

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 25, 2019**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 4:30 PM on Friday, January 25, 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 and Mr. Kyle Neukam were also in attendance. Mrs. Marilyn Tucker Fullen was present for a portion of the meeting.

The second Executive Session ended at 5:37 PM. All board members, Dr. Apple, Mr. Neukam, and Mrs. Fullen were in attendance.

During the Executive Sessions, the Board discussed school safety and security, and personnel. No subject matters were discussed in the Executive Sessions other than the subject matters specified in the public notice.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 5:00 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members, Dr. Apple, and Mr. Neukam were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons.

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

No one from the public addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended accepting the resignation of Mrs. Kari Buchanan, effective immediately. Dr. Apple stated that the Indiana State Police has informed him of the arrest of a school employee who has been charged with one count of possession of child pornography, and added the following: "Springs Valley Community Schools moved swiftly when we were made aware of the allegations, and cooperated with the Department of Child Services and law enforcement agencies since that time. Parents should know that we acted immediately, but were unable to notify patrons about this matter while the investigation was ongoing. The employee in question is on paid administrative leave and has submitted a letter of resignation, which I just recommended that we accept. The safety of our students is our highest priority and any allegations of staff misconduct are taken seriously. We encourage parents and/or students to report any behavior that would compromise student safety. As we are legally required to respect the privacy of our staff and students, Springs Valley Community Schools will have no further comment on the matter at this time." Mr. Wininger then asked for a motion on Dr. Apple's recommendation. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

There was no old and unfinished business, and no new business to discuss.

There was no other business to bring before the board.

There were no policy matters for discussion.

Mr. Wininger announced that the board would be returning to executive session. With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Farris seconded, and the regular session adjourned at 5:04 PM.

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