

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 10, 2022**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 10, 2022 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Justin Winger, Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joel Dalton, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman were present. Dr. Trevor Apple was also in attendance. Dr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matt Williams were present for a portion of the session.

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.

Superintendent Contract Hearing

Mr. Winger opened the hearing for discussion on the new contract for the superintendent at 6:08 PM. All of the above as well as Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and Mrs. Felicia Wolfington were present.

There was no board discussion on the matter.

No patrons addressed the board.

The hearing was closed at 6:09 PM.

Regular Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Regular Session at 6:09 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All board members, Dr. Apple, Dr. Neukam, Dr. Williams, Dr. Kerby, Mrs. Allstott, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Wolfington were present.

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

As motioned by Mrs. Lynch and seconded by Mrs. Shipman, Mr. Winger opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Winger then motioned the following slate of officers: Mr. Chris Burton as President, Mr. Justin Winger for the office of Vice-President, Mr. Dustin Farris as Secretary, and Mr. Todd Marshall for Legislative Liaison. With no other nominations made, Mrs. Lynch made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Farris seconded. The officers as stated were approved 7-0.

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

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

Dr. Apple recommended Mrs. Kathy Allstott as Treasurer of the Board and of the Corporation. Mrs. Shipman made the motion to appoint Mrs. Allstott as Treasurer, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott recommended Mrs. Peggy Simmons as Deputy Treasurer of Springs Valley Community Schools. Mr. Farris so moved. Mr. Winger seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Winger 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 7-0.

Mr. Burton stated that board compensation is currently \$2,000 annually with \$100 for each monthly meeting and \$50 per diem for special meetings. Mrs. Shipman moved for

board compensation to remain the same, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion was amended to include fully paid dental, vision, and life insurance benefits as current practice. With no discussion, the amended motion passed with the vote of 7-0.

Mr. Wininger moved to re-appoint Mrs. Shipman as board representative on the Lost River Career Cooperative Board. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the December 13, 2021 board meeting, and vouchers and claims, along with the 2021 year-end transfers. Mrs. Allstott advised the Allowance of Transfers included transfers within the Education, Operations, and Rainy Day Funds. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mr. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (see attachment)

Dr. Neukam thanked teachers and support staff for their positive attitudes and smiles as we start our second semester. He thanked the maintenance staff for taking care of the campus during inclement weather days. Our media class has initiated a new project, streaming some home basketball games. Dr. Neukam congratulated the boys' junior varsity and varsity basketball teams for winning both tournament levels of the Henryville Holiday tourney on December 28<sup>th</sup>. The girls' basketball sectional will be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> at Wood Memorial, with the sectional draw to be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dr. Apple recognized the French Lick and West Baden Street Departments, and the Orange County Highway Department for doing an excellent job last Thursday and Friday to maintain the roads and streets for safe transportation. He appreciated the professionalism of our bus drivers and custodial staff during the inclement conditions.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple presented the following personnel matters as a consent agenda for approval: 1) Craig Chestnut as elementary night custodian effective November 15, 2021 at \$13.40 per hour and associated benefits; 2) Extend temporary employment of Hannah Pendley as instructional assistant through May 19, 2022; and 3) Spring coaching recommendations of 5<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball – Monica Wolford/\$1,000, 6<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball – Janelle Crews/\$1,000, Junior High Track – Jim Tritle/\$1,500, Junior High Track – Justin Harris/\$1,500, and Volunteer Track Coach – Landon Harner. Mr. Wininger made the motion as stated, and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Doug Copley and Mr. Steve Ostrenga of Helios Solar Power offered a presentation on solar power to the board and administration. Solar costs have decreased 90% since 2009, with 87 schools in Indiana using solar power for utility cost savings. Integration with the roofing partner is done to ensure there is no compromise on the roof warranty. Mr. Damian Maggios of Raymond James provided information on financial matters, including bond refinancing and general obligation bonds. Dr. Apple thanked the gentlemen for their presentations.

Dr. Apple advised that we currently have three active COVID cases at the high school, and none at the elementary school. He stated that 20 to 25 students are quarantined at this time. COVID protocol has been updated to the current CDC guidelines.

Project Unite and Youth First will be conducting another student health survey for grades 9 through 12 sometime this semester.

The 2022-23 school calendar was presented by Dr. Apple, stating that the first student day would be August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 and the last student day is scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mr. Wininger made the motion to adopt the 2022-23 school calendar. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mrs. Lynch motioned to continue early dismissal on Wednesdays during the 2022-23 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 seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Dr. Apple advised that we will host driver's education this summer, with the online instruction through Driver Ed To Go at a cost of \$70, and the behind-the-wheel instruction to be \$300. Mr. Darren Kerns will hold an informational meeting this Friday, January 14<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Apple recommended Nick Breedlove as temporary night custodian at the hourly rate of \$13.40. Mrs. Lynch so moved. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple stated that Springs Valley has a policy ready for adoption regarding the OSHA Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), but are waiting for a ruling by the Supreme Court on this matter. If required, first reading of the policy would be waived and we would proceed directly to adoption.

Dr. Apple presented the following policies for second reading, and recommended approval: 1422-NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; 1422.02-NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE; 1623-SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; 1662-ANTI-HARASSMENT; 2260-NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY; 2260.01-SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION BASED ON DISABILITY; 3122-NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; 3122.02-NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE; 3123-SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; 3362-ANTI-HARASSMENT; 4122-NONDISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY; 4122.02-NONDISCRIMINATION BASED ON GENETIC INFORMATION OF THE EMPLOYEE; 4123-SECTION 504/ADA PROHIBITION AGAINST DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; 4362-ANTI-HARASSMENT; 5630.01-USE OF SECLUSION AND RESTRAINT WITH STUDENTS; and 5517-ANTI-HARASSMENT. Mr. Farris made a motion to adopt the policies as presented. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the regular session adjourned at 7:43 PM.

#### Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 7:44 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Burton, Mr. Wininger, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Dalton, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. Shipman were present, along with Dr. Apple, Mr. Neukam, Dr. Williams, Dr. Kerby, Mrs. Allstott, Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Wolfington.

Mr. Marshall called the 2022 Board of Finance meeting to order, and advised the first item of business was to elect a president and secretary.

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. Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott presented the 2021 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, 2021 of \$3,785,000.00. Mrs. Shipman motioned to accept the Report of Investment as presented. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mrs. Allstott advised that she has cancelled outstanding check number 29101 dated May 24, 2019 for the amount of \$9.23, with that amount being added back to the Education Fund. Documentation was provided from high school ECA treasurer Mrs. Sasha Robison that she has cancelled checks number 21582 and 22018, which were outstanding from 2019, and added the amounts of \$25.00 and \$15.00 back to the Volleyball and Athletics Funds respectively. The process of cancelling outstanding checks follows guidelines established by Indiana Code and Indiana State Board of Accounts. (see attachments)

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, Mrs. Shipman made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 7:51 PM.

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