

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2014 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance, as well as incoming board member Mrs. Jennifer Shipman.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, personnel, and litigation. 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 6:04 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were in attendance.

Mrs. Lynch 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 November 10, 2014 board meeting, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Mr. Purkhiser abstaining.

Mrs. Lynch called for a motion to approve vouchers and claims as presented, and stated that Mrs. Allstott has requested permission to pay invoices for the remainder of 2014 as approved by Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the FFA Forestry team of Bailey Crowder, Jasmine Hobson, and Brendan Hughes for finishing first out of 27 teams at the District competition. Bailey was the number one individual, and Jasmine finished third out of 108 competitors. The team will be advancing to state competition on December 13th.

Mr. Whitaker recognized Mr. Luke Aylsworth and the Blackhawk Brigade for their many accomplishments in the 2014 season, including the second place finish at state finals. Mr. Aylsworth reported that 220 students in grades 5 through 12 are enrolled in band, representing one-fourth of our school's population. He stated that the Blackhawk Brigade was named the 2014 WHAS 11 Band of the Week and Battle of the Bands winner. Field commanders Elizabeth Orr and Kristen Tomlinson thanked the board for their support and appreciated the many opportunities they have experienced as members of the band.

Outgoing board member Mr. Larry Kalb was recognized for his four years of service to Springs Valley Community Schools. Mr. Whitaker stated that he appreciated Mr. Kalb's hard work, and thanked him for his service.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mrs. Jennifer Shipman will be joining the board next month.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Whitaker requested approval of Mrs. Karen Crews as volunteer assistant cheer coach as recommended by Athletic Director Mr. Mark Hammond. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that bids for bus routes number 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 13 for the 2015 through 2019 school terms were opened on November 6th and presented to the board at the November 10th meeting. The advertised bid specifications accepted bus models 1999 or newer, which allowed drivers to offer bids with their current buses rather than having to purchase another bus. Following discussion at the November 10th meeting, the matter was tabled to allow Mr. Whitaker an opportunity to negotiate with drivers. Mr. Whitaker added that he and board members appreciate the very good drivers we have, who hold an extremely high responsibility of transporting our students. He then recommended offering the contracts for bus routes at the following daily rates: route 1 to Amy Cranfield for \$147.00; David Emmons – route 2 at \$169.00; route 4 to Damon Robbins for \$152.00; route 6 – Jeff Mills for \$175.00; Ron Kellams – route 8 at \$145.50; route 10 to Mark Parks for \$195.00; and Lawrence Robbins – route 13 for \$152.00. Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the bus routes as stated. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0. Mr. Whitaker advised that he will have attorney JC Tucker draw up the contracts.

Mr. Whitaker reported that proposals for the Requests for Qualifications for implementation of a Guaranteed Energy Savings and Facility Improvement Program were received from AMERESCO, EMCOR, TRANE, Performance Services, and Schneider Electric. After review of the proposals, meeting with companies, checking references, and meeting with committee members Wes McNeely, John Carnes, Dr. Carnes, himself, and consultant Tim Garver, Mr. Whitaker recommended offering our Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract to AMERESCO Incorporated. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0. Mr. Whitaker stated that he hopes to have AMERESCO here next week to start putting together a scope of work so we can move forward on the project.

No purchase bids were received for the 2000 Freightliner bus. Mr. Whitaker stated the trade-in value of the bus is \$2,500; however, he has now received a bid of \$3,000 from Ron Kellams. Mr. Whitaker recommended accepting this bid. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested approval to open a credit card account through Springs Valley Bank & Trust for corporate use. He stated the card will be kept in the superintendent's office and used for school purchases when a purchase order is not allowed. Mrs. Carnes made a motion to allow Mr. Whitaker to obtain the credit card as stated. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Allstott made a motion to approve the contract for school attorneys Tucker and Tucker, P.C., with the contract terms unchanged and the service fee remaining at \$120 per hour. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Galloway moved to allow Mr. Kevin Knies and the FFA Forestry team to attend the State Forestry Career Development Event at Purdue with an overnight stay on December 12th. Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to allow Mr. Whitaker permission to do any emergency hiring prior to the January meeting, with final board approval to be given at the January 19, 2015 meeting. Mrs. Carnes seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker reminded board members that the January meeting will be a re-organizational meeting, and will be held on the third Monday of the month, January 19th.

Mr. Galloway motioned to allow Mr. Whitaker to advertise for bids on the 1993 Chevrolet truck with a snow plow. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Marshall addressed the board on behalf of the Springs Valley Education Foundation, requesting continuance of the matching donation up to \$25,000 for donations received in 2015. He added that Lilly Foundation has set aside funds to match donations for endowment funds, and hopes the education foundation can benefit from that also. Springs Valley Education Foundation has a current balance of approximately \$331,000, and hopes to be close to \$400,000 at the year's end. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

In preparation for the Senior PGA Championship to be held at the French Lick Resort the week of May 18 to 24, 2015, Mr. Whitaker recommended revising the school calendar so that students will attend school on March 30 through April 3, 2015, with the last school day set for May 14th and graduation set for May 16th, 2015, pending any make-up days to be added on at the end of the school year. Mr. Allstott so moved. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Springs Valley Teachers' Association, approving distribution of the \$27,373.10 Performance Awards as described. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Dr. Carnes abstaining. The memorandum was signed by board members Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Purkhiser, and Mr. Whitaker. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker advised that high school assistant principal Mr. Daniel Wolford has requested up to \$5,000 in Casino Revenue Funds to pay for the Top Hawk student incentive program. Mrs. Carnes so moved, and Dr. Carnes seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that teachers Mr. Jeff Kerby and Mr. Chad Goldman have requested \$7,724 from Casino Revenue Fund to pay for 25 sea perch kits. He added that the sea perch events have been very successful, instructing students in science and technology. Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the expenditure as requested. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Barbara Renner, sponsor of FCCLA, has requested \$500 in Casino Revenue Funds for their program. Mr. Whitaker advised that the FCCLA is a very worthwhile club, sponsoring the community Thanksgiving meal and the Veterans' Day breakfast. Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve Mrs. Renner's request, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that the Indiana School Boards' Association is offering an Effective Governance Seminar at Jasper High School on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, stating that this would be a good opportunity for new board members as well as a good review for experienced members. Anyone wishing to attend should notify Mrs. Allstott for registration.

Before adjourning, Mr. Whitaker reminded board members the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2015.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kalb motioned to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:36 PM.

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