

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 8, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 8, 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 6:00 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. All of the above, as well as Mr. Troy Pritchett, 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. Justin R. Wininger made the motion to approve the minutes of the April 10 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented retiring teacher Mrs. Kristin Tarr with a plaque for her 36 years of service as an elementary teacher and counselor. He expressed his appreciation for her outstanding dedication and support to our community and school.

Dr. Williams thanked the entire staff for going above and beyond this school year in helping our students learn and ensuring the building and grounds look great. He congratulated all of the students who achieved 300 points or more in the Reading Counts Program. He thanked Mrs. Jill Elkins for her work with our students in this program. He noted we had 57 students that achieved this milestone and were rewarded with a trip to Big Splash. Kylynn Kellams and Paisleigh Roberts had the highest reading points and were Principals of the Day at school on May 10. Dr. Williams noted the following upcoming items: the elementary choir Spring Concert will be May 9 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium, the 2nd grade musical will be held on May 11 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium, kindergarten graduation will be held May 18 at 11:00 AM in the PE Complex, and May 18 is also the last day of school for students. Report cards will be sent home with students on that day.

Dr. Neukam thanked all of our teachers and wished them Happy Teacher Appreciation Week. Mrs. Cruz, Mrs. Golden, and their students had a great menu prepared for the teachers during the week. He thanked all the businesses and individuals who donated snacks and drinks for students during ILEARN testing. He announced that graduation will be held on May 20 at 6:00 PM in the high school gym and summer school will run from June 5 through June 23 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM each day. A free lunch program will be offered throughout summer school to all of our students.

Dr. Apple announced that bus inspections were completed on April 20. He thanked Wes McNeely and his crew for making sure all of our buses were ready for the inspection. He thanked Mrs. Tanya Gilmore for securing a TC Energy grant in the amount of \$6,000 for elementary STEM activities and a \$1,700 National School Lunch Program Equipment grant for the purchase of a warming cabinet. Lastly, he thanked all of the teachers and staff for an outstanding school year.

Mr. Darren Kerns and students Mia Cruz, Karson Dalton, and Sarah Drabing reported on their recent trip to Anaheim, CA for the BPA Nationals. Mr. Kerns thanked

administration for the incredible support they received that enabled them to make the trip. Karson presented the board with a thank you card and they all spoke about what an amazing opportunity it was to go on the trip.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple informed the board of Mrs. Kristin Tarr's retirement effective June 1, 2023. He also reported the following resignations: Mrs. Kristian Hawkins, elementary teacher, effective May 19, 2023; Mrs. Kristina Allen, high school English teacher, effective June 30, 2023; Mrs. Donna Rastorfer Lumley, preschool teacher, effective May 19, 2023.

Dr. Apple recommended the board hire Ms. Presley Neukam as an elementary teacher for the 2023-24 school year, Level A on the bachelor's scale at \$40,300. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board hire Mrs. Elisha Holland as an elementary teacher for the 2023-24 school year, Level K on the master's scale at \$57,300. Mr. Lynch made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board hire Ms. Tesa Hert as a preschool teacher for the 2023-24 school year at \$18.75 per hour. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of the following athletic positions as a consent agenda item: Cheerleading: Janna Foxx - Varsity Cheer Coach/Pep Club at \$2,500; Greg Stephens - Assistant Cheer Coach 1 at \$1,600; Renee Hopper - Volunteer Cheer Coach; Karen Crews - Jr. High Cheer Coach at \$625; Monica Wolford - Jr. High Cheer Coach at \$625; Taylor Johnson - Elementary Cheer Coach at \$500; Sarah Roach - Elementary Cheer Coach Volunteer. Girls Golf: Anelia Gill - Varsity Girls Golf Coach at \$2,500. Correction to Boys Golf: Mark Hammond - Varsity Boys Golf Coach at \$1,300; Hunter Whitaker - Varsity Boys Golf Coach at \$1,250. Volleyball: Auston Matricardi - Volunteer Girls Volleyball Coach. Mr. Farris made the motion and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple informed the board of two transfers for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Michelle Dickey will transfer from a high school special education aide to a preschool aide and Mrs. Heather Benson will transfer from an elementary aide to a preschool aide.

Under projects, Dr. Apple informed the board that one of the elementary classroom AC compressor units had went out but was replaced under warranty.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve an agreement with RTI to purchase 997 Chromebooks for a total cost of \$383,845, of which \$345,345 will be paid from the Emergency Connectivity grant and the remaining \$38,500 will be paid from the Casino Fund. Depending on the timing of the grant payment, the Casino Fund may pay the total cost of the project and be reimbursed later by the grant funds. Dr. Apple thanked Dr. Jeff Kerby for all the time and effort he put in on this project. Mr. Lynch made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board renew the contract of athletic trainer Megan McGregor for the 2023-24 school year at an hourly rate of \$27.50. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the purchase of classroom furniture from Worthington Direct for the 4th grade at a cost of \$45,582.68 to be paid from the Casino Fund. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the 2024 budget timeline as presented. Mr. Justin R. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The board discussed board member and staff communication.

Dr. Apple presented the following policy updates for second reading: 131.1 Bylaws and Policies, 142.2 Oath, 1521 PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, REFERENCES, AND MANDATORY REPORTING OF CONVICTIONS AND SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE (x) AND ARRESTS, 2431 INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS, 2432

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE FOR VIOLATION OF STATE LAW LIMITING PARTICIPATION OF TRANSGENDER GIRLS IN ATHLETICS, 2435 DRIVER EDUCATION, 2464 PROGRAMS FOR HIGH ABILITY STUDENTS, 3120.02 ADJUNCT TEACHERS, 3120.11 PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE COMMENCEMENT OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE RATIFICATION OF TENTATIVE AGREEMENT, 3121 PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, REFERENCES, AND MANDATORY REPORTING OF CONVICTIONS AND SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE (x) AND ARRESTS, 3220.02 SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS FOR TEACHERS, 4121 PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHECKS, REFERENCES, AND MANDATORY REPORTING OF CONVICTIONS AND SUBSTANTIATED CHILD ABUSE (x) AND ARRESTS, 5420 REPORTING STUDENT PROGRESS, 5610 SUSPENSION AND EXPULSION OF STUDENTS, 6250 REQUIRED ADM COUNTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STATE FUNDING AND VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY FOR MEMBERSHIP, 6550 TRAVEL PAYMENT AND REIMBURSEMENT, 8120 VOLUNTEERS, 8121 PERSONAL BACKGROUND CHECK – CONTRACTED SERVICES, 8210 SCHOOL CALENDAR, 8220 SCHOOL DAY, 8400 SCHOOL SAFETY, 8510 WELLNESS, and 8600 TRANSPORTATION. It was noted that policy 167.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings was removed from the second reading so it can be revised and presented at the June 12 board meeting. Mr. Marshall made a motion to adopt the policies as presented, with the exception of policy 167.3. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other Regular Session business before the board, Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to recess to an Executive Session. Mr. Justin L. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0. The Regular Session ended at 6:34 PM.

The board reconvened to an Executive Session at 6:40 PM and adjourned at 7:32 PM.

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