

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2009**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, September 14, 2009 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Todd Marshall, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Deborah Brothers, Mr. Willard Owen, Mr. Tony Galloway, Mr. Eddie Kellams, and Mr. Larry Pritchett. Mr. Todd Pritchett was also in attendance. Mr. Josh Thompson and Mr. Jerry Zehr were present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation of litigation, pending litigation, implementation of security systems, purchase or lease of real property, received information about prospective employees, and discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. 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 Learning Center Board Room. All board members and Mr. Todd Pritchett were present, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott, Mrs. Edith Pinnick, Mr. Jerry Zehr, and Mr. John Emmons.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Marshall, with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Owen motioned to approve minutes for the August 10th and August 26th board meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Larry Pritchett and then passed 7-0.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Owen. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Luke Aylsworth and senior band students were recognized for their hard work and dedication. Drum major Elise McElroy thanked board members and administration for their financial support.

Mr. Todd Pritchett presented Mr. Jerry Zehr with a plaque, honoring his retirement from Springs Valley Community Schools. Mr. Zehr was also recognized for twenty years of service in the United States Navy.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the State Finalist Football Team of 1989 will be honored at the October 9th varsity football game.

Grandparents Week is being celebrated at the elementary school this week, and lots of grandparents are expected to eat lunch with their students.

Springs Valley Community Schools has received a \$1,700 grant from Dollar General, which will be used to purchase books for differentiated instruction.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended approval of the Athletic Winter Coaching List as presented. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. With no discussion, the motion was carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Recommendation was made to accept the resignation of Mrs. Melinda Holland as teacher's aide, and Mr. Todd Pritchett requested permission to post the vacancy. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. John Emmons advised that a group of coaches had approached him as to the possibility of having the large team pictures replaced with smaller pictures in the high school gym. He has received one estimate for reproducing the pictures in the amount of \$300 each, which for 41 to 43 pictures would be over \$12,000. Mr. Emmons also presented the need to have pictures taken of all of the pictures, to be stored on CD, in case of damage to the original prints. Discussion included the historic value of the original pictures, cost of reproduction, repair of the pictures/frames, as well as the possibility of displaying track and field statistics in the high school gym. Mr. Galloway made a motion to keep the original pictures, resize the frames when needed to match size, repair original prints if necessary, to get pictures taken of all original pictures to be stored on disk, and then have original pictures rehung in the high school gym. Mr. Kellams seconded the motion. When asked his opinion on the matter, Mr. Emmons stated that he could

see both sides of the matter. The motion was approved by the vote of 6-0-1, with Mr. Larry Pritchett abstaining.

Mrs. Kris Tarr, district chairperson, provided an update on the District Accreditation process for the North Central Association model.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended adoption of the 2010 budget as advertised for the General, Debt Service, Bond Severance, Capital Projects, Special Education Preschool, Transportation, Bus Replacement, and Rainy Day Funds, to include adoption of the 2010 Fiscal Expenditure Goals, Tax Neutrality Resolution, and Reduction of Appropriations for Rainy Day and Special Education Preschool Funds. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. The motion was carried 7-0. Signing of the budget forms followed. (copies attached)

Under Old and Unfinished Business, T&G Construction has reported that the high school gym windows are to be installed starting this week, with installation of the tectum (above the windows) to follow, they are still waiting on paper towel dispensers which are backordered and delivery of stalls for the north Men's restroom, along with a few minor items to be completed as materials arrive.

Recommendations for the track facility improvements as presented by Mr. Emmons were put on hold until the October meeting.

Mr. Todd Pritchett provided an H1N1 Flu update, advising board members of precautions and steps being taken by staff members.

Mr. Owen moved to readopt the Indiana School Boards Association' Code of Ethics. Mrs. Brothers seconded. Mrs. Brothers, Mr. Marshall, and Mr. Owen then read the Code of Ethics. The motion was approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Marshall requested a motion to adopt the Board Calendar, which is a guideline of superintendent reports and information due throughout the year. Mr. Galloway so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. Following discussion, the motion passed 7-0.

Future use of the old substation area behind the wood shop was discussed, including the possibility of maintenance equipment storage, bus barn, track equipment, weight room/locker facility. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he would like to open the floor for consideration. Mr. Galloway advised that he would prefer to wait on future developments. Further discussion followed, with no action taken by the board.

Mr. Larry Pritchett made the motion to approve Mr. Kevin Knies' request for an overnight FFA field trip to Indianapolis on October 21st and 22nd. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

An enrollment update was provided for the Hoosier Uplands Preschool program, and Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that two classes are being held for the 4 and 5 year olds, with one class for 3 year olds.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recommended that for purposes of following the guidelines in the field trip policy, Louisville, Kentucky should be considered as in-state. Mrs. Brothers so moved, and Mr. Owen seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that ISTEP/ACT/SAT information will be presented at the October board meeting. The ADM student count and class ratios will also be provided.

The ISBA Fall Regional Meeting will be held on October 21st at Huntingburg.

With no other business before the Board, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

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