

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 27, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, August 27, 2014 in the Springs Valley Learning Center. Board members Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, and Mr. Tony Galloway were present, as well as Superintendent Mr. Tony Whitaker. Board member Mr. Larry Kalb was absent from the meeting.

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 6:07 PM in the Springs Valley Learning Center. Board members Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, and Mr. Tony Galloway, and Superintendent Mr. Tony Whitaker were in attendance, along with Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

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

A public hearing was held on the 2015 School Budget as prescribed by the Department of Local Government and Finance for the following funds: General, Debt Service, Retirement/Severance Bond Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation, Bus Replacement, and Rainy Day. Mr. Whitaker stated that with permission granted at the August 11th board meeting, the budget form 3, pages 1, 2, and 3 were advertised in our local paper on two occasions to make the budget process compliant with DLGF regulations, and the purpose of this hearing is to allow the public to ask questions or make comments regarding the proposed budget. He added that prior to the September 8th meeting, board members will be provided a copy of the entire budget including the documents requiring signatures. He also stated that the 2015 budget was built on a \$190 million assessed valuation with a proposed maximum levy of \$3,271,515, similar to last year’s budget. He added that the advertised tax rate is 1.7219, stating that all of these budget numbers are inflated to obtain the maximum amount of funding available. Again this year, a portion of the retirement/severance debt will be neutralized from the bus replacement fund, with the tax neutrality resolution and all other resolutions to be presented for approval and adoption at the September 8th meeting.

Mrs. Lynch opened the meeting to the public. Mr. Justin Wininger addressed the board and superintendent, questioning the 2015 General Fund budget amounts and asking what plans had been made to control the General Fund expenditures. Mr. Whitaker advised that Springs Valley’s 2015 General Fund estimated revenue is \$5,776,036, with that same amount being advertised as our 2015 General Fund budget. He added that our plan is to preserve jobs, although we have reduced the staff numbers by a couple of teachers, and that we will be using Rainy Day funds to offset some normal General Fund expenditures. Mr. Whitaker stated that our goal is to keep the current student programs, services, and staff, and adding that we are fortunate to have the Rainy Day Fund. Board members joined in the discussion, and Dr. Carnes concluded by remarking that he felt good about the school’s plan moving forward, adding that our corporation has been fiscally responsible in past years.

There was no old or unfinished business to bring before the board.

Information has been distributed to board members regarding the Indiana School Boards Association Fall Region Meeting. Mr. Whitaker stated that this matter would be discussed further at the September 8th board meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Galloway motioned to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

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