

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 17, 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 also in attendance, and Mr. Kyle Neukam was 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 6:03 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present for the regular session, along with Dr. Trevor Apple and Mrs. Kathy Allstott.

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

Mr. Wininger presented the consent agenda for approval of the minutes from the August 13, 2018 and August 27, 2018 meetings, and the vouchers and claims as listed. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple thanked grandparents and guardians who were at school last week in observance of Grandparents' Week, and thanked the PTSO and volunteers for their assistance. He also thanked the French Lick-West Baden Lions Club for their recent donation of new dictionaries to all third grade students, and stated that he appreciated their attention to literacy. Dr. Apple reported that he and Mr. Neukam attended a safety conference at Indianapolis last week, and they both brought back ideas to implement at our schools.

Mr. Neukam thanked the extra/co-curricular sponsors, directors, and coaches for implementing the academic monitoring program to help ensure that students pass all their classes when involved in extra/co-curricular programs, and stated that our students have shown great progress in their grades this year. He thanked teachers who have been supervising study tables before and after school, and thanked those who have assisted students when they need extra help outside of the classroom. The Blackhawk Brigade was recognized for winning the Paoli Band Invitational this past Saturday. The girls' golf team was congratulated for their success in qualifying for regional play, to be held this Saturday at Country Oaks Golf Course in Montgomery. The team placed third in sectional play, and Keisha Bennett placed second with a score of 79. Their regular season record was 12-9, and Keisha was medalist 12 times. He thanked Anthony Bradley, Rob Koonz, and staff for their hospitality and help in hosting home golf matches, and also thanked the local fire and police departments for leading our girls through town this past Saturday after qualifying for regional. Mr. Neukam stated the high school and junior high volleyball teams are having a great season, and sectional draw will be held on September 30<sup>th</sup> with sectional play to be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Northeast Dubois. He congratulated Justin Curtis for winning the cross country Orange County meet, and Justin placed second out of 67 runners at the Crawford County Invitational. The cross country conference meet will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup>, and the sectional will be at Jasper on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Neukam recognized the junior high cross country girls team for winning the county championship, and the boys' team placed second.

Coach Damon Tarr and student Kyla Tarr were present to represent the girls' golf team. Coach Tarr stated the four members of the team have worked hard this season and represented Springs Valley very well. He added that the girls and coaches appreciate the support they have received from fellow students and the community.

Mr. Chad Goldman and students Gabe Turpin and Wes Goldman discussed a mobile app that they have developed for the school with the assistance of Appy Pie, a mobile app creator. The app can be used to access morning announcements, facebook feed, school calendar, and quick access to much more. Mr. Neukam stated the cost to start this student-driven program is \$1,500 to create the app and make it live so that it can be used, with other costs of \$200 associated with advertising. Mr. Goldman demonstrated the app for board members. Discussion was held regarding possibilities for the media project.

On behalf of the Springs Valley Education Foundation, Mr. Marshall thanked Orange County Publishing, Mr. Neukam, Mrs. Stacy Denbo, and advertisers for their assistance in publishing the

scholarship awards insert that was distributed with the Springs Valley Herald newspaper earlier this summer. Extra copies of the insert are available for those who wish to have another copy.

No patrons addressed the board.

As recommended by Mr. Jason Russell, Mr. Whitaker requested approval of Brent Harner as volunteer assistant girls' golf coach, stating that this addition would allow Brent to help with the girls at tournament time. Mrs. Lynch so moved. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that he has no recommendation for the custodian position at this time.

Mr. Whitaker informed the board that Linsy Reynolds has resigned as school nurse. She has agreed to stay until a replacement is hired, and the position has been posted.

In regard to the Support Staff handbook, Mr. Whitaker recommended a change to allow the usage of leave time from the half-day increment as previously adopted to one-half hour increments. He added that this change would work best for both the corporation and employees. Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve the change as stated. Mr. Burton seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker reported that the door security project is nearing completion on the elementary classrooms and other selected areas. Architectural Sales staff will be on site daily later this week working day and evening to complete the project. Phase 3 of the door security project for the middle school will be discussed next, to be funded by the Secured School Safety grant.

The elementary flooring project is almost finished. Touch-ups are being done now, and the punch list will be prepared.

Student count for the 2018-19 school year was taken on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our average daily membership ADM count was 835, as compared to 846 in February 2018 and 858 in September 2017.

Mr. Whitaker advised that the timeline for the 2019 budget has been followed, with permission granted at the August 13<sup>th</sup> board meeting to advertise the budget. The School Bus Replacement Notice to Taxpayers and the Capital Projects Fund Notice to Taxpayers have been posted on our webpage and the Form 3 has been published on Gateway, making the budget process compliant with the Department of Local Government Finance. As required by law, a public hearing was held on August 27<sup>th</sup> to allow for public questions and comments, with no input from the public. Tonight is the scheduled budget adoption meeting for the 2019 budget as advertised and all required resolutions. Mr. Whitaker asked for a motion to adopt and sign all required documents and resolutions for the 2019 budget. Mr. Farris made the motion as recommended. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker requested approval of funds to begin the app process as discussed earlier in the meeting. Mr. Farris made the motion to approve the \$1,500 start-up fee, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. Mr. Purkhiser suggested getting approval of the extra funding needed for publishing. Mr. Farris and Mrs. Lynch amended their motion and second to include the total cost of \$1,700. Payment for this media project will be from Casino Revenue or Rainy Day Fund. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker presented the following items for approval: 1) Peter Grigsby, representative on The Orange County Community Foundation Board of Directors, has reached the maximum number of years that can be served after serving three 3-year terms for the total of nine years. He recommended Pastor Doug Finney to fill the position. 2) FFA field trip to National FFA Convention in Indianapolis on October 24<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> with the corporation providing the transportation, and other costs to be covered by the FFA. Mr. Kevin Knies, former FFA sponsor, has agreed to chaperone the group, along with teacher Taylor Sabens. Mr. Burton made a motion to approve the consent items as presented. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker stated that Mr. Burton, Mr. Purkhiser, and he attended the state ISBA meeting last week, and there were many good sessions at the meeting. Mr. Purkhiser stated that he attended five different breakout sessions, including two that provided good information about career pathways. The ISBA fall regional meeting date has not been announced yet.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Farris seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

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