

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 9, 2023 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Justin R. Wininger, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joe Lynch, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Wininger were present. Dr. Trevor Apple, Dr. Kyle Neukam, and Dr. Matt Williams were also in attendance.

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 6:05 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Mr. J.C. Tucker, Dr. Jeff Kerby, Mrs. Felicia Wolfington, and Mrs. Peggy Simmons were present.

Mr. Burton 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. Joe Lynch, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Wininger.

Superintendent Contract Hearing

Mr. Burton opened the hearing for discussion on the new contract for the superintendent at 6:09 PM. All of the above were present.

There was no board discussion on the matter.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Lynch motioned to close the hearing. Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. The hearing was closed at 6:10 PM.

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

Mr. Purkhiser 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 7-0.

Annual conflict of interest disclosure statements were signed by board members Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Justin L. Wininger, and Mr. Justin R. Wininger.

Mr. Burton recommended Mrs. Felicia Wolfington as Treasurer of the Board and of the Corporation. Mr. Justin R. Wininger made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

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

Mr. Marshall 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. Justin R. Wininger 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, with dental, vision, and life insurance benefits. Mr. Marshall moved for board compensation and benefits to remain the same, and Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed with the vote of 7-0.

Mr. Burton advised that an appointment to the Lost River Career Cooperative Board is needed at this time. Mr. Farris moved to appoint Mr. Purkhiser for that position. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the December 5, 2022 board meeting, and vouchers and claims, along with the 2022 year-end transfers. Mr. Justin R. Wininger made the motion to approve, and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (see attachment)

Dr. Williams thanked the elementary, maintenance and custodial staff for all the work they do for our students, buildings and grounds. He thanked Mrs. Chestnut and the 4th grade staff for their hard work on the Christmas musical. It was a great performance and fun to watch. Lastly, he thanked the community members who donated to the elementary school to help make sure our students had a wonderful Christmas. Dr. Williams announced the 3rd grade students will participate in a program through the Purdue Extension Office called CATCH. It focuses on healthy habits such as exercise, food choices, and limiting screen time. He stated the 100th day of school will be January 17.

Dr. Neukam thanked teachers and support staff for their positive attitudes as we start our second semester. He thanked outgoing board members for their time representing our school board and looked forward to working with our returning and new board members. The choir and band students both had excellent performances over the Christmas holiday. This semester Mrs. Chastain's Health Science 2 students will begin internships at various locations, and Mr. Hounshell's construction class will build a track equipment storage building. He wished good luck to the girls' basketball team as they finish up their season and head into sectional on January 31.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple presented the following ECA positions as a consent agenda for approval: 1) Recommended Jolynne Cruz as 5th grade Girls' Volleyball Coach at \$1,000. 2) Caitlynn Pierce as 6th grade Girls' Volleyball Coach at \$1,000. 3) April Saliba, Jimmy Saliba, and Lori Harris as Volunteer Track Coaches. Mr. Justin R. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple announced a change to the Girls' Varsity Basketball Assistant position that was approved at the October board meeting. Anelia Gill and Ellison Burton were approved as coaches at \$750 each. Mrs. Gill is unable to fulfill her duties. It is recommended the board approve an amendment to pay Ellison Burton a total of \$1,250 for the Assistant position. Mr. Marshall made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Burton abstaining.

The 2023-24 school calendar was presented by Dr. Apple, stating that the first student day would be August 2, 2023 and the last student day is scheduled for May 16, 2024. Mr. Lynch made the motion to adopt the 2023-24 school calendar. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple presented information regarding student transfers for 2022-23. We had a net gain of 23 students between those who transferring to our district and those that transferred out.

Dr. Apple recommended Mr. Darren Kerns and Mrs. Tracy Kerns, if needed, be approved as summer driver education instructors at \$40 per hour. The online instruction through Driver Ed To Go will cost \$70, and the behind-the-wheel instruction will cost \$300. Mr. Farris made the motion and Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a field trip to Sullivan University in Louisville, KY for Mrs. Lisa Golden and 11 students on January 27, 2023. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion and Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The board held a discussion regarding potential changes to the board structure. Mr. J.C. Tucker advised on the legal processes associated with making any changes. The matter was tabled for future discussion.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin L. Winger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded, and the regular session adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 6:33 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Burton, Mr. Justin R. Winger, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Winger were present, along with Dr. Apple, Dr. Neukam, Dr. Williams, Dr. Kerby, Mrs. Wolfington, Mrs. Simmons, and Mr. J.C. Tucker.

Mr. Marshall called the 2023 Board of Finance meeting to order, and advised the first item of business was to elect a president and secretary.

As motioned by Mr. Justin R. Winger and seconded by Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to nominate a slate of officers as Mr. Marshall, Board of Finance President and Mr. Justin R. Winger as Secretary. With no other nominations made, Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Burton seconded. Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to accept the slate of officers as stated, and Mr. Burton seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Wolfington presented the 2022 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, 2022 of \$4,070,000.00. Mr. Justin R. Winger motioned to accept the Report of Investments as presented. Mr. Burton seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

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. Justin R. Winger seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 6:38 PM.

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