

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 8, 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 6:13 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mr. Jim Bush and Mrs. Julie Woolsey were present. Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick were also in attendance.

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

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 board meeting, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Minutes from the August 27, 2014 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Allstott. Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Kalb abstaining since he was absent from that meeting.

Mrs. Allstott presented vouchers and claims for approval, and requested special permission to pay National Student Clearinghouse the amount of \$425.00 from Capital Projects. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker thanked Mrs. Krista Land for helping out in the nurse's office, filling in as her schedule allowed.

Mr. Kevin Knies introduced the following FFA members: Jasmine Hobson as president, Addie George – vice-president, Brendan Hughes – treasurer, Katherine Hamlin – secretary, Bailey Crowder as reporter and district president, and Olivia Hinkle – sentinel. Students spoke about the various leadership activities, state and national conventions, community service events, and past achievements. Bailey reported that Springs Valley will be hosting a district leadership contest in March of 2015. Mr. Whitaker congratulated the students and Mr. Knies on their success, adding that the students are gaining tremendous leadership skills. He also recognized Bailey for being elected the district president, adding that she is believed to be the first district president from Springs Valley.

No one from the public addressed the board.

As requested by Mr. Mark Hammond, Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the following athletic personnel matters: boys basketball under Coach Rick Scholl/varsity assistant – David Grable, freshman coach – Kyle Crews, volunteer coach – Ron Carnes, 8th grade – Kim Eckerty, 7th grade – Tracy Tucker, 6th grade – Landon Harner and Cody Brothers, 5th grade – Randy Chaplin; girls basketball with Coach Kelly Schmitt/varsity assistant – Brad Bledsoe, freshman – Leigh Ann Kluesner, 8th grade – Chris Burton, 7th grade – Joe Crow, 6th grade – Gail Johnson, and 5th grade – Kali Walls. Mr. Allstott motioned as recommended. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that the board had previously accepted Mrs. Becky Grable's retirement notice effective September 26, 2014. Due to retirement regulations and PERF changes, Mrs. Grable has requested to move her retirement date to September 1, 2014.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to approve Mrs. Grable's retirement change as requested. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker announced that he, Mr. Bush, and Mrs. Woolsey have conducted interviews for the school nurse's position, and recommended Miss Heather Ball be employed in that position at the hourly rate of \$20.00. Mr. Allstott so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Bush and Mrs. Woolsey addressed the board, providing preliminary ISTEP scores for grades 3 through 8 and high school level. Discussion was held regarding remediation programs in place at both the high school and elementary buildings. Mrs. Woolsey added that upcoming changes are planned in the state's testing program, with no indication as to how the changes will affect students and teachers. Additional discussion was held. Comparison was made for test scores at the other two county school corporations as well. Mrs. Woolsey noted that Springs Valley has had the highest scores in the county for the last four years.

Mr. Whitaker presented the 2015 budget for adoption, and stated that permission to advertise said budget was granted at the August 11th board meeting, the appropriate forms were published on August 13th and August 20th as required by law, and the public hearing was held on August 27th with public participation allowed at that time. Mr. Whitaker then requested approval of the 2015 budget as advertised and all required resolutions. Mr. Galloway motioned to adopt all required documents and resolutions for the 2015 budget, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0. (copies attached)

Mr. Whitaker announced that the ISBA Fall Regional Meeting will be held on Monday, October 13, 2014, conflicting with the regular scheduled board meeting. He recommended the October meeting be moved to Tuesday, the 14th. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion to change the October board meeting to the 14th was approved 7-0.

Board members who wish to attend the ISBA Fall Regional Meeting were instructed to contact Mrs. Allstott for registration. Mr. Whitaker advised that he and Mr. Purkhiser will be attending the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference next week at Indianapolis.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

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