

SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 9, 2018

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, July 9, 2018 in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Chris Burton, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mr. Ralph Purkhiser were present. Mr. Tony Whitaker was in attendance. Dr. Trevor Apple, Mr. Kyle Neukam, and Mr. Jason Russell were present for a portion of the meeting.

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 6:05 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present for the regular session, along with Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons.

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

Mr. Burton made the motion to approve the consent agenda with the minutes for the June 11, 2018 meeting, and the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Farris seconded, and the items were approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple recognized Kris Tarr, Amy Orr, Darla Carnes, and Tiff McGee for their efforts in teaching summer school at the elementary. The Kindergarten Countdown program, under the direction of Janelle Crews and Jill Elkins, is in its' second week with 15 to 20 new kindergarten students attending daily. He thanked John Carnes and the custodial staff for their assistance at the elementary school this summer, stating that he appreciated their help with moving furniture and materials throughout the building due to the flooring project. Student registration at both buildings will be available online from July 16th through July 27th, and in the offices on July 24th from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon and 1:00 to 3:00 PM and on July 25th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM. Meet the Teacher Night will be held at the elementary school on Thursday evening, August 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Dr. Apple thanked Jennifer Hill for her assistance in coordinating the Running Start program, which will also be conducted on Thursday, August 2nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Mr. Neukam stated that summer school classes at the junior/senior high school were a huge success with classroom teachers utilized instead of online instruction as in past years. He thanked Jolynne Cruz, Amanda Dalton, Julie Woolsey, Kara Pickens, Erin Carnes, Martha Niehaus, Michael Leitzman, Mark Hammond, and Luke Aylsworth for their assistance.

Mrs. Lynch advised that she has received positive comments regarding the cafeteria operations and extended compliments to Melissa Campbell, food service director.

Mr. Roger Fisher addressed the board regarding the Springs Valley Education Foundation and various accomplishments of the foundation.

Mr. Rob Hendrix offered his services in coaching baseball, swimming, and football, and other areas as needed. Mr. Wininger suggested he speak with Mr. Russell, athletic director on this matter.

Mr. John Emmons encouraged board members to continue with the board's two current appointees to the Springs Valley Education Foundation board, Todd Marshall and Ralph Purkhiser.

Mr. Bill Harris spoke in favor of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Purkhiser continuing in their positions on the education foundation board of directors. He also addressed the need for additional coaches in the football program.

Mr. Whitaker presented the following consent agenda for approval: 1) Dr. Apple recommended Sarah Stackhouse as art instructor/instructional assistant at the elementary school for the 2018-19 school year with the art instructor salary of \$17.95 per hour under the supervisory category on the support staff pay scale, with Miss Stackhouse continuing as Title I instructional assistant for part of the school day with pay as a teaching assistant during this time; 2) Mr. Neukam recommended Taylor Sabens for the agriculture teacher position for the 2018-19 school year under an

emergency license at the salary level of A on the bachelor's scale for the amount of \$35,225, with 10 additional days for summer responsibilities which is the same contract days Mr. Kries received in that position; 3) Mr. Neukam recommended Barbara Schwartz as math teacher for the 2018-19 school year with an emergency license, with her salary at level A on the bachelor's scale for the amount of \$35,225; 4) As recommended by Mr. Russell, Tim Weisenberger as assistant cross country coach (he had previously been approved as a volunteer assistant) and Jason Lowe as varsity assistant football coach with salaries per the master contract; 5) Summer band recommendations/corporation paid – Laura Aylsworth, Andrew Alspaugh, Brandon Hagen, and Bonnie Stone, band/paid by band account and band boosters – John Aylsworth, Josh Connelly, JD Opel, Katlynn Burton, LeAnn Fromme, Payton Buffington, Addie George, Tyler White, Sarah Moss, Rachael Moore, and Austin Armstrong, band/volunteers – Phil Fleming, Kim Sommer, and Steve Rondinaro, band/unpaid interns – Matthew Burton, Brian Elkins, and Olivia Burton; and 6) Administrator contract for Kyle Neukam for the amount of \$87,000 for 2018-2019 and \$89,000 for 2019-2020, receiving fully-paid dental, vision, and life insurance, with health insurance benefits per the master contract, and administrator contract for Trevor Apple - \$74,734 for 2018-2019 with fully paid family health, dental, vision, and life insurance, and the 2019-2020 contract for the salary of \$85,000 while offering fully-paid dental, vision, and life insurance, with health insurance benefits per the master contract. Mrs. Shipman motioned as recommended, and Mr. Farris seconded. Discussion included the availability of dual credit classes and the junior high cross country position. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve Justin Wininger as volunteer band assistant. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 6-0-1 with Mr. Wininger abstaining.

Mr. Whitaker stated that he has accepted the following resignations: Nicole Warner as special education teaching assistant effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year, Richard Drake as custodian/bus driver effective July 13, 2018, Jeremy Reynolds – teacher with Lost River Career Cooperative and his coaching position effective July 1, 2018, and Fr. Ben Syberg as junior high cross country coach effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year.

Mr. Burton made the motion to reappoint Mr. Marshall and Mr. Purkhiser as the school board's appointees to Springs Valley Education Foundation. Mrs. Lynch seconded. Mr. Marshall provided information on projects completed by the education foundation, as well as current projects. Discussion was held, and the motion was then approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of an additional \$600 to cover the cost of six state championship rings for band students, with payment from the Casino Revenue Fund. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker announced that he has received confirmation on being awarded the Lilly Endowment Counseling Grant in the amount of \$99,368 to support the costs of a social worker. Kacie Shipman has accepted the job and will begin her training soon to be ready at the start of the school year. Mr. Whitaker stated that he is excited about the grant and who will be leading the counseling services.

Project updates were provided on the elementary flooring, door hardware/security grant, security camera improvements, concrete work, tuck pointing at the corporation office, painting, and football field scoreboard. Discussion included work done recently on the baseball field, and Mr. Marshall thanked Coach Rob Denbo for mowing the baseball area.

Textbook rental fees for Springs Valley students for the 2018-19 school year were discussed. Mr. Whitaker advised that Radius will be contributing \$51.31 per student enrolled in the state free and reduced program, which is less than the nearly \$36,000 contributed by Radius in 2017-18 (\$32.00 per student not eligible for the state free and reduced program, and \$50.00 for each eligible student enrolled in the state program). The corporation contributed \$105,146 from Casino Revenue funds to pay the remainder of our students' textbook rental costs in 2017-18, and Mr. Whitaker requested approval to fund student textbook fees from Casino Revenue in 2018-19. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. Mr. Wininger directed Mr. Whitaker to prepare a plan for reduction of future textbook funding, and requested the information be available for discussion at the December 2018 board meeting. The motion was then passed 7-0.

As requested by Melissa Campbell, Mr. Whitaker recommended the 2018-19 meal prices as follows: student lunch - \$2.50 (current price \$2.40), student breakfast - \$1.35 (increase from \$1.25), and adult lunch - \$3.40 (currently \$3.30). Mrs. Shipman motioned as recommended, and Mr. Burton seconded. Discussion included the need to increase prices based on the USDA weighted average requirements. The motion was then carried 7-0.

In lieu of the student athletic pass purchases as previously administered and as discussed at a prior meeting, Mr. Russell requested \$10,000 in Casino Revenue funds at this time to supplement the athletic fund. Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of the funding. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested authority to hire personnel needed to fill positions prior to the start of the school year pending final board approval at the August board meeting. Mr. Marshall motioned as requested. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended approval of a cell phone stipend for Jason Russell as athletic director in the amount of \$40 monthly. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded. Mr. Wininger clarified this is an incentive for the athletic director position, and the corporation will look to move in this direction for all cell phones in the future. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker presented the following policies for the first reading: NEOLA Policies 1422, 1662, 2260, 2700, 3120.04, 3122, 3131, 3362, 4122, 1462, 4362, 5430, 5517, 5630.01 Vol. 1, 5840, 6610, 7510, 7530, 8315, and the Support Staff Handbook. He stated most policy revisions are due to legislation changes, and recommendation for adoption will be made at August board meeting.

Mr. Purkhiser left the meeting.

Mr. Fisher requested clarification on the timeline for appointments to the Springs Valley Education Foundation, and discussion followed.

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