

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

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 8, 2010 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance.

A second Executive Session was held, and dismissed at 9:20 PM. All of the above were present, as well as prospective architects.

During the Executive Sessions, 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 6:17 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick. Board member Mr. Tony Galloway was not in attendance.

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

Minutes of the October 11th, 2010 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Purkhiser and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marshall motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented, along with an invoice from D.E. Qualkenbush, Inc. for \$11,778.75 from Capital Projects as requested by Mrs. Allstott. Mr. Kellams seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Troy Pritchett reported that the fall sports seasons are over, and recognized the following: Morgan Whitaker for advancing out of the golf sectional, cross country team for their success, football and volleyball teams on their good seasons with all-conference players, Allison Hammond – First Team All-State Volleyball, and the band for winning the state championship.

Mr. Marshall advised that he had received a thank you note from the French Lick American Legion for the use of our auditorium for a veterans program, with special appreciation to Mr. Jeff Kerby, Mr. Lionel Brown, and Mr. Rex Crowder.

Mrs. Ute Land addressed the board, stating that she would like a job at Springs Valley Community Schools. She added that she would be willing to volunteer one day and work four days. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Mrs. Land's application is on file, and she will be considered for future jobs.

There were no personnel matters.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that bus routes be awarded as follows: Route 1 to Sherry Robbins for \$130.65 per day, Route 2 – David Emmons at \$150.25 daily rate, Route 4 to Damon Robbins for \$135.54 per day, Route 6 – Jeff Mills at \$156.00 daily rate, Route 8 to Ronnie Kellams for \$135.00 per day, Route 10 – Mark Parks at \$179.58 daily rate, and Route 13 to Lawrence Robbins for \$135.00 per day, and he also noted his recommendation that the apparent low bidder on one or more routes, Phillip Emmons, not be awarded any routes due to reference checks that he had conducted. Mr. Kellams so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reviewed the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Public Law 221 results, stating that the corporation and elementary school met AYP and the high school missed due to minimal decreases in graduation rate and poverty performance. The corporation and both schools all received the highest rating of Exemplary Progress under PL 221; however, due to a stipulation in PL 221 that caps a school’s maximum progress if they do not meet AYP, the high school’s PL 221 rating was capped at Academic Progress.

Our corporation was represented at a press conference at the statehouse today, and recognized by Dr. Tony Bennett as one of nine schools in the state with the highest growth in math and language arts. Mr. Todd Pritchett thanked the staff and students for making this possible. Mr. Whitaker commended his teachers and staff for their hard work. Mrs. Robin Owen, teacher, stated the teachers and students have worked hard, and thanked Mr. Jeff Kerby and Mr. Lionel Brown for their technology assistance.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated band director Mr. Luke Aylsworth on winning the state band championship. Mr. Aylsworth thanked the board and administrators who have led to this success, stating that it had been a ten-year process to get here. Mr. Kellams, Mr. Kalb, and Mrs. Owen commended Mr. Aylsworth on his program’s success.

There was no old and unfinished business.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the purchase of commemorative rings for band members and staff at an approximate cost of \$125 each/\$15,000 total from the Casino Revenue Fund. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion was passed 6-0.

In regard to the acoustical engineer’s review of our auditorium and high school gym, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended putting this matter on hold until a future time.

Schneider Electric Buildings has reported on energy savings realized through their contract for our heating and cooling computer system. Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended continuing the schedule and look for other ways to save costs.

An update was given on the Hoosier Uplands preschool program, with two classes currently being held for each session. The afterschool program is continuing with the grant through Hoosier Uplands, with academic and fun activities, along with snacks, provided daily.

Mr. Marshall reminded board members that they would be reconvening into executive session.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:46 PM.

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