

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2016**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2016 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: 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. Mrs. Cheryl Lynch was absent from the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluation, 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 6:14 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mr. James Bush, Mrs. Julie Woolsey, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

Dr. Carnes called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Minutes of the March 14, 2016 board meeting were approved with a motion by Mr. Galloway, and second by Mr. Purkhiser. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Galloway moved to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2016 board meeting. Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried by the vote of 5-0-1, with Mr. Purkhiser abstaining.

Mrs. Allstott requested approval of vouchers and claims as presented, and special permission to pay Eddie's Service for fuel in the amount of \$9,493.61 from Transportation Fund. Mrs. Carnes so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker congratulated the Winter Percussion Ensemble for their 4th place finish at IPA State Finals competition on April 2nd, adding that we were the second smallest school at finals and one of only two ISSMA Class D bands to qualify.

Sea Perch participants Reed Tarr, Colton Reynolds, Sam Parsons, Riley Spencer, Reece Qualkenbush, John Scott, Emily Weisensteiner, Brycen Qualkenbush, Brooklyn Dixon, and Aiden Aylsworth were recognized for advancement to national competition. Mr. Whitaker added that other Springs Valley teams will be competing in regional competition on April 23rd.

Patrons Ms. Charity Moore, Mr. Ron Carnes, and Mrs. Peige Tow addressed board members and Mr. Whitaker on matters relating to personnel. Mr. Whitaker advised Ms. Moore that he would get back with her at a later date regarding the process of coaching recommendations. He added that personnel matters can not be addressed in public session.

Mr. Larry Kleeman introduced himself, and stated that he is running for state representative in the upcoming election. He retired from the Lincoln Hills Development Corporation in Tell City, and also served 11 years as a school board member.

Mr. Whitaker stated that three staff members, Mrs. Diana Rojahn, Mrs. Glenda Purkhiser, and Mr. Kevin Mills have submitted letters of retirement effective at the end of this school year. Mrs. Rojahn has been the speech and hearing therapist at Springs Valley for 19 years, Mrs. Purkhiser has taught elementary and coached various teams throughout her 37-year career, and Mr. Mills has been a special education/physical education teacher and coached various teams for 36 years. All three teachers will be eligible for the \$25,000 retirement stipend as approved at the December 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Purkhiser made

the motion to accept the retirement notices. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended accepting the resignation letter from Mr. Rick Scholl as boys' varsity basketball coach. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded the motion. Mrs. Carnes spoke in opposition of the matter. A vote was then taken, with Mr. Galloway, Mr. Allstott, and Dr. Carnes voting in favor of accepting Mr. Scholl's resignation, Mrs. Carnes and Mrs. Shipman voted against the motion, and Mr. Purkhiser abstained. Mr. Purkhiser then spoke about his reasons for abstaining. The vote count was 3-2-1.

Following the recommendation of Mr. John Carnes, Mr. Whitaker supported the hiring of John Lowe as night custodian and Amber Dorsam as day-time custodian. Mr. Allstott motioned as recommended. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Jeff Kerby presented the e-Rate proposal recommendations as follows: Category 1 e-Rate – accept the proposal from Education Networks of America for a two-year contract providing 500mbps at a yearly cost of \$46,800 less the Category 1 e-Rate reimbursement rate (currently 80%) and state connectivity grant for an estimated final cost to the school of \$5,040 per year, which is \$1,800 less than the school's current cost for 100mbps and does not require the purchase of a router, and Category 2 e-Rate – award Probleu the contract for their Firewall category proposal at a cost of \$29,035.14 and award Probleu the contract for the Wireless Networking System category proposal with the removed items as listed at a cost of \$15,205.37. Items were removed to stay within Springs Valley's remaining pre-discount limit of \$48,149 for Category 2 e-Rate reimbursement. Mr. Kerby added that the router category proposal has been declined since this item will be provided by the ENA Internet contract. Assuming Springs Valley remains at the current 80% Category 1 e-Rate reimbursement rate, the school should be reimbursed 80% of the cost of these contracts with reimbursements expected to be received sometime during the winter of 2017. Mr. Whitaker recommended following Mr. Kerby's recommendations. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker provided an update on the construction projects. He stated the VRF HVAC project in the gym concession area is almost finished, and training on the units will be done soon. An exhaust fan has to be installed in the bus garage. The main gym VRF HVAC installation and lighting improvement projects are ready to begin immediately after graduation. Athletic coaches are scheduling their practices around the summer projects.

Mr. Purkhiser made a motion to approve the Physics Class field trip to Kentucky Kingdom on April 29th, Concert Choir field trip on April 30th to the Trills & Thrills Choir Contest to be held at Jefferson County Traditional Middle School in Louisville, Kentucky with students then going to Kentucky Kingdom, 5th grade field trip to Louisville Zoo on April 28th, and field trip for the music appreciation class to go to The Grand Ole Opry on April 20th. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Chad Goldman requested approval for students to compete in the national Sea Perch competition to be held Saturday, May 21st in Baton Rouge, LA, adding that final details can not be provided at this time as other teams are participating in regional competition on April 23rd. The registration deadline for the national competition is Monday, April 25th. He stated that van rental is the most likely means of travel, depending on the number of students going, with the group traveling on Friday, May 20th, competing on Saturday, the 21st, and then returning home on Sunday, the 22nd. Mr. Whitaker recommended expenses be paid from Casino Revenue Fund, as this is an excellent example of educational attainment. Mr. Goldman added that a group representing the Office of Naval Research had watched a practice, interviewed some of our students and him, and were quite impressed with our Sea Perch program. Dr. Carnes added that our program is well-respected at the Crane Naval Base. Mr. Galloway motioned to cover the travel costs as requested, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve the summer school dates of May 31 through June 17 for elementary students, and May 31 through June 24 for high school students. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended summer school teachers as follows per Mr. Jim Bush and Mrs. Julie Woolsey: English – to be named later, Instrumental Ensemble – Luke

Aylsworth, Supervised Agriculture Experience (SAE) – Kevin Knies, first grade – Darla Carnes, second grade – Janelle Crews, and third grade – Tiff McGee. Mr. Purkhiser motioned to approve the teachers as stated, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion was carried 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested the use of casino funds to help pay for after-prom activities, stating that the corporation has previously donated approximately \$4,000.00 toward that activity. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that 43 students participated in Kindergarten Round-Up which was held last week. Last year, 62 students participated and we ended up with over 80 kindergarteners.

The ISBA spring regional meeting will take place on April 18th at Huntingburg Event Center. Any board member wishing to attend was instructed to notify Mrs. Allstott for registration.

Mrs. Carnes addressed Mr. Kleeman, state representative candidate, and asked for his support of remediation funding, adding that state funding of remediation is available through third grade, and then discontinued until 9th grade. Mr. Kleeman replied that he was aware of that shortfall and would keep that in mind.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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