

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 14, 2012**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 14, 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, Mr. Larry Kalb, and Mr. Eddie Kellams. Mr. Todd Pritchett, Mr. Troy Pritchett, Mr. Tony Whitaker, and Mr. Mark Hammond were also present.

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 6:31 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

Minutes of the April 9th and April 17th, 2012 board meetings were approved with a motion by Mr. Purkhiser and seconded by Mr. Galloway. The motion passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Kellams seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Luke Aylsworth announced that the high school band participated in the ISSMA Organizational Festival recently, and received gold ratings in concert selections and sight-reading. He also congratulated the school board on Springs Valley Junior/Senior High School being named a NAMM Best Communities for Music Education, one of only 176 schools nationwide and four Indiana schools to receive this award. He thanked the board for their continuing support.

Mr. Chad Goldman recognized the Envirothon Team that competed recently in state competition and placed first in oral presentation with a third place finish overall. Team members were Marla Tomlinson, Vanessa Roach, Lulanna McDonald, Victoria Ridge, and Kaila Knies, and the team was coached by Ginger Korniek. Studies included the effects of storm water on the new Fast Eddie's building site.

Mr. Todd Pritchett congratulated junior Allison Hammond on accepting a full four-year scholarship to Indiana University as a member of their volleyball team.

Mr. Troy Pritchett announced that the junior high and high school awards programs have been held recently, along with the Top 10% banquet. The Top Hawk incentive trips were taken last week, with junior high recipients going to the Jasper Skate Palace and high school students went to Paoli Rock-N-Bowl. Graduation will be held this Saturday, May 19th at 6:00.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that Springs Valley hosted a meeting last week with Orleans and Paoli school representatives, local police officers, and national weather forecaster Joe Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan performed a walk-through of our buildings, and felt that as a whole, our buildings were in pretty good shape regarding any possible tornado threat.

Mr. Mark Hammond congratulated the following students: Jacob McCormick/boys track all-conference MVP, first place finish in long jump and 400 meter run, Brian Resenbeck/boys track all-conference, first place and set conference record in one-mile run, boys track team for placing second in the conference meet, and Allison Hammond/girls track all-conference with first place finish in long jump. Levi Weddle, Sebastian Baggett, and Curtis Crow represented our boys' basketball program in the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association All-Star game.

Mr. Jason Russell congratulated Huntington Reynolds on receiving medalist honors at the junior high PLAC meet, and both Huntington and Carson Staley for being named to the junior high golf all-conference team.

Patron Bill Schaber questioned what plans were being made for the summer boys basketball program. Mr. Hammond stated that open gym will be available under the direction of Mr. Tony Whitaker.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the following: accept retirement notices from custodian Rex Crowder and teacher's aide Barbra Bowling, resignation of teacher's aide Marci Payton, approval of Aletha Cooper's request for use of 1.75 sick leave days to use as family illness, and summer school bus drivers Mark Parks, Damon Robbins, Kathy Dillman, and David Emmons. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded the motion. Excerpts from the retirement and resignation letters were read. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that he has received a recommendation for the hiring of Mr. Jim Jones as head boys basketball coach on a two-year contract. Mr. Allstott motioned as recommended, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 6-1. Mr. Kellams stated that he voted against the motion because after the initial interview with Mr. Jones in which he expressed no interest in the position, Mr. Kellams had

encouraged another candidate to apply, but Mr. Kellams stated that he will support Jim Jones as head coach.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the elementary roof project is estimated to cost \$899,000, with a four to six week delivery time on materials. The goal is to have the roof completed by the start of school next fall; however, if not complete, the project will be done so that there is no interruption or interference with classes.

Esco Communications, Inc. has adjusted the high school gym sound system, and Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that it sounds good at the present time. As recommended by acoustical experts, another sound system will be used at the graduation ceremony whereby the sound would be directed from the floor up toward the crowd.

Mr. Pritchett advised that he will soon be advertising for the closed bid auction on the school bus, but will delay any bidding on the kitchen equipment until more information is gathered.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that no changes will be made to the elementary student handbook for next school year. Mr. Troy Pritchett stated that he and Mr. Josh Thompson have worked with a policy committee, and recommend the changes as presented, specifically discipline involving electronic devices. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he supported the recommendation. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve the changes as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded. Discussion was held, and the motion then carried 7-0. (copy attached)

In regard to the election procedures and residential requirements pertaining to corporation policy, Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended the residential requirement be corrected from one year for voting district and two years/corporation to 60 days prior to the date of election for voting district and be a registered voter, as per the original policy. In addition, state law requires one year of residency in the school corporation prior to filing for election. Mr. Purkhiser so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that our school has been awarded a \$69,000 competitive technology grant through South Central Area Special Education Cooperative. This grant will be used for smart boards and software for special needs students.

United Way and Indiana University Health has selected Springs Valley Schools for participation in a K Countdown program, in which new kindergarten students with no or limited pre-kindergarten experience will receive instruction. The fully funded program will be limited to 25 students, and offered in conjunction with summer school. Mrs. Lynch made a motion to approve the K Countdown program. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Discussion was held regarding scholarship award plaques, and board consensus was for Mr. Todd Pritchett to appoint a committee for review of the approval criteria and placement of plaques.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the calendar committee has discussed the "balanced calendar" school year, and is considering this for 2013-14. He advised that area schools and cooperatives are going that direction. With the balanced calendar, our school would start approximately three or four days earlier than now and end about ten days later. Students would be in school for nine weeks and then off two weeks, and the first week of each break could be used for remediation or make-up days. Mr. Purkhiser requested that consideration be given for Good Friday to be a scheduled holiday on future calendars, as suggested by local patrons.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he has been contacted by an architectural representative regarding the construction of "safe rooms" for use during tornado warnings. The representative advised that federal funding is available for up to 80% of the project costs. He estimated the cost to be between \$1,000,000 to \$1.2 million for two rooms (one adjacent to each the elementary and junior high/high school building). The board agreed for Mr. Pritchett to pursue this matter.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve Mr. Kevin Knies' request for the overnight stay on May 18th for the Dairy Career State Contest and June 18th and 19th for the State FFA convention. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett presented an agreement with the Southern Indiana School Trust regarding the group dental, vision, long-term disability, and life insurances, which needs to be adopted and signed to meet MEWA (Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangements) requirements. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Kellams motioned to adjourn. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.
