

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 11, 2021**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 11, 2021 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Justin Winger, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was also in attendance, as well as Mrs. Renee Childress, Mr. Kyle Neukam, and Dr. Matt Williams. Board member Mr. Joel Dalton was absent from the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluation, 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 6:00 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Mr. J.C. Tucker, Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

Mr. Winger 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 Mr. Winger, Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, and Mr. Marshall.

As motioned by Mrs. Shipman and seconded by Mr. Farris, Mr. Winger opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Winger then motioned the following slate of officers: Mr. Justin Winger as President, Mr. Chris Burton for the office of Vice-President, Mr. Dustin Farris as Secretary, and Mr. Todd Marshall for Legislative Liaison. With no other nominations made, Mrs. Shipman made a motion to close the nominations and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The officers as stated were approved 6-0.

Mrs. Lynch made the motion to reaffirm the School Board Code of Ethics, as prepared by the Indiana School Boards Association. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Annual conflict of interest disclosure statements were signed by board members Mr. Winger, Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, and Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Winger recommended Mrs. Kathy Allstott as Treasurer of the Board and of the Corporation. Mr. Farris made the motion to appoint Mrs. Allstott as treasurer, and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Mrs. Allstott recommended Mrs. Peggy Simmons as Deputy Treasurer of Springs Valley Community Schools. Mrs. Shipman so moved. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

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 Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Winger stated that board compensation is currently \$2,000 annually with \$100 for each monthly meeting and \$50 per diem for special meetings, with dental, vision, and life insurance benefits. Mr. Burton moved for board compensation and benefits to remain the same, and Mr. Marshall seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with the vote of 6-0.

Mr. Winger advised that an appointment to the Lost River Career Cooperative Board is needed at this time. Mrs. Lynch moved to re-appoint Mrs. Shipman for that position. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

Mr. Winger presented the minutes of the December 14, 2020 board meeting, and vouchers and claims, along with the 2020 year-end transfers. Mrs. Allstott advised the Allowance of Transfers included transfers within the Education, Operations, and Rainy Day Funds, and requested special permission to pay Lacefield's Painting Services the amount of \$1,181.00 from Operations Fund. Mr. Burton so moved, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 6-0. (see attachment)

Mrs. Childress announced the qualifying bowl for the Future Problem Solvers Program International will be held on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, with 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade team members competing for the opportunity to advance to the state bowl to be held in April. Mrs. Lori Chestnut has been working with students in preparation for this event. She thanked Dr. Apple for addressing a safety concern at the elementary building, adding that the wrought iron rail which was installed in the hallway overlooking the pool hall looks nice and provides a safety barrier to prevent accidents. Mrs. Childress recognized the team work and effort everyone in the district continues to display every day to keep our building clean and our students and staff safe.

Mr. Neukam thanked his staff for making the short-term virtual period at the end of the first semester a gigantic success, adding that student attendance and results were excellent. He thanked the high school office personnel for their perseverance in making sure that everyone else had what they needed to complete their daily tasks. Mr. Neukam thanked parents who enforced the virtual learning platform from home and students for performing the way a successful school should in a time of despair. The maintenance team utilized the extra days students were out of the building to get some much needed jobs done and the high school building was in tip top shape upon return for this semester.

Dr. Apple thanked all students, parents, and staff for their efforts during our virtual closing and stated expectations were exceeded during this period. He thanked all coaches, sponsors, teams, and groups who have dealt with disrupted seasons, adding that this was a big challenge but has been handled with class and represents Springs Valley very well.

Mr. Marshall thanked United Way for the \$5,000 grant awarded to the Springs Valley Education Foundation on behalf of the Springs Valley Optimist Club Cloth-A-Child project. He also recognized Mr. Neukam on his appointment to the Springs Valley Education Foundation Board.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended Stephanie Martin be approved as instructional assistant effective January 11, 2021, with the weekly hours in that position of 29 for the first twelve weeks and then 32 hours per week thereafter, at the hourly rate of pay starting at \$10.90. Mrs. Shipman so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of a change to Emily Shipman's position to 29 hours for the first twelve weeks and 32 hours after that as PE/Swimming Instructor at a rate of \$18.70 per hour effective December 9, 2020, adding that Ms. Shipman would be required to maintain her CDL bus license and be available to drive if needed at the custodial/CDL rate of pay. Mr. Farris made the motion as recommended, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. Mr. Winger clarified that this position would not be eligible for health insurance benefits. The motion was then approved 6-0.

An update on COVID-19 was presented by Dr. Apple and the latest statistics are available on the school's website. He stated that the majority of positive cases are due to exposure outside of the school corporation, which is a testament to the cooperation of students and parents with rules and procedures, the custodial staff for an outstanding job in cleaning our facilities, and administration for enforcing the established guidelines.

The 2021-22 school calendar was presented by Dr. Apple, stating that the first student day would be August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and the last student day is scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Mrs. Lynch made the motion to adopt the 2021-22 school calendar. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple recommended continuation of early dismissal on Wednesdays during the 2021-22 school year, with elementary students dismissing at 2:35 and high school students at

2:40. Dr. Apple advised this is the same schedule as followed in previous school years. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion was then approved 6-0.

Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve additional pay for Ron Kellams in the amount of \$163.85 per day for four days of additional driving on December 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Apple stated that Mr. Kellams drove two routes, 3 and 4, while we had drivers in quarantine. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of an optional student survey for grades 9-12 to be conducted by the IU School of Health and Orange County Thrive. Mr. Burton made a motion to approve the student survey, and Mr. Marshall seconded. Following discussion, the motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Apple advised that the Families First Coronavirus Relief Act expired December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, and he recommended approval of the updated COVID absence guidelines as presented. Mr. Farris moved to approve the motion as presented. Mr. Burton seconded the motion. Discussion was held, and the motion was then passed 6-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Burton made the motion to enter into a three-year contract with ENA Service/Education Networks of America as our internet service provider, with an option to extend the contract. Mr. Farris seconded. Dr. Kerby stated ENA is our current provider, and their contract expires at the end of this school year. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Wininger questioned if a student with more than one quarantine period would be counted multiple times on the COVID data. Dr. Apple replied that a student would be counted as one on the report, regardless of the number of times that student had been quarantined.

Dr. Apple presented the revised policy number 8462, Child Abuse or Neglect, for approval, following the first reading at the December 14<sup>th</sup> board meeting. Mrs. Shipman motioned to approve the revised policy number 8462. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Burton seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 PM.

### Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 6:26 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Wininger, Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. Shipman were present, along with Dr. Apple, Mrs. Childress, Mr. Neukam, Dr. Williams, Mr. Tucker, Dr. Kerby, Mrs. Allstott, and Mrs. Simmons. Mr. Dalton was not in attendance.

Mr. Marshall called the 2021 Board of Finance meeting to order, and advised the first item of business was to elect a president and secretary.

Mr. Wininger motioned to open the floor for nominations, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Wininger made a motion to retain the same officers as last year, with Mr. Marshall as the Board of Finance President and Mr. Farris as Secretary. With no other nominations, Mr. Wininger motioned to close the floor for nominations. Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the 2020 Report of Investments to board members and Dr. Apple for their review. She advised that investments are held at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company and Hoosier Hills Credit Union, with a total principal balance on December 31, 2020 of \$3,800,000.00. (copy attached)

Mrs. Allstott advised that she has voided the outstanding check number 11707 dated November 12, 2018 for the amount of \$17.00, with that amount being added back to the Operations Fund as mandated. (see attachment)

Dr. Apple provided information from the School Corporation Fiscal Indicators report as distributed by the Distressed Unit Appeal Board, as required annually. A link to the official report will be available on the school's website.

With no other business, Mr. Burton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Farris seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 6:35 PM.
