

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2010**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, August 9, 2010 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.

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 6:09 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Josh Thompson, 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 July 14, 2010 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. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett thanked the Orange County Commissioners' Supporting Organization for their continued support in funding the textbook rental fees for our students.

Registrations have been conducted at both schools, and the buildings are ready for the start of school tomorrow.

Mr. Todd Marshall stated that the Indiana School Boards Association's Fall Conference will be held on September 27th and 28th. State school superintendent Mr. Tony Bennett will conduct a training session on August 31st at Indianapolis for school board members.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the approval of Ms. Kristine Ensign, employee of Bloomington Hospital of Orange County (BHOC), as volunteer athletic trainer, and in turn BHOC is allowed advertising rights as exclusive categorical sponsor of Springs Valley athletics. He also requested approval of Mrs. Leslie Akers as general volunteer to Springs Valley Community Schools. Mr. Kalb so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the contract for Mr. Warren Owens as After School Teen Center Coordinator for the amount of \$11,500, to be reimbursed by Hoosier Uplands 21st Century Grant. Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve Mr. Owens' contract as stated. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett updated the board with a General Fund Financial Report, and projected a spending deficit of over \$182,000 for the 2010 calendar year.

The proposed 2011 budget was reviewed, and Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that it would be advertised this Wednesday (the 11th) and next Wednesday (the 18th), and the budget hearing will be held on August 25th.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to appoint Mr. Scott Crews as Springs Valley's representative to the Orange County Commissioners' Supporting Organization, and Mrs. Bonnie Burton-Taylor and Mrs. Suzanne Emmons to the Melton Public Library Board. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

In an update on the summer construction projects, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the big projects are complete. Minor adjustments are to be made to some auditorium seats, and the bleacher project is to be completed on August 19th. He stated that he is very pleased with our custodial crew in working with the contractors to get the buildings ready for the start of school. He is checking into the purchase of acoustical or decorative tiles for the auditorium.

Under new business, Mr. Todd Pritchett informed the board that security cameras were installed in the elementary building and a new electronic locking system has been installed in both the high school/middle school and elementary buildings. Both of these systems will increase the safety of our students and staff.

Mr. Josh Thompson has requested up to \$5,000 in funding from the Casino Revenue Fund for use in the "Top Hawk" program. Mr. Galloway moved to approve the funding as requested, and Mr. Allstott seconded the motion. During discussion, Mr. Thompson stated that he worked with Mrs. Cherish Wininger and Mrs. Hedy King in forming this program, which is based on discipline, standardized testing, and attendance, and the criteria is fair but motivates the students. The motion passed by the vote of 7-0.

A surplus auction will be held on Friday, August 20th at 5:30 at the bus barn. Sale items include the wooden bleachers from the high school gym, a lawn mower, tables, chairs, and other miscellaneous items.

Mr. Marshall reminded board members of the budget hearing to be held on Wednesday, August 25th at 6:00.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Indiana has adopted the Common Core Standards, which is a national set of standards, and he anticipates the implementation of a national standardized testing system within the next few years.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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