

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2011**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 17, 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 was present for a portion of the session.

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 6:13 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present. Mr. Troy Pritchett was in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

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

Minutes of the December 13th, 2010 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Purkhiser. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve the December 16th, 2010 minutes, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried by the vote of 5-0-2, with Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Purkhiser abstaining due to not being in attendance.

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

Mrs. Allstott requested approval of the year-end appropriation transfers in the General, Capital Projects, and Transportation Operating Funds. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (attachment)

Mr. Troy Pritchett advised the graduation rate for Springs Valley High School is 80.6%, which is the highest this rate has been in the last three years. Discussion included steps taken to improve the graduation rate.

No patrons addressed the board.

There were no personnel matters for discussion.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that an annual Board of Finance meeting is required, and recommended that board members and officers of the Springs Valley School Board be appointed as members and officers of the 2011 Board of Finance. Mr. Galloway motioned to keep the Board of Finance officers the same as the board. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that tonight's meeting will serve as the Board of Finance meeting, and requested that board members review the Report of Investments as provided by Mrs. Allstott. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided a financial review for 2010 revenue and expenditures, stating that the end-of-year fund balances were solid and on-target. He reminded board members of the fiscal stabilization money received to offset general fund basic grant funding, as well as stimulus money that had been received and spent.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported on the 2011 approved budget, and comparison of tax rates. He supplied a copy of the state support worksheet, which indicates our school's funding

for 2011 should be 6.286 million dollars, which is slightly more than the \$6.283 million received in 2010. The Jobs Bill funding in the amount of \$204,000 will be available this year.

Discussion was held regarding the possible purchase of buses in 2011. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that our bus replacement plan for the current fleet of 13 buses, including activity buses, along with adding route #12, would substantiate the need to purchase at least one and possibly two buses. Various options were discussed, and Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would like for a couple of board members to be available to assist with this matter. Mr. Kellams, Mr. Kalb, and Mr. Galloway stated that they would be willing to serve on this committee. Mr. Marshall directed Mr. Todd Pritchett and the committee to bring recommendations to the February board meeting.

Under Old and Unfinished Business, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Attorney J.C. Tucker has prepared the contract for bus route number 12, and recommended advertising of such this week as a one-year contract as presented. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mrs. Lynch motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the corporation and the classroom teachers' association regarding the VEBA plan. Mr. Allstott seconded the motion. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that future options include bringing in other providers with lower fees, thus allowing for higher investment returns for employees; however, a provider must be in place prior to the end of the month to allow retirees access to those funds. The motion was approved by the vote of 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Kovert-Hawkins Architects are working on the details for upcoming building/remodeling projects and have been meeting with band and athletic department staff members, with plans to be presented at the February board meeting. Mr. Kellams stated that previous discussion had been held regarding replacement of the elementary gym floor, and requested that such be included as part of this project. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would notify Mr. Hawkins to explore possibilities for updating the elementary gym floor.

The school calendar has been revised due to five days missed to date. One day was made up on December 22nd, and future make-up days include February 21st, April 22nd, May 18th, and May 19th. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that any additional missed days will be made up at the end of the school year.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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