

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 8, 2015**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 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 was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed prospective employees, job performance evaluations, 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 6:14 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker, as well as Mr. Jim Bush, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Edith Pinnick, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Minutes of the May 11, 2015 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and second by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated Seaperch participants Colton Reynolds and Reed Tarr for placing third overall and second in the finesse challenge at national competition. Devon Roach, Austin Ashby, and Matt Burton also competed and scored very well. Dr. Carnes stated that our Seaperch program is receiving a lot of interest from other schools, and is pleased with the program's success.

Mr. Whitaker recognized the boys' golf team for recently winning the PLAC conference meet, the Orange County meet, and placing second in sectional play. The team will compete in the regional this Thursday at Champions Pointe. John Pinnick, Carson Stailey, and Matt Hollis were named to the all-conference team. Sectional team members were Matt Hollis, Taylor Hackney, Carson Stailey, John Pinnick, and Llogan Russell.

Track team members Sam Reynolds, Ezra Butler, O'Brien Selby, Alanna Nelson, and Shenay Francis advanced to regional competition. Mr. Whitaker stated that all track participants performed very well. Mrs. Carnes commented that our track program had 38 members this year, and all were pleased with the large number of participants.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated all-conference honorees Josh Bates for baseball and Kasey Bell for softball.

No one from the public addressed the board.

As recommended by Mr. Jim Bush, Mr. Whitaker requested the board hire Mrs. Lindsay Mendel to fill the algebra position at the Masters' one-year salary level of \$37,220.00. Mr. Bush reported that extra-curricular sponsor/coaching duties had also been discussed with Mrs. Mendel. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended Matt Pierce to fill the junior high baseball coach position and Cory Ratliff as volunteer junior high coach, per Mr. Mark Hammond's request. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to employ Mr. Pierce and Mr. Ratliff as recommended. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

In consideration of extending the superintendent's contract, Mrs. Lynch announced that a special board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25th at 5:00. Mr. Whitaker was instructed to post the meeting notice.

Per Mr. Bush's recommendation, Mr. Whitaker requested that Mr. Henry Cruz be employed to supervise the credit recovery summer school English class at the hourly rate of \$17.00. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mr. Kevin Knies has requested permission for FFA students to attend the Indiana State FFA Convention on June 15 to 18, 2015 at Purdue University with an overnight stay, and the FFA would be responsible for all expenses other than transportation. Mrs. Shipman made the motion as requested. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to increase the following meal prices for the 2015-16 school year as recommended by Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Bush: student lunch to \$2.20, adult lunch - \$3.00, and student breakfast - \$1.15. Mr. Whitaker advised the student lunch price is calculated using the USDA's weighted average, with the adult lunch and student breakfast amounts calculated on the total average cost per meal per person including the overall cost of food, labor, and supplies. Mrs. Shipman seconded. Mrs. Carnes stated that the student lunch price increase is required by federal guidelines. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker informed board members that the elementary cafeteria freezer has been removed, and the area is being prepared for the replacement freezer. He added that the new freezer was much needed.

Mr. Whitaker presented an Acceptable Use Policy and Insurance Policy for Accidental Damage of student chromebooks for board members' review, and advised these matters will be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the independent contract for Warren Owens as coordinator of the After School Teen Program for the 2015-16 school year for the amount of \$13,000.00. Mrs. Shipman seconded. Mr. Whitaker stated this is a very positive program for our junior high students, and Dr. Carnes commented that Mr. Owens does a great job with this program. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Shipman moved to approve the independent contract with Patricia Peddie as assistant for the After School Teen Program at \$4,750.00 for the 2015-16 school year, as recommended by Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker reappointed Mr. Roger Fisher to the Springs Valley Education Foundation as the superintendent's representative for a one-year appointment ending June 30, 2016.

Mr. Allstott motioned to reappoint Mr. Ralph Purkhiser and Mr. Todd Marshall as school board appointees to the Springs Valley Education Foundation with their appointments to end on June 30, 2016. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 6-0-1 with Mr. Purkhiser abstaining.

Mr. Whitaker advised the matter of elementary and junior/senior high school student handbooks with additions will be tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Springs Valley Schools has an opportunity to refinance the school severance pension bonds that were issued in 2004 for the amount of \$1,500,000 by Indiana Bond Bank. He added that refinancing of the \$935,000 balance at a lower interest rate will result in lower debt payments beginning in 2016. Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve the resolution allowing the refinancing of the 2004 Pension Bond. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that recent changes to the law concerning casino revenue dictates that governing bodies of the school corporations within the county shall provide a formula for distribution of money received by joint resolution adopted by each corporation in the county. He added that a meeting was held with the other superintendents and school attorney Mr. J.C. Tucker, during which Mr. Tucker proposed a compromise by averaging the present formula for division of funds as proposed by Springs Valley, student ADM counts as suggested by Paoli Schools, and equal division of funds as requested by Orleans Schools. Use of this formula would result in Springs Valley receiving 37 percent of the distribution, Orleans – 28 percent, and Paoli – 35 percent. Discussion was held. Mr. Whitaker stated that he has tried contacting our three area legislators for clarification of the new law with no response. The board consensus was for discussion to be held with the legislators before adopting any resolution. Mr. Whitaker advised that he will initiate contact again with the legislators to ask for an interpretation of the new law.

Mr. Whitaker recognized Mrs. Edith Pinnick for her 45 years of service, and announced that a celebration will be held for Mrs. Pinnick on Friday, June 26th from 2:30 to 5:00 in the high school cafeteria. Mr. Whitaker introduced Mrs. Peggy Simmons, incoming deputy treasurer/payroll clerk.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 PM.

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