

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2023 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Justin R. Wininger, 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 6:01 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as 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. Purkhiser made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, January 26, and February 6, 2023 board meetings, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Williams thanked the elementary staff for their dedication and hard work. They are currently preparing the students for their upcoming state tests. He thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for keeping the buildings in great shape, and Mrs. Chestnut and the kindergarten and 1st grade teachers and assistants for their hard work preparing those students for the singing of the National Anthem at two of the boys' basketball games. Dr. Williams announced the 3rd grade play will be Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium.

Dr. Neukam announced Fine Arts night will be March 9 from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the auditorium. Senior student Lola Pantoja's portfolio advanced to the nationals in New York after winning the regional award in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest. Her work will be displayed in Indianapolis at Marion University. Mr. Goldman has started the eSports program and Mrs. Cruz' FCCLA and Human and Social Services classes made blankets for the Widow's Banquet that was held on February 10. He congratulated the girls' basketball team for winning the sectional. Ms. Kelly Schmitt and her team did a great job organizing and hosting the tournament. Students Coleman Hickman and Lucas Holland were recognized on the publication of their book. They will have a book signing at the Melton Public Library on Thursday, February 16 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Mr. Purkhiser informed the board that Lost River Career Cooperative received a \$65,000 grant to establish a diesel mechanics class in association with Jasper Engines and Transmissions. Also, Reynolds, Inc. will assist with a heavy equipment operator class to be held on their lot in Orleans.

Mr. Marshall announced he had attended the Indiana School Board Association conference in Washington D.C. as part of the advocacy network to advocate for education on the federal level.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple presented the following consent agenda for approval: Recommended extending the administrator's contracts as follows through the 2024-25 school year: Dr.

Kyle Neukam, high school principal, \$95,275 effective July 1, 2022; Dr. Matt Williams, elementary principal, \$89,775 effective July 1, 2022; Troy Pritchett, high school assistant principal, \$85,000 effective July 1, 2022. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Justin R. Winger voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the paid administrative leave for Rebecca Elkins effective January 20, 2023. Mrs. Elkins will receive half of her remaining contract in the amount of \$15,450.04. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion and Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 5-1-1, with Mr. Justin R. Winger voting in the negative and Mr. Marshall abstaining.

Dr. Apple announced he had accepted Rebecca Elkins resignation effective June 30, 2023.

Dr. Apple presented the following consent agenda for approval: 1) Recommended Tom Cromwell be hired as a part-time custodian at \$13.00 per hour with no benefits effective February 2, 2023. 2) Recommended Linda Cromwell be hired as a part-time custodian at \$13.00 per hour with no benefits effective February 2, 2023. 3) Approve Julie Whitaker to fill in for a teacher leave at \$350 a day with no benefits effective February 2, 2023. 4) Approve Presley Neukam to fill in for a teacher leave at \$200 a day for the first 15 days, then at \$219.02 per day after that, effective February 2, 2023. 5) Recommended Brandon Barnett be approved as a volunteer assistant for Mr. Goldman and the eSports team. 6) Recommended Wes McNeely be approved as a volunteer junior high softball coach. Mr. Justin R. Winger made the motion. Mr. Marshall seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple announced the resignations of Craig Chestnut, custodian, effective January 26, 2023 and Andrew Kendall, custodian, effective February 1, 2023.

Dr. Apple recommended an increase in the cell phone allowance for administrators from \$40 to \$50 per month. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Burton requested a motion to extend the superintendent's contract to December 31, 2025 at an amount of \$110,275 per year, effective January 1, 2023. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Winger seconded. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Justin R. Winger voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple requested a motion to approve Driver Education for this summer at a fee of \$300 per student. Mr. Justin R. Winger made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple requested a motion to reappoint Barbara Bowling to a four-year term on the Melton Public Library Board of Directors. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve early dismissal on Wednesdays for the 2023-24 school year. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion and Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a senior trip for 45 students and 2 staff members to Kings Island in Mason, OH on May 12, 2023. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a field trip to Louisville, KY on February 16, 2023 for Mrs. Taylor Chastain, 26 students and 1 chaperone. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve an overnight field trip to Indianapolis, IN on March 12 through March 14, 2023 for a BPA State Conference for Mr. Kerns, 13 students and 1 chaperone. Mr. Marshall made the motion and Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple informed the board that the February ADM count was 831, a decrease of 6 students from the September 2022 count.

Dr. Apple announced that kindergarten roundup will be March 14 and 15, 2023.

Dr. Apple informed the board of the resignation of Jim Tritle as junior high Track coach.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin R. Wininger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the regular session adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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