

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 14, 2019 in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Joel Dalton, and Mrs. Cheryl Lynch were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was also in attendance. 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 6:19 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mr. J.C. Tucker, Mrs. Jan Van Emon, Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

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

Mr. J.C. Tucker administered the oath of office to Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Shipman, and Mr. Dalton.

As motioned by Mr. Farris and seconded by Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Wininger opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Wininger made the motion to retain the same slate of officers: himself for the office of President, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman for Vice-President, Mr. Dustin Farris as Secretary, and Mr. Todd Marshall for Legislative Liaison. With no other nominations, the officers as stated were approved 7-0.

Mrs. Shipman made the motion to reaffirm the School Board Code of Ethics, as prepared by the Indiana School Boards Association. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Annual conflict of interest disclosure statements were signed by board members Mr. Wininger, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Dalton.

Dr. Apple recommended the appointment of Kathy Allstott as Treasurer and Peggy Simmons as Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Lynch motioned to retain the current meeting date, time, and location, with the meetings to continue being held the second Monday of each month with the executive session starting at 5:00 PM and the regular session at 6:00 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple stated that board compensation is currently \$2,000 annually with \$100 per monthly meeting and \$50 per diem per special meeting, with dental, vision, and life insurance benefits. Mrs. Shipman moved for board compensation and benefits to remain the same. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed with the vote of 7-0.

Mr. Wininger stated that an appointment to the Lost River Career Cooperative Board is needed. Mr. Wininger nominated Mrs. Shipman for that position. Mrs. Lynch motioned to appoint Mrs. Shipman to the Lost River Career Cooperative Board. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Minutes of the December 10 and December 18, 2018 board meetings, and vouchers and claims were approved as presented with a motion by Mrs. Lynch. Mr. Farris seconded.

The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Dalton abstaining since he was not a board member at the time of the December meetings.

Mrs. Allstott presented the Allowance of Transfers Report for year-end transfer of appropriations. She stated that transfers were necessary within the General, Capital Projects, Transportation, and Rainy Day Funds when closing out the 2018 financial records, and permission had been granted for said transfers at the September 11, 2017 board meeting. Mr. Burton motioned to accept the transfer of appropriations as presented. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mrs. Van Emon thanked the staff and students for a warm welcome to Springs Valley Elementary School. Mr. Terry Hall, Indianapolis police officer, completed his presentation today on body safety to students in grades Kindergarten through 5. Mrs. Kacie Shipman, Mrs. Amy Orr, and Mrs. Janet Harrison will begin the 10-week *Family First* series on Thursday, January 17 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. The series, sponsored by Youth First, helps develop happy family relationships while fostering healthy brain development in children. Carol Gardiner will be meeting with selected staff members to continue the work of the reading program, *Readable English*. Springs Valley Elementary will utilize this program this semester to address the needs of struggling readers in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades.

On behalf of the junior-senior high school, Mr. Neukam congratulated Dr. Apple on his superintendency, and Mrs. Van Emon on her principal's position here at Springs Valley. He recognized the 2018 graduating class for achieving a graduation rate of 98.46%. The book fair held recently had sales totaling \$3,388.20, and earned \$1,863.51 in free books for our library. Mr. Neukam advised that Springs Valley will be hosting a Blackhawk Film Festival on May 4th, with an invitation to county schools where students will present a 90-second or five-minute movie created by them.

Dr. Apple recognized our boys' varsity basketball team for winning the Springs Valley Holiday Tourney. He also thanked the athletic department, administration, custodial staff, gate-workers, and concession workers for their efforts in running the tournament, adding that many positive comments were received on this event.

Mr. Chad Goldman advised board members and administration how to access the board meetings through live communication via Blackhawk Nation on YouTube. He has also shared the meeting through the school's Facebook page.

Mr. Ron Kellams, Mr. Damon Robbins, and Mrs. Amy Cranfield had signed up to address the board. Mr. Wininger asked if the three of them would prefer to speak now, or wait until the matter of bus bids is discussed later in the meeting. They agreed to wait until later in the meeting to speak.

Dr. Apple requested approving spring coaches as recommended by Mr. Jason Russell, as follows: 1) Varsity Softball - Jill Stephens, head coach, \$4,125; Matt Weisensteiner, assistant coach \$1,662; Volunteer Assistant Softball - Marty Goldman, Jenny Qualkenbush; 2) Junior High Softball - Jason Hickman, head coach, \$1,138; Volunteer Assistant JH Softball - Gail Johnson, Shawn Kluesner; 3) Varsity Baseball - Henry Cruz, assistant coach, \$1,936; Volunteer for Baseball - Seth Dickey, Broc Warner; 4) Junior High Baseball - Jason Hammond, head coach, \$1,179; Volunteer for JH Baseball - Devin Durbin, Andy Andrews; 5) Varsity Track - Derek Freeman, boys head coach, \$2,281; Jolynne Cruz, girls head coach, \$1,732; boys assistant - Jason Gossett, \$1,179; girls assistant - Kaitlin McClintock, \$1,138; Varsity volunteers - Tim Weisenberger, Bo Webster; and 6) Junior High Track - Boys, Daniel Wolford, \$1,410; Girls, Monica Wolford, \$1,366; and Junior High Volunteers - Todd Marshall, Austin Collins, and Justin Harris. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval of Mr. Neukam's recommendation to add ten additional days to Mr. Jason Russell's contract to be paid at his daily rate based on the pay scale, as Mr. Russell will be assuming all extra/co-curricular bus scheduling, in addition to other new responsibilities. Mrs. Shipman made the motion as stated. Mr. Burton seconded. Discussion included clarification that the additional days and pay is for the current 2018-19 school year, as well as the number of contract days for the previous athletic director. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised that Miss Ashton Allbright will be doing her student teaching under Mrs. Amy Orr this spring.

Dr. Apple made the recommendation to reject all current bids for bus routes as received and re-bid for routes 2, 3, 8, 10, and 11, with bids due in the superintendent's office by 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 7 and bids to be opened at that time. Recommendations for the new bids would be addressed at the February 11th board meeting. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. Mr. Wininger presented data relating to prior bus route bids and expenditures, and comparison with Orleans and Paoli Schools' bus bidding. Discussion followed, including the need to be in balance with other county schools, accurate calculation of route mileage including back-track mileage, and clarification of the routes as specified. Mr. Burton left the meeting at this time. Discussion continued with board members and Mr. Robbins, Mr. Kellams, and Mrs. Cranfield. The suggestion was made to reject all bids and table the matter to allow for board members and Dr. Apple to meet with bus drivers. Mrs. Shipman withdrew her motion as stated, and Mr. Farris withdrew his second of the motion. Dr. Apple then recommended to reject all current bus bids and review the bus routes. Mrs. Shipman motioned to reject the bus bids and re-evaluate the bus routes. Mr. Farris seconded. With no further discussion, the motion passed 6-0.

The 2019-2020 school calendar was presented by Dr. Apple, stating that make-up days include January 21, February 18, and April 10 for e-Learning days with the last student day scheduled for May 20th. Mrs. Lynch made the motion to adopt the 2019-2020 school calendar. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple recommended continuation of early dismissal on Wednesdays, with elementary students dismissing at 2:35 and high school students at 2:40. He added that building administration supports the early dismissal days, as this provides a great opportunity for professional development. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. Discussion followed, and the motion was then approved 6-0.

Corporate authorization resolutions from Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company were presented for changes to the ECA accounts, adding Mrs. Van Emon as an authorized signer to the elementary account and Dr. Apple to the high school account. Mrs. Lynch made the motion to approve the resolutions, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion passed 6-0, and the resolutions were signed by Mr. Farris and Mr. Wininger.

Mr. Marshall advised that ten priority legislative bills are pending, six of which have K-12 education policy-related items.

Dr. Apple advised that State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jennifer McCormick will visit Springs Valley Schools on February 21st. Plans are being made to showcase the great things being done here at Springs Valley.

Mr. Farris made a motion to approve the agreement between Springs Valley Schools and Laura Aylsworth for service as Medicaid billing agent, as presented by Dr. Apple. The contract terms state that Mrs. Aylsworth will receive 20% of the net gain of Medicaid reimbursements received by Springs Valley. Mrs. Lynch seconded the motion. Discussion followed, and the motion was then approved 6-0.

Dr. Apple presented the following various policies for the first reading: 1430, 1520.08, 1521, 2221, 2370.03, 2414, 2462, 2700, 3120.07, 3120.08, 3121, 3139, 3141, 3220.02, 3430, 3431, 4120.08, 4121, 4430, 5112, 5330, 5340.01, 5350, 5460, 5517.01, 5771, 6210, 6212, 6620, 6621, 6655, 6800, 7440, 8340, 8455, 8462, 8500, 8600, 9160. These policies will be reviewed for adoption at the February 11th board meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Lynch motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 7:25 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. Board members Mr. Wininger, Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dalton, and Mrs. Lynch were present, along with Dr. Apple, Mr. Neukam, Mrs. Van Emon, Mr. Tucker, Mrs. Allstott, and Mrs. Simmons.

Mr. Wininger stated that an annual Board of Finance meeting is required by law, with the appointment of a president and secretary. Mrs. Lynch made a motion for Mr. Marshall to hold the office of Board of Finance President and Mr. Farris as Secretary, as nominated

by Mr. Wininger. Mrs. Shipman seconded. With no other nominations, the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Marshall called on Mrs. Allstott for the investment report. Mrs. Allstott presented the 2018 Report of Investments to board members and Dr. Apple for their review. Investments are held at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company and Hoosier Hills Credit Union, with a total principal balance on December 31, 2018 of \$3,870,000.00. (copy attached)

Discussion was held on financial matters for the corporation. Additional data will be provided when the 2018 year-end reports are finalized.

With no other business, Mr. Wininger made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Executive Session

A second Executive Session was held following the Board of Finance meeting. Board members Mr. Justin Wininger, Mrs. Jennifer Shipman, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, and Mrs. Cheryl Lynch were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was also in attendance, along with Dr. James Halik. The session adjourned at 9:45 PM.

During this Executive Session, the Board received board member training. No subject matters were discussed in the Executive Session other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

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