

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

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 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, Mr. Troy Pritchett, and Mr. John Emmons were also in attendance.

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 6:21 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, as well as Mr. Tony Whitaker, Mrs. Kathy Allstott, and Mrs. Edith Pinnick.

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

Mr. Owen made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2009 Board Meeting. Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

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

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that due to a scheduling conflict, band members could not be at tonight's meeting but would be present at the January board meeting for recognition.

No patrons addressed the Board.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the athletic director, Mr. John Emmons, had made a recommendation which was supported by the high school principal, Mr. Troy Pritchett, and himself as superintendent to not renew the varsity football coach and weight room coordinator contract for Mr. Mark Hammond. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Larry Pritchett seconded. Mr. Galloway supported Mr. Hammond by stating that no one could question the character of Mr. Mark Hammond. With no further discussion, the motion passed 5-2 with Mr. Galloway and Mr. Allstott voting against the motion.

Spring coaches were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Owen. Mrs. Brothers seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Mrs. Julianne Edwards has requested the use of three unpaid days on December 18, 2009, January 4 and 5th, 2010 for travel purposes. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mrs. Brothers seconded. No discussion was held, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett informed board members that Utility Auditing Company, which had been contracted to research the corporation's utility bills for tax credits, has advised that the audit report showed that almost all tax credits were already being applied and the audit resulted in a monthly savings of approximately \$5.

Mr. Todd Pritchett discussed the "Race to the Top" grant application process, stating that this grant is a part of the ARRA Stimulus with lots of details unanswered, and is meant to reward teachers with merit pay.

Mrs. Brothers made a motion to approve the schools' attorney contract for Tucker and Tucker, P.C. Mr. Galloway seconded. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that there was no change in the contract, with the hourly fee remaining at \$120.00. With no discussion, the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that the property, casualty, and liability insurance for 2010 has experienced a \$2,636 decrease in premium, resulting in the annual premium of \$60,364.00.

Health insurance premiums for employees on the school's health plan have taken a significant increase of approximately 29%. The total monthly single premium rose from \$347 to \$475, and the family premium increased from \$711 to \$885. Mr. Kellams questioned if we were locked into these rates, as he felt that our school could do better based on his personal experience. Discussion followed.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that the assessed valuation for property in the Springs Valley Community Schools' district has been received. The assessed valuation increased from \$217,806,000 in 2009 to \$229,023,000 in the year 2010. He advised that this increase could possibly lower the property tax rate.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that our school system would begin using a parent contact system called School Reach, which would automatically call phone numbers for parents and staff as directed. The system has the capability of making approximately 1,000 phone calls in about four minutes.

Mr. Whitaker stated that a little less than 50% of the elementary students had received the H1N1 vaccines when administered here at school. Mr. Troy Pritchett advised that the county health nurse would be in his building tomorrow to administer the vaccine.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested that the January, 2010 board meeting be moved to the third Monday of the month, to allow for more time in closing out the end of the calendar year books. Mr. Owen so moved, and Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

With no other business, Mr. Larry Pritchett motioned to adjourn at 6:43. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

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