

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2011**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2011 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. Troy Pritchett and Mr. Mark Hammond were present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation of litigation and pending litigation, implementation of security systems, purchase or lease of real property, received information about prospective employees, discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction, and interviewed industrial or commercial prospects. 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 6:18 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as 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.

Minutes of the March 14th, 2011 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Kellams seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Troy Pritchett congratulated student Morgan Whitaker for being awarded the IFIE scholarship presented by the Indiana State Teachers Association, and the high school math bowl for winning the math section of a recent academic meet. He also stated that the junior high academic team recently placed 9th out of 17 teams, and recognized the band for receiving a gold rating at the ISSMA contest held this past weekend. There was a nice turnout for the FFA banquet held Friday night.

Mr. Jason Russell reported that the student trip which he chaperoned over spring break to Washington, D.C. and New York City was very successful.

Parent Michael Warren addressed the board regarding a student matter. Mr. Marshall advised him to talk with Mr. Todd Pritchett about this situation.

Under Personnel, Mr. Marshall stated that Mrs. Dawn Zehr has submitted her letter of retirement from her position as teaching assistant and cafeteria cashier after 24 years of service, effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Mrs. Hedy King has given her verbal intention to retire at the end of the current school year.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve the list of high school summer school teachers as provided. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the motion was passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Mrs. Elizabeth Buchanan, who is employed as a kindergarten teaching assistant, continue to receive fringe benefits of the aide position while filling the substitute teacher role for a kindergarten maternity leave. He stated that a substitute has been hired to fill her aide position, and the fringe benefits would cost \$31.71 per month for two months. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. John Hawkins, architect, and board members discussed options for the elementary gym floor project. Mr. Hawkins stated that he would like to finalize details on the

renovation/building project, and requested approval for Mr. Todd Pritchett to be authorized to approve bid specifications prior to letting the project out for bid. Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to authorize Mr. Todd Pritchett to approve the bid specifications. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett presented revisions to the elementary and junior/senior high school student handbooks, and requested approval of such. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0. (copies attached)

Adoption choices for the junior high/high school science/health and math textbooks were presented, and Mr. Allstott moved to approve those textbooks. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that four bids were received for the vocational bus route for the 2011-2012 school year. The current pay is \$70 per day, and bids were received for the amounts of \$58, \$60, \$68, and \$69 per day. He recommended approval of the lowest bid submitted by Walter Freeman of \$58.00 per day. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Springs Valley Community Schools has received more than \$93,000 in reimbursement from the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program. A recovery fee of 4% will be owed to Southern Indiana Health Organization, and then the balance will be utilized to help control insurance costs.

Three sets of quotes were received for three different surface types for a batting cage area for baseball and softball programs. Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the concrete pad surface, and advised the second lowest quote of \$19,190 by B.C. Concrete was a better fit for specifications of the project. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve the plan 3 (concrete pad) quote from B.C. Concrete, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion was passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he had been contacted by Aaliyah Muhammad Harford, a former art student of Mr. Collin Staley, who expressed an interest in updating the mural located on the wall in front of the high school office. He has approved this project, and advised that Mrs. Harford will be working with art students, if possible, and with Mr. Troy Pritchett to complete the work.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 PM.

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