

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2017**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 11, 2017 in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Todd Marshall, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Justin Wininger were present. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluation, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, school safety and security, 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 6:10 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Whitaker, as well as Mr. Kyle Neukam, Mr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

Mr. Marshall called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Wininger made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 14th and August 28th board meetings, and the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Grandparents' Day was celebrated last week at the elementary school. Mr. Whitaker stated many grandparents visited during that time. He thanked the PTSO and volunteers who helped make this a successful event, and the cafeteria staff for their hard work.

Mr. Whitaker advised the Girls Golf Sectional will be held this Saturday at Otis Park in Bedford, and wished the girls good luck.

Mr. Neukam stated the school year is going very smooth at the high school.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Whitaker presented the following consent agenda for personnel recommendations: Girls Basketball/Varsity Assistant – Riley Widdifield, Junior Varsity – Brad Bledsoe, 8th grade – Barry Wilson, 7th grade – Teresa Cox, 6th grade – Tara Allstott, 5th grade – Wes McNeely, and volunteer – Jason Hickman; Boys Basketball/8th grade – Chance Kellams, 7th grade – Kyle Crews, 6th grade – Isral Qualkenbush, 5th grade – Jason Gossett, and volunteer – Levi Weddle; and Mary Chism as special education teaching assistant, working with Mrs. Jill Hammond. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Wininger seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to employ Mr. Chris Burton as volunteer Boys and Girls Basketball coach, as recommended by Mr. Whitaker and Mr. Daniel Wolford. The motion was then approved 6-0-1, with Mr. Burton abstaining.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the consent agenda for old and unfinished business as follows: cooperative agreement with the South Central Area Special Education Cooperative as presented and previously discussed. Director Amy Bollinger's response to questions has been included in the board packet for review. Mr. Whitaker stated the document has been approved by the governing board of the cooperative and now must be approved by each of the participating school boards; and Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy 3220.01 as presented. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. With no discussion, the motion was then carried 7-0. (copies attached)

Mr. Whitaker stated the majority of the security cameras have been installed, software is up and recording on some of the cameras, and he is very happy with the progress of this project. Mr. Kerby added that 90% of the interior cameras are aimed and labeled, and this part of the project should be done fairly soon.

Mr. Whitaker advised the pool HVAC and Lighting project is almost done. The pool is once again open, after having been closed last week due to a leak. He thanked Wes McNeely for his hard work on finding the leak and getting the pool reopened so quickly.

Mr. Whitaker stated that he is putting together a Request for Proposal for our outdoor lighting, and will bring numbers to the October board meeting for approval of this project. All exterior parking lot lights would be replaced with LED lights.

After consultation with Andy Minnette of Tenbarger Athletic Field Services and John Parker of French Lick Springs Resort, Mr. Whitaker presented a quote from Tenbarger for the amount of \$24,150 for improvements on the baseball field, which will include re-sodding the infield and rebuilding the pitcher's mound. Mr. Whitaker added that Mr. Parker, who has worked with Mr. Minnette on our football field, has offered to help with the baseball field project also. He recommended acceptance of the quote using Casino Revenue funds for this project. Work will be completed this fall. Mr. Purkhiser motioned as stated. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Ground work needs to be done on the softball field as well, with drainage and dirt conditioning as the biggest issues. Mr. Whitaker stated that he has been in contact with Marty Goldman and Joe Crow concerning the improvements needed, and feels that he can work with Marty, John Parker, and Fred Carnes to take care of some of these improvements at minimal cost. Mr. Whitaker credited Joe and Marty for their care of the field.

Mr. Whitaker stated that three proposals were received for the bus security cameras, and were included in the board folder. He advised that Mr. Kerby has researched the proposals and talked with company representatives during this process. With pros and cons for each company and although the ERS-OCI proposal was \$1,442.48 higher than the Oscar Telecom proposal, Mr. Kerby recommended approval of the ERS-OCI proposal of \$24,392.48 for purchase and installation, along with an additional \$641.70 for two spare hard drives. Mr. Whitaker advised the purchase would be made from the Transportation Fund. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Regarding the 2018 budget adoption process, Mr. Whitaker advised the timeline for the 2018 budget has been followed with permission to advertise granted at the August 14th board meeting, the School Bus Replacement Notice to Taxpayers and the Capital Projects Fund Notice to Taxpayers were published in the Springs Valley Herald on August 16th, and the Form 3 has been published on Gateway, thus making the budget process compliant with the Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF). As required by law, the board conducted a public hearing in a special board meeting held on August 28th to allow for public questions and comments. No input was received from the public at that meeting. Mr. Whitaker stated that tonight is the scheduled budget adoption meeting for the 2018 budget as advertised, and asked for a motion to adopt and sign all required documents and resolutions for the 2018 budget as presented. Mr. Wininger made the motion to adopt the 2018 budget as presented, and Mr. Burton seconded. With no discussion, the motion was carried 7-0. Board members were asked to sign the required forms and resolutions in triplicate.

Mr. Whitaker advised that the exit conference for the State Board of Accounts audit for the period of July 2013 through June 2015 will be held tomorrow morning at 9:00, and all board members are invited to attend.

ISTEP scores have recently been released, and Mr. Whitaker advised that details of the scores will be provided at the October meeting. The school letter grade as issued by the Department of Education should be released soon, and board members will be notified of that information.

A sample of the Teacher Evaluation Plan was included in the board packet.

The ISBA Fall Region Meeting will be held on Monday, October 16th at Huntingburg. Board members were asked to notify Kathy if they plan to attend.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Wininger motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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