

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2012**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2012 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, and Mr. Larry Kalb. 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, 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 6:14 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick. Board member Mr. Eddie Kellams was absent from the meeting.

Minutes of the January 16, 2012 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Lynch motioned to approve the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated Mr. Chad Goldman, Mr. Jeff Kerby, and members of the science sea perch teams for their success in recent competition. Mr. Jeff Kerby provided details on the activities involved in the sea perch competition. One team will be advancing to state competition on March 3rd, and those members are Nia Seitz, Landon Price, Anna Galloway, and Dominique Pagan. A junior high team, with members Bethany Cranfield, Devon Roach, and Myranda Burton, won the team spirit award.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated the Girls Basketball team for a nice showing in the sectional. Our team defeated Crothersville and Trinity Lutheran, before losing in the championship game to Northeast Dubois.

No patrons addressed the board.

There were no personnel matters for discussion.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that the bleacher project is complete, with the exception of some landscaping and a small pour to be finished. Terrazzo flooring needs to be replaced in one of the restrooms to complete the band room project.

Mr. Jeff Kerby addressed the board and requested additional time to obtain new quotes on the wireless internet project. He stated that he has received three quotes, but would like to request new quotes based on specific needs so that the work will be done to fit our school and student needs. Mr. Kerby advised that he will present a recommendation at the next board meeting. Discussion was held regarding the process of receiving quotes and bids.

Trane representatives provided information regarding facility improvements for energy savings projects, including replacement of the elementary roof. Discussion was held regarding the roof project and different ways to proceed in this matter, as well as Trane's fees for their services. Mr. Tim Garver advised that Trane's roof warranty is for 100% replacement of roof and contents for 15 years. Board consensus was to table this matter for further discussion.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the biannual State Board of Accounts audit has been completed, and the audit report will include no findings. Mr. Marshall complimented Mrs. Allstott and Mrs. Pinnick, along with ECA treasurers Mrs. Penny Harner and Mrs. Brenda Wyman for a good job and keeping things in order.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that our school district is one of only four in the state to be approved for funding by the Summer Advantage program for 2012. There will, however, be a funding reduction in the amount of \$12,000 for transportation expenses, and he recommended that Springs Valley Schools cover those costs from the Transportation Operating Fund. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Troy Pritchett reported on the 2011 graduation data, and advised that Springs Valley High School had a graduation rate of 96.2% for 2011. This rate was up 15 percent from 2010 and 20.9% above the 2009 rate. The state average for 2011 was 85.7%, and Springs Valley graduated 76 of 79 students. Springs Valley High School was recognized by the Indiana Department of Education for being one of the top 10 schools in the state with the highest rate and highest percentage of improvement.

Information was distributed on the Annual Performance Report. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that our scores were impressive with all but one grade level scoring above state average. Progress in fiscal goals was also achieved.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested that payment of employees' mileage claims be processed based on vehicle odometer reading, trip odometer readings, or MapQuest/other superintendent approved software, thereby eliminating the 1985 approved mileage chart. Mr. Purkhiser so moved and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

A review of the 1782 budget notice and tax rate comparisons was provided. Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that our assessed valuation is down slightly this year at \$231,994,688.00, and the overall tax rate for 2012 is 0.9164.

Due to a shortfall in the Bus Replacement appropriations, additional costs for the purchase of new buses can be taken from Casino Revenue or Rainy Day funds. Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that Casino Revenue funds be used to pay for the balance of the bus purchase, to help maintain the Rainy Day Fund balance. Mr. Purkhiser so moved. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested a policy amendment to the non-certified handbook regarding sick leave days, as the current policy relates to various issues and states that "full-time employees may use up to seven of the above-mentioned sick leave days per year for attending to the illness of a spouse, parent, or child, including adoptive child" to include that "in emergency medical situations, employees may request the use of additional accumulated sick days for family illness subject to board approval". Mrs. Lynch motioned as stated, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Purkhiser motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:27 PM.

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