

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2024**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:30 PM on Monday, February 11, 2024 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 6:09 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. Burton presented the minutes of the February 12, 2024 board meeting, and vouchers and claims. Mr. Lynch made the motion to approve, and Mr. Marshall seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Williams thanked the staff for their hard work and commitment in helping our students succeed. He also thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for keeping the buildings and grounds in great shape. He noted 2nd and 3rd grade students had recently completed the IREAD state test, 3rd grade students had just finished the Purdue Extension program CATCH, grades 3 through 5 will take the ILEARN state tests next month, report cards will be sent home on March 15, and spring break will be the week of March 18.

Dr. Neukam thanked the staff for a strong third quarter finish. He also thanked the PACT team for arranging the Tony Hoffman drug prevention convocation held on March 5. He congratulated the boys' and girls' basketball teams on their seasons and gave a brief update on Fine Arts Night, the CTE Open House, Media class, SVHS Robotics, the Young Women Lead Conference, the ICHE Career Coaching grant program, and SAT testing. He announced Summer School will start June 3rd and run through June 21st.

Dr. Apple recognized Deion Edwards and Konner Chase for their basketball accomplishments, and Shanacea Hankins for her band award. Mr. Burton applauded Deion on setting several new records in basketball, including breaking Larry Bird's single-game scoring record. He recognized Konnor for earning Academic All-State Honorable Mention in basketball and Shanacea for her Gold Rating with Distinction award at the state solo and ensemble band contest. Mr. Burton presented each student with a certificate.

Mr. Burton requested a motion to extend the superintendent's contract for Dr. Trevor Apple through December 31, 2026, with the salary amount of \$114,900 effective January 1, 2024. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion and Mr. Farris seconded. With no discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple informed the board that Amber Dorsam resigned as high school special education teacher effective February 23, 2024. Regina Stevens transferred to the severe/moderate room effective February 26, 2024.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a temporary teaching contract for Jill Philpot to fill in as kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the school year. She will be paid her current hourly rate of \$16.55 per hour for the first 15 days, and thereafter at the daily rate of a level A bachelor degree teacher with all associated benefits. Mr. Lynch made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple gave an update on summer projects, including resealing the asphalt parking lots, replacing the high school chiller, replacing several roofing sections, and painting in various locations.

Dr. Apple updated the board on pick-up and drop off procedures for the elementary and allowing family on buses operated by an employee.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve the Summer School Category 1 course offerings, which are funded by the DOE. Summer school dates are June 3, 2024 through June 21, 2024. Hours are 8:00 to 11:00, with lunch provided free of charge to students in the high school cafeteria from 11:00 to 11:30 daily. Mr. Purkhiser made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve to continue our partnership with Hoosier Hills PACT for the 2024-25 school year in the amount of \$30,000 to be paid from the casino fund. Mr. Marshall made the motion. Mr. Purkhiser seconded. The motion passed 6-0-1, with Mr. Justin L. Wininger abstaining.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a renewal of our FSMC contract with Aramark. Mr. Farris made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board approve a field trip to Louisville, KY on May 11, 2024 for Mrs. Lori Chestnut, 50 students and 5 chaperones, for the elementary, 6th grade, and concert choirs. Mr. Lynch made the motion. Mr. Justin R. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Dr. Apple recommended the board authorize the superintendent authority to request separation from the Southern Wellness Trust, if necessary, in order to seek more advantageous health insurance options for employees. Mr. Justin R. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Justin L. Wininger seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

A discussion was held concerning whether the board would want to consider changing the date of the April board meeting due to it falling on the eclipse day. The board decided to keep the meeting on the same day.

Dr. Jeff Kerby gave an update on the ParentSquare school to home communication tool.

Dr. Apple informed the board that the ISBA Region 9 spring meeting will be held on April 30, 2024 at Klubhaus 61 in Jasper.

Mrs. Jessica Houchins, Ms. Jessica Wininger, and Ms. Ashley Tinkle, from Hoosier Hills PACT, presented information on their work with our students and the various programs they provide.

Dr. Apple presented the following policies for second reading and recommended approval: 1521 - Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting; 2221 - Mandatory Curriculum; 2414 - Reproductive Health and Family Planning and Human Sexuality Instruction; 2416 - Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information; 2510 - Adoption of Curricular Materials; 2520 - Selection of Curricular Materials, School Library Materials, and Equipment; 3120.02 - Adjunct Teachers; 3121 - Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting; 3220.01 - Teacher Appreciation Grants; 4121 - Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting; 5330 - Use of Medication; 5710 - Student Complaints; 5720 - Student Activism; 6152 - Student Fees and Charges; 9700 - Relations with Special Interest Groups. Mr. Justin L. Wininger made the motion. Mr. Marshall 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 regular session adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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