

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 8, 2010**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 8, 2010 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Deborah Brothers, Mr. Willard Owen, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Pritchett. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance, as well as Mr. Troy Pritchett 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, and discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. 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 6:12 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mr. Josh Thompson, Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick. Board member Mr. Eddie Kellams was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marshall, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Owen motioned to approve the minutes of the January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 meeting as written. Mrs. Brothers seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tony Galloway made a motion to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

The Girls Basketball Sectional is being held this week, and our team will play the second game on Friday at Orleans. Congratulations to our boys' basketball team for winning at Northeast Dubois over the weekend.

The ISBA Spring Regional Meeting will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> at Huntingburg.

The Boys Basketball Sectional draw will be conducted in the near future.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Mrs. Kathy Dillman be employed as part-time night custodian to fill the vacancy created by Mrs. Marilyn Stout's retirement. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of Mrs. Heather Tucker's request for unpaid leave for three days on April 21<sup>st</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mrs. Brothers so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested that Miss Jessica Lueken, who is student teaching at Springs Valley Community Schools this semester, be approved as volunteer track coach. Mr. Galloway so moved and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

A review of the 2010 Certified Budget was given by Mr. Todd Pritchett, including the 1782 Notice of approved budget appropriations. The circuit breaker reduced local property taxes by the amount of \$1,472.00. A tax rate comparison was given, and Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the certified tax rate for 2010 is 84.34 cents.

Proposed projects for the 2010 Capital Projects Plan include interior, exterior, and high school locker painting, replacement of flooring in the high school including the library, upgrade of library furniture, student/teacher desk replacement, fence replacement, repair

of parking lots as needed, purchase of auditorium curtains/mechanical replacement, plumbing repairs or upgrade in the girls and boys locker rooms, high school gym bleacher replacement, swimming pool acoustical tile replacement, purchase of a backup power generator for the high school, and technology sustainability.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Springs Valley Community Schools will be partnering with Hoosier Uplands for the Summer Advantage Camp for students in grades kindergarten through 8. This three-year grant would provide enrichment classes following the academic summer school classes.

Mr. Thompson stated that the high school will delay adoption of math textbooks for one year, in order to allow time for the state standards to match national curriculum. This would also aid in aligning the end of course assessment. Mr. Whitaker advised that the elementary school would also be waiting one year to adopt math textbooks. This delay will result in the adoption of both math and science textbooks next year.

Mr. Thompson provided discipline and attendance information for the high school and middle school. He stated that the high school attendance fell below the AYP standard for the 2009-10 first semester, and believed this was due to H1N1 swine flu precautionary measures. The number of DRP (day reporting program) suspensions and out-of-school suspensions were both down.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that due to weather-related school closings, the students' last day of school was scheduled to be May 21<sup>st</sup> at this time. Any additional days missed will be added on at the end of the school year, and commencement is tentatively set for Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mr. Todd Pritchett informed the board that legislation has passed the senate, which would regulate the start of the school year to be after Labor Day and the school year would end by June 10<sup>th</sup>; however, the school year could extend past June 10<sup>th</sup> if the local board would choose so. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he believes this matter should be a local decision made by the local board.

With no other business, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn at 7:05. Mr. Owen seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

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