

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 12, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 12, 2014 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, personnel, and litigation. 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 6:11PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members, Mr. Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were present.

Mrs. Lynch called the meeting to order, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Minutes from the April 14, and May 8, 2014 board meetings were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made the motion to approve vouchers and claims as presented. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated sixth grade student Caleb McCracken, for his winning essay in the annual Prevent Child Abuse Orange County Essay Contest.

Mr. Whitaker recognized student Cassy Gilmore for an honorable mention award received in the Friends of Southern Hills 26th annual writing contest.

The interdisciplinary team with members Noah Hinkley and Michael Lucas placed first at state competition Saturday. Mr. Whitaker stated that these two boys deserve a lot of recognition as teams normally consist of four individuals, but this team had only the two members due to scheduling conflicts with prom. He also congratulated the science team members Noah Hinkley, Justice Breedlove, and Tyler White, who placed fifth at state.

The junior/senior prom was held Saturday night at the French Lick Resort, under the supervision of Mrs. Cherish Wininger and her husband. Mr. Whitaker added that it was a great evening, concluding with the after-prom activities coordinated by Mrs. Brenda Wyman.

Seaperch team members Nathan Apple, Kade Hinkle, Kyler McNeely, and Tristan Parmley gave a presentation on their research and educational opportunities, including learning objectives, engineering, and applied science. The team, who is coached by Mr. Jeff Kerby and Mr. Chad Goldman, will compete at the National Seaperch Challenge at the University of Southern Mississippi this coming weekend.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Tristan Parmley will be signing a "letter of intent" to run track at Indiana State University. He congratulated Tristan for his hard work on the track and in the classroom.

No one from the public addressed the board.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approving Mrs. Flo Gonya's request for a non-paid personal business day. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Mrs. Connie Reed has requested the use of ten of her personal sick days as family illness days, per the terms of the Master Contract. Mrs. Carnes motioned to approve this request. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Regarding the varsity basketball coaching contract for Mr. Rick Scholl that was approved at the April 14th board meeting, Mr. Whitaker recommended a two-year contract for Coach Scholl at the amount of \$6,994.00 per the ECA salary schedule. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

To clarify previous action, Mr. Whitaker recommended that Mr. Justin Scheller's contract as varsity football coach be for the amount of \$7,262.00, as listed in the ECA salary schedule, for a two-year period. Mr. Galloway motioned as recommended. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Athletic Director Mr. Mark Hammond had submitted the following list of coaches: football/Justin Scheller – head coach, Jeremy Reynolds, Daniel Wolford, and Nick Land as varsity assistants, junior high coaches Jason Lowe and Ben Reynolds, with Wade Allen as junior high volunteer, cross country/Bob Greger – varsity, and Tim Weisenberger for junior high, girls golf/Danny Orr with Brent Harner as volunteer assistant, and cheer varsity co-coaches Chelsey Bell and Tiffani Stemle. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve the coaching recommendations of Mr. Hammond. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Carnes made the motion to approve volleyball coaches as recommended by Mr. Hammond as follows: Erin Carnes as varsity coach, Monica Wolford – varsity assistant, Vanessa Vertin as junior varsity coach, Cathy Carnes – 8th grade, and Kari Buchanan – 7th grade. Mr. Galloway seconded the motion. The motion was approved with the vote of 6-0-1, as Dr. Carnes abstained.

Mr. Whitaker advised that work is continuing on the process of hiring a high school principal. He stated that this is a very important position, and time is being taken to ensure the right person is hired to lead our high school. He announced that a special board meeting will be held on Monday, May 19th with open session at 5:00 to name the new principal.

Due to the continuing decline in state funding, Mr. Whitaker recommended the reduction in force policy be used to reduce the art program to one teacher. He regretted that such action was necessary, and stated that the reduction has been discussed with the teacher affected by this decision. Mr. Galloway motioned as recommended, and Mr. Kalb seconded. The motion carried by the vote of 5-2, with Mrs. Carnes and Dr. Carnes voting against the reduction.

A memorandum of understanding was signed for the driver's education teachers for their salaries to be set at \$35.00 per hour or their current hourly rate, whichever is less. Mr. Whitaker added that student fees for the program will continue at \$320 per student. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker stated that the bond refinancing as discussed at previous meetings has been completed, and Springs Valley Schools will receive \$1,074,291 in additional funds to be spent on capital projects. This amount is much greater than expected, and was acquired while lowering the interest rate with the refinancing. There is a three-year window on expending these funds.

Bids were received and opened this afternoon for bus route 12 and the vocational route for 2014-15. Mr. Whitaker announced that three bids were received for bus route 12, with bids from Pamela Clark in the amount of \$119, Travis Robbins - \$118, and David Noble - \$97, and two vocational route bids from David Emmons for \$50 and David Noble - \$47. Mr. Whitaker recommended accepting the low bids from David Noble as follows: \$97 for bus route 12 and \$47 for the vocational route. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised board members that summer capital projects will include basic maintenance and facilities upkeep. The air conditioning proposal by Tim Garver could possibly be discussed at a future meeting.

Mr. Kevin Knies has requested permission for an overnight field trip for the Springs Valley FFA. The trip would be from June 16 to 19, 2014, allowing students to attend the

state FFA convention at Purdue University. Mr. Allstott made a motion to allow the trip, as recommended by Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion passed 7-0

Mr. Whitaker advised that there will be no language arts textbook adoption this year due to changes in the state standards. He added that another contributing factor is that Springs Valley is in the process of looking to implement 1:1 devices.

Football equipment in the amount of \$2,790.00 has been requested by Coach Scheller, to be purchased from Casino Revenue Funds. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve said purchase, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was carried 7-0.

Mr. Hammond has requested the purchase of athletic passes from Casino Revenue for all students in grades K through 12 next year. Mr. Galloway so moved, Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the timeline for adoption of the 2015 budget as presented by Mr. Whitaker. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion was carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker informed the board that the Orange County Community Foundation Commissioners Supporting Organization will not be funding the \$1,000 scholarships for Springs Valley and Orange County graduates this year.

Mr. Whitaker recommended adoption of the 2014-15 elementary handbook with minor changes as presented by Mrs. Woolsey. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Changes in the junior/senior high school handbook will be presented at next month's meeting.

Graduation is set for Saturday, May 24th at 6:00 in the high school gymnasium. Board members are asked to be there by 5:40.

As a board member of the Springs Valley Education Foundation, Mr. Purkhiser reported that their organization will be awarding \$9,300 in scholarships to 11 graduating seniors. He thanked the board for their support, and added that the scholarships are being paid from interest earned on the endowment fund and other donations.

Mr. Whitaker advised that lots of events are scheduled at Springs Valley Schools the next two weeks, including the Top 10 Banquet and Senior Awards Night set for this Thursday.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

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