

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 13, 2015**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015 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 Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. Mr. Tony Whitaker and Mr. Mark Hammond were 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, 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 6:09 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present.

Mrs. Lynch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Minutes of the March 9, 2015 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and second by Mr. Purkhiser. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve minutes of the March 30, 2015 board meeting. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 6-0-1, with Dr. Carnes abstaining.

Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve vouchers and claims as presented, along with an invoice from Helix Technologies in the amount of \$4,837.07 with payment from Capital Projects. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott informed the Board of Finance that Springs Valley High School ECA treasurer Mrs. Brenda Wyman has voided outstanding checks from 2011 and 2012 in the total amount of \$241.90 and receipted money back to the originating funds, per State Board of Accounts' guidelines. (list attached)

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the Winter Percussion Ensemble on winning the Tri-State Championship and completing their season undefeated.

Mr. Whitaker announced that Springs Valley Junior/Senior High School has been honored with the Support Music Merit Award from The NAMM Foundation. Our school was one of 120 schools nationwide to receive this award as part of "The Best Communities for Music Education" program.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the Seaperch teams on their success at regional competition, adding that two teams qualified for the national competition. Mr. Jeff Kerby stated that all the teams performed very well.

Representatives from the Professional Golf Association were in our elementary school last week, and brought the tournament trophy for students to see. Our students will be participating in an art contest with a PGA theme.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Vectren Corporation will be presenting our school with 50 backpacks filled with school supplies during their annual conference to be held at the French Lick Resort on April 23rd.

Mrs. Lisa Wray, vocational Culinary Arts teacher, congratulated students on winning a bronze medal at a recent FCCLA contest, and described course offerings available through her vocational program. Students Jazmine Winger and Patrick Maynard

distributed samples of appetizers they had prepared, and discussed their involvement in the program.

Patron Mrs. Patricia Crew addressed the Board regarding her concerns about preparations by the South Central Area Special Education Cooperative for the upcoming transition of special education students, and offered to assist administration where possible. Mrs. Jonikka Vance also spoke regarding implementing programs to help the transition. Mr. Whitaker discussed the upcoming changes.

Mr. Jason Russell spoke to the Board and Mr. Whitaker regarding his recent trip with students to New York City. He stated that he appreciates the support of administration and board members for these trips, and plans are already in place for next year's trip. Mr. Russell then asked if any further meetings were planned with components of the school system for financial discussions. Mr. Whitaker advised that such a meeting is planned for later this spring.

Under Personnel matters, Mr. Whitaker announced that Mrs. Margaret McGirt has submitted her retirement notice effective at the end of the school year. He congratulated Mrs. McGirt on her 43-year teaching career, and stated that she is looking forward to the next chapter. Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve Mr. Whitaker's recommendation in accepting Mrs. McGirt's retirement notice. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested approval of the following summer school teachers as recommended by Mr. James Bush and Mrs. Julie Woolsey: Mr. Luke Aylsworth – instrumental ensemble, Mr. Kevin Knies – supervised agriculture experience, English teacher to be named later, Mrs. Darla Carnes – first grade, Mrs. Monica Wolford – second grade, and Mrs. Tiffani McGee – third grade. Mr. Whitaker also advised that the Kindergarten Countdown program will be sponsored again this year by United Way and IU Health, and recommended Mrs. Amy Orr as teacher and Mrs. Jill Elkins, teacher's aide. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mr. Mark Hammond has recommended the following coaches for the 2015-16 winter sports season: Mrs. Kelly Schmitt as girls' varsity basketball, and Mr. Rick Scholl as boys' varsity basketball. Mrs. Carnes motioned as recommended. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker reported that the extended school day for making up lost instructional time is going very well. He praised administrators and teachers for their planning and scheduling efforts.

A meeting was held recently with AMERSCO regarding the energy savings projects. Mr. Whitaker advised that they are doing further evaluations, and will then finalize project details and costs. He is hopeful that specific projects can be selected at the May board meeting, so that work can begin. He added that the energy savings programs will help to offset deficit financing in the General Fund by lowering utility costs.

Regarding the transportation of students to the national Seaperch competition on May 29-31 in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, Mr. Whitaker provided cost estimates of \$2,500 using one of the school's mini-buses for the 1,000 mile trip or air travel for approximately \$4,000. Mr. Galloway motioned to pay expenses for students and chaperones to fly to the national competition. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. Mr. Whitaker stated Casino Revenue funds would be utilized for this expenditure. The motion then passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the drivers' education program this summer, adding that 41 students have enrolled, with Mr. Darren Kerns and Mr. Justin Scheller as instructors for the class. Cost of the class would remain the same, at current rate of \$320 for in-district students. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

In moving forward with the 1-to-1 program in the fall of 2015, Mr. Whitaker stated that it will be necessary to expand and upgrade our current wireless network. He suggested the expansion and upgrade be completed now, while we are currently receiving an 80% e-rate reimbursement, adding that the need to update is great in order to avoid issues. Mr. Jeff Kerby has worked with school attorney Mr. JC Tucker in analyzing the proposals, and recommended that the contract to update our network infrastructure platform as identified by the Request for Proposals issued February 21, 2015 be awarded to KiNETiK

Networks pursuant to its' Bid 2 for the total amount of \$102,931. Mr. Kerby detailed the project cost of \$86,851 less 80% reimbursement, would be an actual equipment cost of \$17,371, along with the 5-year support fee of \$16,080 which is not e-rate reimbursable, would mean an overall final cost of \$33,451 for Springs Valley Community Schools. Following discussion, Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve the infrastructure update to KiNETik Networks as recommended. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Board members were instructed to notify Mrs. Allstott for registration purposes if they plan to attend the ISBA Regional Meeting on May 19th at Huntingburg.

Mr. Whitaker reported that 62 incoming students participated in the Kindergarten Roundup held last week, adding that this number is similar to the present Kindergarten enrollment.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the agreement between Springs Valley Community Schools and PGA Tournament Corporation, Inc., allowing their use of our parking facilities during the Senior Championship tournament, specifically the lower student lot, the north lot behind the high school gym, and the east lot between the gym/football field, adding that attendants would be stationed in these locations. He stated the agreement has been reviewed by Mr. Tucker. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. Following discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Carnes advised Mr. Whitaker and fellow board members that he plans to travel to Indianapolis on Thursday to talk with our local representatives at the state house regarding the pending legislation on casino revenue. Mr. Whitaker suggested that he would talk with French Lick Resort representatives as well.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:21 PM.

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