

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 12, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, June 12, 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 6:06 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. Justin R. Wininger made the motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Williams gave an update on the elementary summer school program, which started last week and ends on June 23. He thanked the summer school staff for all the hard work they put in to help our students succeed. He also thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for their work cleaning the classrooms and making necessary repairs to ensure the building is clean and safe for next year.

Dr. Neukam thanked the entire high school staff for a great 2022-23 school year. He also thanked the office ladies for the phenomenal job they did in wrapping up the end of the year, Ms. Schmitt for another great year in athletics, and the administrators and board members for the teamwork, patience, guidance, understanding and support in completing another year. He congratulated the girls' softball team for being co-champions in the PLAC, the boys' golf team for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at sectional and advancing to regional play, the girls' track team for finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the PLAC meet with several girls advancing to regional, and the boys' track team winning the PLAC. Several members advanced to regional with Larron Childers advancing to the state competition.

Dr. Apple announced that Jason Lowe and Michael Allstott were awarded the Jason Kuntz Badge of Courage Award from Paul Condry of the Indiana Football Digest for the way SV Football honored the passing of our student Treven Ball this past season.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of the following athletic and staff positions as a consent agenda item: Band: Brian Elkins, Brooklyn Robison, Kim Sommer, David Deacon, Justin Wininger, Mo Schneider, David Schneider, Derek Mueller, Bill Laughlin as Volunteers; McCall Babcock at \$1000, April Mathers at \$1000, Andrew Alspaugh at \$1000 Joyce Kim-Rohrer at \$1000, Grayce Judy at \$750, Elliott Beuhl at \$750. Boys Basketball: Jonathan Bowles - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, Certified Area 1/Level D at \$7100; Randy Chaplin - Varsity Boys Basketball Assistant 1 at \$3849; Eli Cook and Silas Morin - Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach; Christian Tucker and Mason Chaplin - Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach, pending results of limited criminal history check; Jim Tritle - 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at \$2000; Landon Harner - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at \$2000; Braden Whitaker - 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at \$1000; Casey Bowles - 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at \$1000. Girls Basketball; Martha Niehaus - Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, Certified Area 1/Level H at \$7900; Kim Eckerty - Varsity Girls Basketball Assistant 1, Non Certified Area 3/Level J at \$2400:

Teresa Cox - 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at \$2000; Auston Matricardi - 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at \$2000; Anelia Gill - 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at \$1000; Marissa Hatfield - 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at \$1000. Mr. Marshall made the motion and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of the following instructional staff positions as a consent agenda item: 1) Recommended the board approve adjusting the contract of athletic director Kelly Schmitt by adding an additional 11 days to her contract, which would increase the pay to approximately \$72,502; 2) Recommended Mrs. Tanya Gilmore be approved for an additional 5 days during the summer for a total of 10 additional days; 3) Recommended the board approve Auston Matricardi as an English teacher in the junior-senior high school for the 2023-24 school year, level A of the BS scale, with a salary of \$40,300, including all teacher benefits contained in the master contract; 4) Recommended the board approve Mrs. Lydia Casey as an English teacher in the junior-senior high school for the 2023-24 school year, level F of the BS scale, with a salary of \$47,800, including all teacher benefits contained in the master contract; 5) Recommended Haylee Hoffman be approved as elementary counselor for the 2023-24 school year on a 189 day contract, level G of the MS scale at a base salary of \$51,300, with benefits as listed in the master contract; 6) Recommended the board approve an independent contract with Warren Owens for coordination and supervision of the after school teen program for the 2023-24 school year at \$16,000; 7) Recommended the board approve an independent contract with Judy Crews as the assistant to the director of the after school teen program for the 2023-24 school year at \$7,000; 8) Recommended the board approve Angelina Brown, Kaylee McNeely and Denver Rowlett as summer maintenance workers at \$12 per hour, 30 hours per week, effective May 22, 2023; 9) Recommended the board approve Debbie Carnes as summer custodial help at \$13.00 per hour, effective June 1, 2023; 10) Recommended the board approve Genevieve Phillips, Kirstein Tooley, Maya Edwards, Alicia Stidham, and Leah Edwards as elementary instructional assistants for the 2023-24 school year at \$12 per hour, 29 hours per week for 12 weeks and 32 hours per week thereafter, with appropriate benefits. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple announced the following resignations and retirements: Mrs. Taylor Chastain, junior-senior high school teacher, effective June 30, 2023; Mrs. Chris Rowland, high school teacher, effective June 30, 2023; Mr. Hunter Whitaker, junior-senior high school teacher, effective June 9, 2023; Mrs. Shanna Robbins resigned as elementary instructional assistant effective May 19, 2023; Mrs. Debbie Wilson retired as elementary instructional assistant effective May 19, 2023; Mr. Randy Simmons retired as elementary instructional assistant effective June 5, 2023.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve Mrs. Tiff McGee as an instructional coach for the IN Literacy Cadre Cohort 2 program. This two year program will provide additional literacy support for students and staff in grades K-2. Springs Valley will be reimbursed 66% of the coach's total compensation in year one, the 2023-24 school year, and 33% in year two, the 2024-25 school year. Mr. Justin R. Winger made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple reappointed Dr. Kyle Neukam to serve as the Superintendent's representative for the Springs Valley Education Foundation.

Mr. Justin R. Winger made the motion to reappoint Mr. Chris Burton and Mr. Todd Marshall to serve as the Board's representatives for the Springs Valley Education Foundation. Mr. Justin L. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple discussed an upcoming Multi-Facility Project. This will include replacing the chiller in the junior-senior high school, upgrading HVAC controls, and some roof replacements.

Dr. Apple informed the board that House Enrolled Act 1001, which goes into effect July 1, eliminates textbook and curriculum fees. Therefore, all Springs Valley students will receive free textbooks and curricular materials next school year. SV will still collect unpaid debt from prior school years. SV can also collect a reasonable fee for lost or damaged curricular materials.

Dr. Apple recommended approval of the pay increase to support staff per the pay schedule as presented effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Lynch made the motion and Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the 2023-24 elementary and junior-senior high school handbooks as presented. Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to table this request until the July meeting to put new policies in place. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the bonding of Felicia Wolfington as corporation treasurer with a bond 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. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve meal prices for the 2023-24 school year. Paid student meals will be set at \$1.45 for breakfast and \$2.80 for lunch. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion and Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented the following policy updates for final reading: 167.3 Public Participation at Board Meetings and 2464 Programs for High Ability Students. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Lynch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

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