

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2018**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 12, 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.

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.

A second Executive Session was held following the Regular Session, and adjourned at 7:10 PM. Mr. Whitaker, Dr. Trevor Apple, and Mr. Kyle Neukam were in attendance, along with board members Mr. Wininger, Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Burton, and Mrs. Lynch.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:07 PM in the High School Cafeteria. All of the above were present for the regular session, along with Dr. Apple, Mr. Neukam, 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. Farris made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8 and October 29, 2018 board meetings, vouchers and claims as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple congratulated the 5th grade girls' basketball team, which has a current record of 10-0, and were winners of the Orleans tournament last week. The elementary book fair held recently was a big success. Grade 4 students took a field trip to Derby Dinner Playhouse, and the group received great comments about their behavior. The Spell Bowl team will compete in area competition Thursday evening. Grade 2 students will visit the Wonderlab on November 20th, and STEM students will visit Crane on December 6th.

Mr. Neukam thanked Dr. Strieter and the North Posey school corporation for allowing some of our staff to observe their teachers recently, adding that the experience will aid our school and corporation. Multiple teachers have attended professional development workshops, continuing to make school improvement our number one priority. Mr. Neukam recognized Mr. Luke Aylsworth and members of the Blackhawk Brigade for representing Springs Valley at the state band competition, finishing second. He thanked Mr. Aylsworth, assistants, and students for their professionalism and congratulated them for the respect they have earned from band programs around the state. The ISTEP re-testing window for juniors and seniors will begin November 26th and run through December 11th.

Mr. Russell recognized Caitlyn Reynolds and Lauren Orr for being named to the IHSVCA Academic All-State team. Caitlyn also received IHSVCA 1st Team All-State and All-District honors, and was named to the IHSVCA South All-Star team.

Mr. Marshall congratulated Justin Curtis and Mya Miller for being named to the PLAC All-Conference cross country team. He stated these two are stellar athletes who have worked hard all summer long. Justin placed first in the conference and advanced to semi-state competition, and Mya was 7th in the conference and competed at regional.

On behalf of the Springs Valley Education Foundation, Mr. Marshall stated they have continued "Chuck's Fund" in memory of former teacher/coach Mr. Chuck Akers, which is available to help support the financial needs of student athletes.

This year's induction ceremony for the Springs Valley Education Foundation Hall of Fame will be Wednesday night, with inductees Dave Dedrick, Edith Wilson, and Darrel Land to be recognized.

No patrons addressed the board.

There were no personnel matters for discussion.

Mr. Whitaker stated that a walk-through was held recently for the elementary flooring project with representatives of Lindsey's Construction and architect John Hawkins, and a punch-list was developed.

The electronic key fob and door project in the elementary building is almost complete. The next phase of the Secured School Safety Grant will be used for upgrading locks and doors in the middle school.

Mr. Purkhiser left the meeting.

Mr. Wininger presented floor plans for the proposed locker room renovation project, and opened the floor to the audience for discussion. Matters of concern included the time frame of the proposed project and financial issues. Additional input is welcome from staff members and the community, and another meeting could be held regarding this issue if needed.

Mrs. Shannon Meehan, high school ECA treasurer, has requested permission to dismiss \$353.40 in overdue student fees and charges as allowed under the Uncollectable Debt Policy. She had provided documentation of the cafeteria amount due for \$26.90 and chromebook billing of \$326.50 for an unreturned chromebook for the withdrawn student, along with a copy of the chapter 7 bankruptcy notice filed by the parent. Payment for the outstanding cafeteria balance will be made from the high school ECA General Fund. Mrs. Lynch made the motion to write off the uncollectable debt as discussed. Mrs. Shipman seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 6-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker requested approval of the bus bid specifications as presented and permission to advertise for the contracted routes number 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 11 for the 2019-20 through 2022-23 school years. Bid packets will be ready on Wednesday November 13th, and bid submissions are due in the superintendent's office by 2:00 PM on Thursday, December 6, 2018 with bids to be opened at that time, and then information presented at the December 10th board meeting. Mr. Whitaker added the packets will contain Google maps of the contracted routes. Fourteen bus routes were reduced to eleven with consolidation of various routes. With no other discussion, the motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Wininger announced that he has received Mr. Whitaker's letter of retirement notice which will be effective December 31, 2018. Mr. Whitaker stated that he has served 32 years in the education field, and has appreciated the 23 years at Springs Valley. Mrs. Shipman stated that Mr. Whitaker has had a big impact on a lot of students in this school system. Mr. Burton added that we cannot replace Mr. Whitaker easily as he cares dearly for our school and students, and he appreciates the time we have had Mr. Whitaker.

Mr. Whitaker presented the policies number 1619.03, 3419.03, 4419.03, and 7530.01 Version 1 for review. The first three policies pertain to Affordable Care Act matters, and the policy 7530.01 V1 provides guidelines for cell phone stipends for school employees.

Mr. Wininger advised that the board will be returning to Executive Session. With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn the Regular Session. Mr. Farris seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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