

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

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 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, and Mr. Justin Wininger were present. Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mr. Kyle Neukam, and Mr. Trevor Apple were also in attendance. Attorney Mr. Jim Hamilton was present for a portion of the meeting. Board member Mrs. Cheryl Lynch was absent from the meeting.

A second Executive Session was held following the Regular Session, and dismissed at 8:00 PM. Board members Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Purkhiser, Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, and Mr. Wininger were present for that Executive Session, along with Mr. Whitaker.

During the Executive Sessions, 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 6:25 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Purkhiser, Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, and Mr. Wininger, and administrators Mr. Whitaker, Mr. Neukam, and Mr. Apple were present. Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and Mrs. Penny Harner were also in attendance.

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 November 13, 2017 board meeting, and vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Teachers Mrs. Lisa Wray, Mrs. Leslie Crow, and Mr. Bob Hounshell, and student Deacon Ashby presented information to the board on the Workplace Simulation Project. The project involved over 200 students from three area high schools, in which a gingerbread community was built and displayed at the French Lick Resort, and was considered a good learning, hands-on experience. Mr. Neukam stated the students did a phenomenal job. Mr. Whitaker recognized Deacon, and said he was very proud of him.

Mr. Whitaker advised that a report on the forestry teams would be provided at the January board meeting.

Mr. Apple congratulated Coach Wes McNeely and the fifth grade girls' basketball team, stating the girls represented Springs Valley very well and he was proud of their season record of six wins and eight losses. He thanked the Springs Valley Optimist Club for sponsoring the Reindeer games again this year, which included an ornament contest and other games. The 4th grade Christmas musical will be held tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the auditorium, and the elementary strings concert is scheduled for December 19th.

Mr. Neukam reported that ISTEP retesting is underway. With the recent passing of the Graduation Pathways legislation, planning has already begun for changes that will be needed next school year. He stated that student response for paying Chromebook fees and damages has been good this year.

Mr. Marshall recognized elementary treasurer Mrs. Penny Harner for going above and beyond recently to assist a family in need.

Mr. Eugene Pinnick had signed up to speak, but stated he had no comments.

Mrs. Shipman made a motion to table the matter of a volunteer softball assistant until the next meeting. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Wininger motioned to approve the maternity leave request of Mrs. Monica Wolford from December 7th until her return on January 29th, 2018 as requested. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that Richard Tucker has worked with our Band program for several years through the Experience Works program. Band director Mr. Luke Aylsworth has requested that Mr. Tucker now be paid by Band Department funds. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mr. Wininger seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Discussion on the building project to replace entry doors by the elementary loading dock was tabled until the January board meeting.

Mr. Whitaker stated the sod has been laid on the baseball field, and he has received good compliments on the field. Work will begin soon on the concrete bleacher pads at the baseball field. Future plans include having grass on the playground area, the installation of handicap accessible equipment on the playground, flooring in the elementary building, painting, and concrete work. Installation of new door locks is planned with the school security matching grant, including rooms at the high school and elementary.

Mr. Whitaker presented his consent agenda for new business matters as follows: 1) approval of contract with Tucker and Tucker to provide legal counsel in 2018, with terms remaining the same as in 2017; 2) board permission for treasurer to pay invoices as needed through the end of 2017 with said claims approved by superintendent, and permission for Superintendent Whitaker to hire personnel as needed subject to approval at the January board meeting; 3) approval of overnight field trip for the forestry teams on December 8th-9th as requested by Mr. Kevin Knies. Mr. Wininger motioned as requested. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Jon Kuss and Ms. Janet Harrison of Hoosier Hills PACT presented information on a proposal to provide a PACT Family Consultant for the elementary school. Discussion included cost of the consultant and different curriculum programs available for use at the elementary level, as well as possible grant opportunities for funding. Mr. Whitaker stated that he appreciates what Hoosier Hills PACT does for our school now, and Mr. Kuss added that the partnership has been good for everybody.

Mr. Whitaker advised that we have received the energy savings rebate in the amount of \$11,953.36 from Duke Energy Smart Saver Incentive program following completion of the pool project, adding that this rebate amount was more than expected. The funds will go back into our Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Whitaker reported that Dr. Jennifer McCormick, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, has postponed her Roadshow scheduled for this Friday at Springs Valley Schools. After review of the Graduation Pathways ruling, assessments, and surrounding accountability by Dr. McCormick, Mr. Whitaker hopes the meeting can be rescheduled.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mr. Aylsworth has proposed the purchase of state band championship rings at a cost of \$249 each for 31 students who did not receive a ring last year and \$100 toward the purchase of a ring or other items for those who received a ring following last year's championship, for a total maximum cost of \$13,519. He recommended the purchase be made with Rainy Day Funds. Mr. Purkhiser motioned as requested, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Wininger advised that the board is currently working on the support staff pay schedule. With the time table necessary for negotiations with certified teachers, he stated recent time had to be devoted to their pay and wished to assured support staff members that they have not been overlooked.

Mr. Whitaker presented the following NEOLA policies for first reading: 1520, 1520.08, 1521, 1619, 1619.01, 1619.02, 1619.03, 2623, 3120.08, 3121, 3124, 3419, 3419.01, 3419.02, 3419.03, 4120.08, 4121, 4419, 4419.01, 4419.02, 4419.03, 5111, 5340, 5460, 5530, 5830, 6605, 6670, 8120, 8121, 8330, 8340, 8400, 8405, 8455, 9700, 1220, 1521, 2221, 2262, 2623.01, 3121, 3131, 3220.01, 4121, 5200, 5330, 5350, 5460, 5630.01v1,

5730, 6152, 8120, 8121, 8330, 8462, 8600, and 8800. He advised these policies will be recommended for adoption at the January board meeting.

Mr. Whitaker requested adoption of the following policies as presented for first reading at the November 13th board meeting: 0100, 5111, 5136, 5136.01, 7540, 7540.01, 7540.02, 7540.03, 7540.04, 7540.05, 7540.06, 8300, 8305, 0120, 2271, 2421, 2510, 5200, 5460, 5461, 5540, 5840, 6111, 6152, 8510, 8531, 8540, and 8606. Mr. Wininger made the motion to adopt policies as stated. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marshall announced that the board would be returning to a brief executive session.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Burton motioned to adjourn. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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