

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 13, 2022**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 13, 2022 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members 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, as well as Dr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matt Williams. Mr. Justin Wininger joined the meeting virtually.

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 6:08 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. Wininger was not in attendance.

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

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the May 9, 2022 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mrs. Allstott requested permission to pay Babcock Motors the amount of \$1,000.00 from Education Fund and \$166.68 to Chad Goldman for reimbursement of gas expense from Education Fund. Mrs. Shipman so moved. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Williams thanked teachers and teaching assistants who are working with students at summer school, the custodial and maintenance staff for all of their hard work in preparing the buildings for next school year, and Aramark and the cafeteria staff for the delicious meals served to our summer school students. Dr. Williams recognized Mrs. Casey Bowles, Mrs. Angela Hawkins, and students Alan Marshall, Jayden Lynch, Keira Lynch, and Ryleigh Anderson for helping teach swimming lessons this summer.

Dr. Neukam thanked our entire staff for finishing the school year strong. He congratulated the girls' and boys' track teams on successful seasons, all the individuals who advanced to regional, and our boys' team for winning the PLAC track meet. Dr. Neukam recognized Kannon Chase for being the first-ever regional winner at Springs Valley in the high jump, and Connor Grimes and Elijah Dixon for advancing to the state finals as well. He congratulated the baseball and softball teams on great seasons, and recognized Lily Hickman for being named to the third team all-state in softball. The boys' golf team placed first in the PLAC golf match with Blake Albright as the medalist. The team placed third in the Jasper sectional, and competed last Thursday at regional. In the PLAC conference overall standings, our boys finished in first place and the girls' teams were second.

Mr. Farris recognized the junior high baseball teams for their undefeated seasons.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple opened the floor for the public hearing to receive comments on the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan. He stated the plan is the same as last year except striking the statement of "masking on buses is required due to Federal law". With no comments or discussion, Mrs. Lynch made a motion to approve the Return to In-Person Instruction Plan as presented. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion was approved 6-0.

Under personnel matters, Dr. Apple presented a consent agenda for approval of the following: 1) Football - Colton Wyatt Purkhiser/Volunteer Football Coach; 2) Girls

Basketball - Martha Niehaus/Varsity Coach (Area 1/Level G \$7700), Brad Bledsoe/Assistant 1 (Grandfathered \$3849), Chris Burton/Volunteer Coach, and Jewel McCormick/Volunteer Coach; 3) Boys Basketball - Jonathon Bowles - Varsity Coach (Area 1/Level C \$6900), Randy Chaplin/Assistant 1 (Grandfathered \$3849), Hunter Whitaker/Assistant 2 (Area 4/Level B \$1600), Tony Whitaker/Volunteer Coach, Elijah Cook/Volunteer Coach, Jim Tritle/8th Grade \$2000, Landon Harner/7th Grade \$2000, and Casey Bowles/5th Grade \$1000; 4) Band – Volunteers/Justin Wininger, Bill Laughlin, Matt Tabor, Kim Sommer, Luke Aylsworth, Laura Aylsworth, Kenton Albright, and Grayce Judy, and 5) Band – Paid Staff with money to be approved at the July meeting/McCall Babcock, April Mathers, Brian Elkins, Brooklyn Robison, Andrew Alspaugh, and Joyce Kim-Rohrer. Mr. Farris made the motion as stated, and Mrs. Lynch seconded. The motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple presented the following personnel items: 1) Felicia Wolfington as corporation treasurer effective July 1, 2022; 2) Brittany Friedman on a certified teacher contract effective July 1, 2022 for the 2022-23 school year at level L on the MS salary schedule of \$58,800 in addition to all other benefits as indicated in the master contract; 3) Brittani Ratliff as junior high science teacher for the 2022-23 school year at Level A, Bachelor's degree for \$40,300, in addition to all other benefits as indicated in the master contract; 4) Harley Gilbert as an elementary teacher for the 2022-23 school year, with a salary of \$41,800 on the BA salary scale level B, unless she has earned her masters' degree before the start of the school year. If so, it would be recommended for her to start on the MA salary scale letter B at \$43,800, in addition to all other benefits as indicated in the master contract; 5) Jessica Pfau as high school English teacher for the 2022-23 school year with the pay level of Master's degree pay scale Level F, \$49,800, in addition to all other benefits as indicated in the master contract, along with the \$2,000 stipend for teaching our dual credit courses; 6) Five days per summer for Mrs. Tanya Gilmore at her daily rate of pay, for work on grant applications due while school is out; 7) Independent contract with Warren Owens for coordination and supervision of the after school teen program for the 2022-2023 school year with compensation of \$16,000; 8) Independent contract with Patricia Peddie as the assistant to the director of the after school teen program for the 2022-2023 school year for the contract amount of \$7,000; 9) Austin Hopper and Kaylee McNeely as summer maintenance workers at \$10 per hour, 30 hours per week; and 10: Michelle Dickey as high school special education aide for the 2022-23 school year at the hourly rate of \$11.45 per hour, 29 hours per week for 12 weeks and then 32 per week thereafter, with benefits as described in the support staff handbook. Mr. Marshall so moved. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the amount of \$88,275 for the 2022-23 salary of elementary principal Dr. Matt Williams, with the previously approved ten extra days in June to be paid at the same daily rate. Mrs. Shipman so moved, Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple announced that he has accepted the resignation of Luke Keller effective August 1, 2022.

As the superintendent's representative on the Springs Valley Education Foundation board, Dr. Apple appointed Dr. Kyle Neukam as his representative.

Mr. Marshall recommended that Mr. Burton and he be reappointed as the school board's appointees to the Springs Valley Education Foundation board. Mrs. Shipman made the motion as stated. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

There were no project matters presented for discussion before the board, and no old and unfinished business.

Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve an overnight field trip to the Indiana State Fairgrounds for Mrs. Taylor Chastain, eight students, and one chaperone on June 14, 2022. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

As recommended, Mrs. Shipman moved to approve the overnight field trip to Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana for Mr. Chad Goldman and six students June 12-14. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Dr. Apple presented the Support Staff Pay Scale to be effective July 1, 2022. Mrs. Shipman made the motion to approve the pay scale as presented. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion carried 6-0. (copy attached)

Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve the Support Staff Handbook as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marshall moved to approve the 2022-23 elementary and junior/senior high school handbooks as presented. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Marshall made the motion to approve the public official bonds for Felicia Wolfington as corporation treasurer with a bond amount of \$50,000, and Peggy Simmons/deputy treasurer, Sasha Robison/high school treasurer, and Penny Harner/elementary treasurer with bonds of 10,000 each. Mr. Farris seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

Dr. Apple advised the school meals program, which is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), has been operating with the use of a federal waiver since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic allowing them to feed every child for free. He stated the use of this waiver will not be available after this school year and corporations will return to the traditional eligibility requirements for free, reduced and paid meals. For the school year 2022-2023, our school corporation will process free and reduced-price meal benefit applications. More information will be provided to parents prior to the start of school.

Dr. Apple recognized Mrs. Allstott for her 32 years of service to the corporation, and presented her with her desk name wedge as a token of appreciation.

There were no policies for discussion.

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

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