

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 8, 2024**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, January 8, 2024 in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Chris Burton, Mr. Justin R. Wininger, Mr. Dustin Farris, Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Joe Lynch, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Wininger were present. Dr. Trevor Apple, Dr. Kyle Neukam, Mr. Troy Pritchett, 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 6:05 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.

As motioned by Mr. Todd Marshall and seconded by Mr. Purkhiser, Mr. Burton opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Farris then motioned to keep the same slate of officers as are currently in place: Mr. Burton as President, Mr. Farris as Vice-President, Mr. Justin R. Wininger as Secretary, and Mr. Marshall for Legislative Liaison. Mr. Purkhiser seconded the nominations. With no other nominations made, Mr. Marshall made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Lynch seconded. The officers as stated were approved 7-0.

Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion to reaffirm the School Board Code of Ethics, as prepared by the Indiana School Boards Association. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Annual conflict of interest disclosure statements were signed by board members Mr. Burton, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Justin L. Wininger, and Mr. Justin R. Wininger.

Mr. Burton recommended Mrs. Felicia Wolfington as Treasurer of the Board and of the Corporation. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mrs. Wolfington recommended Mrs. Peggy Simmons as Deputy Treasurer of Springs Valley Community Schools. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Justin L. Wininger motioned to retain the current meeting date, time, and location, with the meetings to continue being held the second Monday of each month with the executive session starting at 5:00 PM and the regular session at 6:00 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Burton stated that board compensation is currently \$2,000 annually with \$100 for each monthly meeting and \$50 per diem for special meetings, with dental, vision, and life insurance benefits. Mr. Lynch moved for board compensation and benefits to remain the same, and Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Burton advised that an appointment to the Lost River Career Cooperative Board is needed at this time. Mr. Marshall moved to appoint Mr. Purkhiser for that position. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Burton presented the minutes of the December 11, 2023 board meeting, and vouchers and claims, along with the 2023 year-end transfers and Casino Revenue transfer. Mr. Lynch made the motion to approve, and Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (see attachments)

Mr. Burton recognized Mia Cruz for her Academic All-State Honorable Mention for golf. He presented her with a certificate and thanked her for her hard work and dedication to Springs Valley.

Dr. Williams thanked the staff for a great start to the second semester. He recognized Mrs. Tanya Gilmore, school district grant writer, for securing a \$51,600 grant from Indiana RoboKind. This money will be utilized for supplies and materials for the social skills curriculum. Two robots are included and will assist our autistic students with learning foundational life skills, early literacy fundamentals, and phonics. Dr. Williams noted that progress reports will be sent home on February 9th and Kindergarten Roundup will be held on March 5th and 6th. Please contact the elementary office to schedule an appointment.

Dr. Neukam thanked the staff for their dedication to our students and school team as they start the second semester. He also thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for thoroughly cleaning the building over break. He announced that six high school band students were chosen to participate in the University of Louisville's annual Honor Band on January 26th and 27th. Those students include Austin Ball, Claire Elkins, Christain Fehribach, Jadylyn Lynch, Maeli Plimpton, and Shanacea Hankins.

Dr. Apple presented the State of the School Report which summarized different areas of interest, including enrollment, academic data, attendance, testing, graduation rates, improvement goals, and completed and upcoming capital projects.

No patrons addressed the board.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a contract with high school principal Dr. Kyle Neukam through June 30, 2026 with an annual base salary of no less than \$99,275.00 per year, effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Justin R. Winger voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a contract with high school assistant principal Mr. Aaron Troy Pritchett through June 30, 2026 with an annual base salary of no less than \$88,570.00 per year, effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Farris seconded. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Justin R. Winger voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a contract with elementary school principal Dr. Matt Williams through June 30, 2026 with an annual base salary of no less than \$93,545.00 per year, effective July 1, 2023. Mr. Justin L. Winger made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 6-1, with Mr. Justin R. Winger voting in the negative.

Dr. Apple recommended that Athletic Director Kelly Schmitt's base salary be increased to \$68,075 effective July 1, 2023. This is the same increase as negotiated in the teacher contract. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Lynch seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the pay rate for Seth Dickey, Varsity Assistant 1 Baseball, Non-Certified Area 4 Level E, grandfathered pay rate of \$1,595. Mr. Dickey was approved in December but his pay was omitted. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Lynch abstaining.

Dr. Apple gave an update on the HVAC controls project.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a contract with the Wayne Ferguson Agency for commercial and workers compensation insurance for 2024, effective January 1, 2024. Mr. Lynch made the motion. Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve and sign Resolution 2024-01, which affirms that Springs Valley Community Schools is committed to achieving the state proficiency

goal of 95% on the IREAD-3 assessment by 2027. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the school calendar for the 2024-25 school year as presented. The first student day will be August 5, 2024. The last student day is scheduled for May 21, 2025. Mr. Justin R. Winger made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve an Orange County Adopt a County Road contract between the Springs Valley Cross Country and Track programs and the Orange County Highway Department. The cross country and track programs will adopt a section of old Highway 145 past the Iron Bridge all the way to the new Airport Road. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Winger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a field trip to Louisville, KY on January 26 - 27 for Mrs. Mueller, six students and a chaperone, to participate in the University of Louisville Honor Band. Mr. Justin L. Winger 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. Lynch seconded, and the regular session adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Board of Finance

The Springs Valley School Board met at 6:44 PM in the Springs Valley High School Auditorium. Board members Mr. Burton, Mr. Justin R. Winger, Mr. Farris, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Lynch, Mr. Purkhiser, and Mr. Justin L. Winger were present, along with Dr. Apple, Dr. Neukam, Mr. Troy Pritchett, Dr. Williams, Dr. Kerby, Mrs. Wolfington, and Mrs. Simmons.

Mr. Marshall called the 2024 Board of Finance meeting to order, and advised the first item of business was to elect a president and secretary.

As motioned by Mr. Justin R. Winger and seconded by Mr. Burton, Mr. Marshall opened the floor for nomination of officers. Mr. Lynch made a motion to nominate Mr. Burton as Board of Finance President and Mr. Justin R. Winger as Secretary. Mr. Burton made a motion to nominate Mr. Marshall, Board of Finance President and Mr. Justin R. Winger as Secretary. Mr. Burton declined the nomination of Board of Finance President, leaving the nominations as Mr. Marshall as Board of Finance President and Justin R. Winger as Secretary. With no other nominations made, Mr. Justin R. Winger made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The officers as stated were approved 7-0.

Mrs. Wolfington presented the 2023 Report of Investments to board members and Dr. Apple for their review. She advised that investments are held at Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company and Hoosier Hills Credit Union, with a total principal balance on December 31, 2023 of \$6,395,000.00. (copy attached)

Dr. Apple provided information from the School Corporation Fiscal Indicators report as distributed by the Distressed Unit Appeal Board, as required annually. A link to the official report will be available on the school's website.

Mrs. Wolfington advised that she will be voiding the outstanding check number 4734 dated December 13, 2021 for the amount of \$45.39, with that amount being added back to the Education Fund as mandated. (see attachment)

With no other business, Mr. Justin L. Winger made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Burton seconded, and the meeting for the Board of Finance adjourned at 6:55 PM.
