachment)

With no other business, Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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