

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 6, 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 was 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 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. Lynch made the motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Apple read the following report from Dr. Williams. Dr. Williams thanked the staff for their hard work as they continue to ensure our students are successful. He also thanked the maintenance and custodial staff for all their hard work in keeping the building and grounds safe and in great condition. He announced the Veterans Day Program will be held on November 10 at 9:00 AM in the high school gym, progress reports will be sent home on November 17, the elementary choir will participate in the French Lick Resort Christmas Tree Lighting on November 18 at 6:00 PM, and school will be closed on November 22 through November 24 due to the Thanksgiving break.

Dr. Apple read the following report from Dr. Neukam. Dr. Neukam thanked the staff for their efforts in the classrooms and extra-curricular programs. He gave a brief update on the activities in the Diesel Mechanics, Fire Science, FFA, Animal Science, Advanced Animal Science, and Ag classes. He congratulated the Blackhawk Brigade for their performance at state finals, the Football team for ending their season at sectional with a 10-2 record, the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams for an outstanding season, and Alan Marshall, who became the first Springs Valley Cross Country runner in school history to advance to state finals. He set a new personal record and finished 48<sup>th</sup> out of 250 runners.

On behalf of Mrs. Mueller and the Blackhawk Brigade, Mr. Justin R. Wininger thanked the board for purchasing new uniforms for the band.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended the board hire Ms. Gracie Mehringer to fill in for an upcoming maternity leave, which would start in November or December, at \$75 per day with no benefits. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board hire Ms. Kaylee McNeely as part-time custodian effective October 23, 2023 at \$13.90 per hour. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple announced that Ms. Emma Webster is no longer employed as a custodian effective October 10, 2023.

Dr. Apple noted that Andrew Kendall began his employment on October 18, 2023, rather than October 23, 2023, as previously stated at the October board meeting.

Under projects, Dr. Apple updated the board that the elementary cooling tower was repaired over fall break, the upcoming football field press box project will have some lighting and a rear-facing camera installed, and there are four roofing projects, two which have been completed and two that are ongoing, that will be paid for from insurance claim reimbursements.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the following consent agenda item: 1) Approve a field trip to Louisville, KY on November 10, 2023 for Mrs. Schultz and FFA students; 2) Approve a field trip to Sellersburg, IN on December 1, 2023 for Mr. Kerns and BPA students. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented Policy 9130 – Public Complaints and Concerns for first reading.

Dr. Apple requested special permission to pay a vendor invoice for bus chains prior to the next board meeting. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin R. Wininger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Lynch seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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