

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 14, 2022 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Justin Wininger, 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 Mr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matt Williams. 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 6:03 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Peggy Simmons, and Mrs. Felicia Wolfington were present.

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

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the January 10, 2022 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Wininger so moved. Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Neukam thanked our entire staff for their efforts on the e-learning days and ice storm, and the cafeteria staff for providing homemade cookies for Valentine's Day. He reported that juniors will be taking the SAT test on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. Math textbook samples are being collected from selected companies in preparation for a possible adoption for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Golden's ProStart team has been preparing for their competition to be held in March. Mr. Hounshell's classes are continuing to complete work for community members and have some spring projects set up. Dr. Neukam congratulated our girls' basketball team and coaches for achieving a winning record this season.

Dr. Williams thanked the elementary teachers and support staff for their continued hard work and for the extra work to ensure our students had the necessary assignments during the e-learning days. He thanked our custodial and maintenance staff for working tirelessly on the snow and ice removal in the parking lots and around the facilities. Kindergarten roundup will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Third grade students are participating in The Pen Pal Project sponsored by the United States Postal Service, with students being matched with another third grader in the states of Pennsylvania, Georgia, Alabama, and Washington. Dr. Williams recognized 4<sup>th</sup> grade student Taylor Robbins, who set up a fundraiser for victims of the Kentucky tornadoes. Students were allowed to wear pajamas to school for a \$1 donation, and the \$350 collected from this fundraiser was sent to Wingo Elementary School in Wingo, Kentucky. A video from staff of Wingo Elementary was shared showing their appreciation for those funds.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple advised that he has received a notice of resignation from Mrs. Renee Childress from her position of elementary principal effective June 30, 2022.

Dr. Apple requested extension of administrator contracts for Dr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matthew Williams through the 2023-24 school year, with Dr. Neukam's contract amount of \$93,775 effective July 1, 2021 and Dr. Williams' contract as high school assistant principal for the amount of \$75,775 effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the transfer of Dr. Matthew Williams to fill the elementary principal position effective July 1, 2022, with terms of the contract to be approved at or before the June board meeting. Mr. Wininger made the motion as stated. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Burton requested a motion to extend the superintendent's contract for Dr. Trevor Apple through December 31, 2024, with the salary amount of \$108,775 effective January 1, 2022. Mr. Farris so moved, and Mr. Wininger seconded. With no discussion, the motion was approved 6-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval of the following spring coaches: Casey Millholland – Jr. High Golf Coach at \$1,250; Doug Stephenson – High School Volunteer Golf Coach; Broc Warner – Baseball Volunteer Coach; Lori Harris – Track Volunteer Coach; Annemie Padgett – Track Volunteer Coach; Chad Goldman – Track Volunteer Coach, Matthew Scheller – Track Volunteer Coach; and Jolynne Cruz – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Volleyball Coach at \$1,000, replacing Monica Wolford who was approved at the January meeting. Mr. Farris made the motion to approve the coaches as stated. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple recommended Mr. Darren Kerns as summer Driver Education instructor at an hourly rate of \$40, and Mrs. Traci Kerns to assist if needed at \$40 per hour. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mrs. Shipman seconded. The motion was approved 6-0.

There were no projects for discussion.

Dr. Apple recommended the following update to the Return to In-Person Instruction plan to end contact tracing effective February 15, 2022. He opened the floor for public comment, and no one addressed the board. Mr. Farris then made the motion to approve the update as stated. Mrs. Lynch seconded. During discussion, Dr. Apple advised that masks will continue to be recommended for students and staff. The motion carried 6-0.

In reference to the student health survey mentioned at last month's meeting, Dr. Apple stated the survey will be conducted by Thrive Orange County/SICHC for students in grades 9-12 sometime this semester.

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve advertising for and accepting sealed bids for a 2010 International bus, as recommended by Dr. Apple. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Apple stated that ERS Wireless will be relocating our corporation's radio repeater equipment at a cost of \$9,926.06 for the new repeater and necessary hardware.

Dr. Apple requested a motion to approve Driver Education this summer with the driving fee of \$300. Prior to driving, students must complete the classroom training through Driver Ed to Go, which is approved by Indiana BMV, at a cost of \$70. Mr. Wininger so moved, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple requested approval to adjust David Emmons' bus route contract by adding the mileage of 1.2 miles per day at the rate of \$3.75 per mile for \$4.50 per day, for the new daily rate of \$206.87 (effective January 6, 2022). Mrs. Shipman so moved. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Apple advised that Dr. Kerby, Mr. Lionel Brown, and he are researching potential avenues to digitize our stored paper files.

The February 2022 ADM count was 803, which is a decrease of 11 students from September 2021 while the February 2021 count was 837.

Kindergarten Roundup will be conducted on April 12, and 13, 2022 for students of the class of 2035. Parents should contact the elementary office to schedule a time for the in-person screening.

Dr. Apple advised that Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup> will be an e-learning day to make up for the school day missed on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Ashley Tinkle and Ms. Jessica Wininger of Hoosier Hills PACT presented information to the board on the school-based prevention programs, including the

Behavior Modification and Reinforcement Program, Life Skills, Owning Up, Safe Place, Summer Program, and PACT the Bus.

Dr. Apple requested that the March board meeting be moved to Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict. Mrs. Lynch so moved, Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Shipman motioned to adjourn. Mr. Wininger seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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