

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 13, 2019**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 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, Mr. Kyle Neukam, and Mrs. Amy Orr were 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.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:15 PM on Monday, May 13, 2019 in the Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Dr. Apple were present, along with Mr. Kyle Neukam, Mrs. Jan Van Emon, Mrs. Amy Orr, Mr. Jason Russell, Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mr. Luke Aylsworth, 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 for the April 8, May 3, and May 4, 2019 board meetings, and the vouchers and claims as presented. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Van Emon recognized 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Jazenia Gomez for earning 492 Reading Counts points this year, which is an all-time record. She congratulated the third grade students for their performance in the musical production, "Goal", and the fifth grade strings orchestra and elementary choir for their musical performance. Mrs. Van Emon thanked the PTSO for their support shared with staff members during Teacher Appreciation Week and for snacks provided to third, fourth, and fifth grade students during ILEARN testing. Community sponsors during Teacher Appreciation Week included Springs Valley Meadows, Fast Eddie's, and Restoration Christian Church. Mrs. Van Emon congratulated Mrs. Monica Wolford, students, and staff for their support during the Library Book Fair, which earned \$2,655 in Scholastic books and products. The top 40 elementary readers will be treated to a celebration lunch at Legendz, compliments of Springs Valley PTSO. Mrs. Kim Pendley and Mr. Derek Freeman were recognized for their support of the Special Education Unified Champions Track Day, along with students who participated and high school track members who mentored the students. Mrs. Van Emon thanked Mrs. Erin Carnes for her time and effort in making ILEARN a success, and thanked teachers in grades 3, 4, 5, Title I, and Special Education for their support during this important testing window. Mrs. Lori Chestnut and elementary choir students were recognized for winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in their division and receiving a gold rating during a recent contest.

Mr. Neukam thanked students who participated in recent ISTEP and ILEARN testing, teachers who proctored the junior high and sophomore students, and the Lion's Club, Orange County Beverage, Fast Eddie's, the Springs Valley Exchange Club, and the Farris family for snacks donated during the testing period. He recognized students Hailey Clark, Summer Haulk, and Lucy Vaal as members of the Fine Arts team, and Coach Abby Laux for placing 4<sup>th</sup> in the Fine Arts Academic State Super Bowl. The Fine Arts night, which included artwork, musical performances, and culinary dishes, was a huge success with a large crowd of supporters. Mr. Neukam thanked Mrs. Jolynne Cruz, Mrs. Lisa Wray, and their students who prepared and served breakfast and lunch to teachers every day last week for Teacher Appreciation Week. He wished good luck to Reed Tarr and Colton Reynolds who will be competing at SeaPerch Nationals on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the University of Maryland. Prom and after-prom sponsors Mrs. Tiffani Stemle, Mrs.

Sasha Robison, and Miss Barbara Schwartz were recognized for their efforts in making both events a success. Senior awards night will be held on Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, and graduation is set for Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Neukam thanked Mrs. Van Emon for working with us this second semester as interim elementary principal.

Mr. Russell congratulated the high school boys' and girls' track teams for being both the PLAC and county champs, and the junior high golf team for also earning the conference and county championships with Owen Weisensteiner as medalist. The softball sectional starts next Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> with Springs Valley playing Dubois that evening, and the baseball team will participate in their sectional on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. The girls' track sectional will be tomorrow evening at Seymour, and the regional is set for May 21<sup>st</sup>. The boys' track sectional will be Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> with their regional on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Russell recognized the following seniors who have signed college sports scholarships: Emma McCormick – golf at Danville Community College, Stevie McNew – basketball/St. Mary's College, Caitlyn Reynolds – volleyball at Emory University, and Bryanna Roach – track/University of St. Francis.

Dr. Apple thanked Mrs. Van Emon for serving as interim principal, adding that she was highly professional and did an outstanding job. Mrs. Van Emon thanked Dr. Apple and the board, and stated that she appreciated the opportunity to give back to her home community. The graduation ceremony is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. Kindergarten graduation will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Farris congratulated a group of local 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys on the Lost River Posse team who recently won a USSSA baseball tournament, are now ranked #1 in Indiana and 4<sup>th</sup> in the nation, and have been invited to participate in state tournament play which leads to the Little League World Series.

Mrs. Shipman recognized Mrs. Taylor Sabens Chastain for assisting students with their makeup and hair prior to the MORP junior high dance.

Mr. Mike Barnes addressed the board and Dr. Apple to recognize Mrs. Darla Carnes for her efforts when his six-year-old granddaughter had a medical emergency while in Mrs. Carnes' class.

Dr. Apple recommended hiring the following elementary summer school teachers: Mrs. Darla Carnes, Mrs. Rita Hinkle, Mrs. Tiff McGee, Mrs. Kris Tarr, and Mrs. Gina Webster. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval for the following athletic coaches: Cross Country Volunteer Assistant – Andrew Bennett, and Girls' Basketball Volunteer Assistants – Kiana Wininger, Kyra Harrell, and Chris Burton. Mrs. Lynch motioned as stated. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented Mrs. Orr's recommendation to hire Mrs. Regina Stevens as elementary Moderate/Severe classroom teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year, adding that this position is open due to Mrs. Pendley's move to grade 1 next year. Mrs. Stevens will have five years of teaching experience after this school year, and he recommended her to be paid at step D of the Bachelor's scale at \$39,725. Mr. Burton so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple clarified that Mr. Luke Aylsworth will be serving as Fine Arts instructor for summer school, instead of physical education instructor as stated at the April 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

Mrs. Donna Allen, instructional aide/administrative assistant, has submitted a letter of retirement effective June 1, 2019. Dr. Apple stated that Mrs. Allen is an outstanding employee and colleague, and will be greatly missed.

Miss Jalisa Salmon has submitted a letter of resignation as elementary instructional aide as of May 21, 2019.

Mr. Jeff Mills is retiring as bus driver at the end of this school year. Dr. Apple thanked Mr. Mills for his 34 years of outstanding service to Springs Valley students and families.

Mr. Aylsworth thanked board members and administration for the resources and opportunities to have such an outstanding Fine Arts program. He also recognized Mr.

Wininger, who was recently presented the ISSMA Distinguished Service Award for his volunteer efforts for the music program.

Dr. Kerby presented information for a buyback of old chromebooks, stating that he had reviewed options by three different vendors and recommended the board accept the services of Tech Defenders, which had an overall estimate of \$22,800 based on the sale of 700 chromebooks. The amount could be higher or lower depending on final evaluation of the devices. He stated this would help to recoup some of the money lost due to multiple repairs and alleviate concerns with other methods of selling the used chromebooks. Mrs. Lynch made a motion to utilize the services of Tech Defenders as stated, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple stated that we received a high bid of \$6,200 for bus 14A. The new owner will take possession after the school year is over.

Dr. Apple presented the following consent items under New Business: 1) Approve participation in the summer food service program, allowing all children ages 18 and under to eat a free lunch. The program will be available from 11:00 to 12:00, Monday through Friday, beginning June 3 through June 21 in the high school cafeteria. Adult meals could also be purchased at a cost of \$3.40; 2) Approve junior/senior high school language arts adoption for the McGraw-Hill series; 3) Approve an overnight field trip for Mrs. Taylor Sabens Chastain and FFA students to the 2019 state convention at Purdue University from June 17-19; 4) Approve timeline for the 2020 budget process as presented, adding that he would be working on this through June and July. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. Mr. Wininger questioned the lack of textbooks for the 11<sup>th</sup> grade language arts class, and Mr. Neukam responded that Dr. Kara Pickens will be writing her own curriculum for that class. With no other discussion, the motion carried 7-0. (copy of budget timeline attached)

Mr. Farris made a motion to approve the junior/senior high school handbook as presented. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of two quotes from Tenbarge Athletic Field Services in the total amount of \$62,540 to re-grade and re-sod the football field, with payment from the Operations Fund. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. Mr. Russell reported that work on the football field should start in a couple of weeks, and be totally done by the second week of June. The motion then carried 7-0.

Mr. Russell provided details of the sales proposals he received from the Coca-Cola and Pepsi representatives, adding that we have been with Coke and received good service from them. However, he recommended that Springs Valley accept the five-year agreement with Pepsi as that is the richer offer. Dr. Apple concurred with Mr. Russell's recommendation. Mrs. Lynch made the motion to approve the sales agreement with Pepsi, and Mr. Farris seconded. Discussion followed, and Mr. Wininger outlined the differences between the two proposals. The motion was then approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board pass a resolution indicating their intent to purchase property adjacent to the school property, the current Meehan Agency property. He stated that the resolution is necessary before he can obtain the two required appraisals, and then the purchase price for the property can not exceed the average of the two appraisals. Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve the resolution 2019-01 allowing Dr. Apple to pursue the real estate purchase. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple requested approval of the school's Vision statement as follows: "We inspire and prepare all students for academic achievement and success in a safe learning environment". Mr. Burton made the motion to adopt the proposed vision statement. Mr. Farris seconded. With no discussion, the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple provided information from Dr. Kerby on the elementary Chromebook purchase. Revisions have been made to the purchase proposal following the April board meeting, with Kindergarten going to a single set of 25 Chromebooks and no protection plan for the Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Chromebooks. Mrs. Shipman motioned to approve the elementary Chromebook purchase as presented, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. Mr. Wininger commented the changes as mentioned and the ability for trade-in will result in a savings of about \$40,000. The motion was then carried 7-0.

Discussion of recent legislation that will impact the school's budget was held. Dr. Apple reported that house bill 1003 contained language that would recommend the transfer of no more than 15% of the basic grant funding to the Operations Fund, which we are currently exceeding that amount. Should the legislation hold and we be required to meet this threshold, Dr. Apple stated that we will have to discuss ways to cut \$200,000 to \$230,000 from Operations Fund expenditures. Mr. Winger added that the Operations Fund includes expenses for central office, custodial/maintenance, transportation, and maintenance of facilities. Mr. Winger reported that the community support fee language was removed from senate bill 552 and we were kept whole on that money for now.

Discussion was held on possible updates to the high school gym locker room facilities. Dr. Apple stated that Mr. Neukam and Mr. Russell conducted a walk-through with varsity coaches in the gym and discussed some small projects that could immediately impact and greatly improve the situation. Mr. Neukam and Mr. Russell discussed the addition of walls and doorways to create four locker rooms, add storage for the girls' athletics area, and ideas for the laundry room. Dr. Apple stated that he will contact an architect for assistance on the matter, and Mr. Winger asked board members to plan for a walk-through of the gym following the June board meeting.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Burton motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.

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