

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2023**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 11, 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 in also attendance. Dr. Kyle Neukam and Dr. Matt Williams were in attendance for a portion of the meeting.

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 6:08 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 November 6, 2023 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Dr. Williams thanked the elementary staff for continuing the hard work they do each day for our students, and the maintenance and custodial staff for all their hard work in keeping the building and grounds looking great. He also thanked Team Orange County Youth Mentoring for donating 20 pairs of shoes for our students, and all the organizations and families who donated Christmas gifts for students. He announced the 4th grade musical will be on December 14 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium and report cards will be sent home on January 5.

Dr. Neukam thanked the high school, cafeteria, custodial, and office staff, as well as the administrative team, for all their relentless efforts during this first semester. He gave a brief update on the activities in the Business Professionals of America, Health Occupation Students of America, National Honor Society, FCCLA, Career and Technical Education, FFA, and Agriculture programs. He announced the high school and 6th grade choir concert will be on December 12 at 7:00 PM in the auditorium, and the band Christmas concert will be on December 13 at 6:30 PM in the auditorium.

Dr. Apple recognized several student athletes for the outstanding achievements they had accomplished this fall. Mr. Burton presented each student with a certificate.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple presented the following personnel hires as a consent agenda item for approval: 1) Revise Elementary Cheer Coach to be split between Taylor Johnson and Lindsay Russell, each at \$250. This was originally approved on May 8, 2023 for Ms. Johnson to receive the full \$500. 2) Boys Golf: Landon Harner - Boys Varsity Golf Coach, Non-Certified Area 3/Level D at \$1800; Brent Harner - Volunteer Boys Golf Coach, Dave Harner - Volunteer Boys Golf Coach, Mark Hammond - Volunteer Boys Golf Coach. 3) Baseball: Rob Denbo - Boys Varsity Baseball Coach, grandfathered at \$4125, Seth Dickey - Boys Assistant Baseball Coach, Rob Land - Volunteer Baseball Coach, Matt Pierce - Volunteer Baseball Coach, Michael Allstott - Jr. High Baseball Coach at \$1250, Isral Qualkenbush - Volunteer Jr. High Baseball Coach, Chad Goldman - Volunteer Jr. High Baseball Coach, Jake Switzer - Volunteer Jr. High Baseball Coach. 4) Softball: Jill Bonta - Girls Varsity Softball Coach, Certified Area 2/Level G at \$4600, Jason Hickman - Girls Assistant Softball Coach, Non-Certified Area 4/Level E at \$1450, Shawn Kluesner - Volunteer Girls Softball Coach. 5) Track: Derek Freeman - Boys Varsity Track Coach,

Certified Area 3/Level E at \$2900, Colten Cassidy - Girls Varsity Track Coach, Non-Certified Area 3/Level D at \$1800, Brandon Alexander - Girls Varsity Assistant, Non-Certified Area 4/Level C at \$1350, Toby Brown - Boys Varsity Assistant Track Coach, Non-Certified Area 4/Level C at \$1350, Justin Harris - Junior High Track Coach at \$1500, Jim Tritle - Junior High Track Coach at \$1500, Kade Hinkle - Volunteer Assistant Track Coach, April Saliba - Volunteer Assistant Track Coach, Sarah Dillion - Volunteer Assistant Track Coach, Lori Harris - Volunteer Assistant Track Coach. 6) Elementary Volleyball: Jolynne Cruz - 5th Grade Volleyball at \$1000, Caitlynn Pierce - 6th Grade Volleyball at \$1000, Rebecca Hinkle - Elementary Volleyball Volunteer, Hannah Pendley - Elementary Volleyball Volunteer. 7) Basketball: Devon Harrell - Jr. High Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach, Derek Harrell - Jr. High Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach. 8) Hire Chris Howell - Night custodian effective December 4, 2023, at a rate of \$13.90 per hour with associated benefits. Mr. Lynch made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple announced that Joe Crow, high school instructional assistant, will be retiring effective December 19, 2023. He thanked him for all his service to Springs Valley Community Schools.

Under projects, Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a quote of \$116,760 from Sentry Roofing to replace the PE complex roof. This project will begin in the spring of 2024 and will be paid for with insurance claim reimbursements. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple informed the board that 19 Active Airflow UVC fixtures will be installed in the next couple of weeks at various locations in both buildings at a cost of approximately \$35,000. This project will be paid from ESSER funds.

Dr. Apple presented the following consent agenda for approval: 1) Recommend approval of a contract with Tucker and Tucker to provide legal counsel for 2024 at the hourly rate of \$200. He thanked the staff of Tucker and Tucker for their continued partnership with Springs Valley Community Schools. 2) Request permission for Felicia Wolfington to pay invoices as needed through the end of 2023 with said claims approved by Superintendent; as well as Superintendent Apple permission to do emergency hiring subject to approval at the January board meeting. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a field trip to Louisville, KY for Mr. Kerry Winger and 35 FFA/diesel mechanics students on February 14, 2024. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Jolynne Cruz, with Springs Valley FCCLA, thanked the school board, administration, and community for their support of the FCCLA Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Ms. Kara Schmidt and Ms. Gina Webster, from Team Peace, gave a presentation on their program, which focuses on building resilience and providing students with tools that can help them deal with big emotions and stress.

Dr. Apple requested approval to review bids from insurance companies for commercial and workers comp insurance and to select the option that best benefits the corporation. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple presented Policy 9130 – Public Complaints and Concerns for second reading. He requested a motion to approve this policy. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other business before the board, Mr. Justin R. Winger motioned to adjourn. Mr. Justin L. Winger seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.
