

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 9, 2015 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 Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. 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 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 of the January 19, 2015 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and second by Mr. Purkhiser. The motion passed 7-0.

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

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the following: 5th grade boys' basketball team for winning their home tourney, 7th grade girls' basketball team on winning the Orleans tourney, and the Lady Blackhawks Varsity Basketball team for finishing the season as PLAC conference champions, tied with Paoli. He added that the Lady Hawks are playing very well, and will begin sectional play tomorrow night at West Washington. The boys' basketball sectional will be held at Orleans beginning on March 3rd.

Mr. Whitaker advised that he and Mrs. Shipman recently attended the ISBA Effective Governance Workshop, and the meeting was very informative.

No one from the public addressed the board.

As per Mr. Mark Hammond's recommendation, Mr. Whitaker presented the following coaches for the 2015 spring sports seasons: Mrs. Gina Webster/6th grade volleyball, Mrs. Kari Buchanan/5th grade volleyball, Mr. Damon Tarr/junior high golf, and Mr. Eric Elkins/junior high golf volunteer assistant. Mrs. Carnes motioned to approve the coaches as recommended. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

After receiving a recommendation from cafeteria manager Mrs. Kelly Weisenberger and Mr. Jim Bush as cafeteria administrator, Mr. Whitaker recommended employing Mrs. Mary Acuff to fill the position of elementary cafeteria cook. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of the ServSafe course and certification, with salary and benefits to follow the non-certified salary schedule. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

As discussed at the January 19th meeting, no bids were received for the 1993 Chevrolet truck and snowblade. Mr. Whitaker informed board members that Mr. Ronnie Kellams has offered \$1,000 for the truck and blade. Mr. Allstott made a motion to accept the \$1,000 offer from Mr. Kellams, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Hoosier Hills PACT has requested a contribution of \$25,000 from Springs Valley Community Schools for their school-based prevention programs for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Whitaker stated that he felt this is a good program, and Mr. Bush had indicated

this program is definitely a benefit to our students. Mr. Whitaker recommended the use of Casino Revenue funds for this contribution. Mr. Allstott so moved. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that our ADM count continues to decline, as the count conducted on February 2nd was 853.5 with a total student count of 887. This is 11 less students than the September 2014 ADM number. The decrease in enrollment will generate another reduction in state tuition support.

Mr. Whitaker advised the SADD chapter has requested money for after-prom activities in the amount of \$8,000, less receipts from the strawberry sales fundraiser. He added the contribution would be from Casino Revenue Fund. Mrs. Carnes so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The ISBA Spring Board Member Academy will be held on April 9th and 10th, and Mr. Whitaker stated he will be supplying more information in the near future for those interested in attending.

Mr. Whitaker reported that there are several bills being introduced in this legislative session which would not be good for Springs Valley Schools, specifically HB 1277 regarding riverboat wagering taxes. He added this not only affects our school but the entire Springs Valley community, and urged everyone to contact legislators on this matter.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Dr. Carnes seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

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