

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2013**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 13, 2013 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mr. Larry Kalb. Mr. Todd Pritchett and Mr. Troy Pritchett were also in attendance. Mr. Mark Hammond was present for a portion of the meeting.

During the Executive Session, the Board discussed strategy with respect to collective bargaining, initiation of/pending litigation, implementation of security systems, purchase or lease of real property, received information about prospective employees, discussed individuals over whom the governing body has jurisdiction including job performance evaluations, and interviewed industrial or commercial prospects. 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 6:00 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above, as well as Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Edith Pinnick, were present.

Mr. Purkhiser called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8th board meeting. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 6-0-1. Mr. Purkhiser abstained as he was absent from that meeting.

Minutes of the April 17th board meeting were approved with the motion by Mr. Galloway and seconded by Mr. Allstott. The motion carried 6-0-1, with Mrs. Lynch abstaining due to being absent.

Mr. Allstott moved to approve the minutes of the May 2nd board meeting. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 6-0-1 with an abstention by Mrs. Lynch since she was absent that meeting.

Vouchers and claims were approved as presented, with a motion by Mr. Galloway. Mr. Kalb seconded, and the motion was carried 7-0.

Mrs. Allstott requested special permission to pay Land Improvement Solutions, LLC for work completed today, with payment in the amount of \$8,797.52 from Capital Projects. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion for payment was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that Mr. Kevin Knies has requested permission for an overnight student field trip on June 17th to June 20th for FFA students to attend the state convention at Purdue University. Mr. Galloway so moved. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

In recognition of Teacher Appreciation Week, Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that special treats and meals were provided to all staff members last week, and extended a special thanks to Mrs. Carnes for her assistance. He also relayed a thank you message from staff to board members for their appreciation.

Mr. Todd Marshall, as representative for the Springs Valley Education Foundation, reported that eight scholarships will be awarded due to the continued growth of the education foundation. He was also pleased to announce that the Class of '63 had collected over \$4,000 and will be awarding three scholarships, with their leftover funds to be donated to the Springs Valley Education Foundation.

Mr. Todd Pritchett recognized the Orange County Community Foundation Supporting Organization for continuing the \$1,000 scholarship to Springs Valley graduates who will be pursuing college, military, or other training.

The four retiring employees will be invited to attend the June board meeting for recognition.

Mr. Jason Russell congratulated members of the Junior High Golf team for winning the Patoka Lake Athletic Conference meet last week.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Galloway made a motion to approve the Athletic Coaching Recommendation list dated May 13, 2013. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

Personnel recommendations of May 13, 2013 were presented by Mr. Todd Pritchett. Mr. Galloway motioned to approve the same, and Mrs. Carnes seconded. The motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett informed the board that the application period is open again for the FEMA Safe Shelter Project, whereby the corporation could receive federal funding of 70% for construction of a storm shelter. Discussion was held, and board consensus was that the architect should be invited to the June board meeting to provide additional information.

Board members were reminded of the ISBA regional meeting that will be held next Monday, May 20th at Huntingburg.

Mr. Todd Pritchett requested approval of the memorandum of understanding with the Springs Valley Classroom Teachers’ Association regarding pay for summer driver’s education teachers. Mrs. Carnes made the motion to approve the memorandum of understanding as presented. Mrs. Lynch seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that bids were due today for the vocational bus route, and he recommended approval of the only bid received, which was from David Emmons for the amount of \$50.00 per day. Mrs. Lynch so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

No bids were received for the bus route 12, which is a corporation-owned route with a bid driver. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that he will be working with Mr. John Carnes on this matter.

Board members were informed by Mr. Todd Pritchett of plumbing issues that had developed between the high school gym and the shop building relating to the HVAC system. Concrete work was completed today, and the area should be ready for blacktop in the near future.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that only basic maintenance projects of our facilities are planned for this summer. He also advised that at some point, the swimming pool will need to be considered for possible renovation or direction will need to be given for future use of the pool. Upcoming projects include refinishing of the gym floor and concrete work in the elementary parking lot. He stated that student technology needs are up-to-date.

Mr. Allstott made the motion to appoint Mrs. Susan Freeman to the Melton Public Library Board for a four-year term. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Scott-Foresman has been selected as the elementary reading textbook curriculum.

Mr. Troy Pritchett presented the junior/senior high school handbook for adoption, and advised that only minor wording changes had been made from last year’s handbook. Mr. Purkhiser stated that Mr. Knies, as Lost River Career Cooperative director, needed to talk with him regarding a possible change to the handbook for the addition of a nondiscriminatory policy. Mr. Troy Pritchett responded that he would speak with Mr. Knies within the next day or so to clarify any needed changes, as the nondiscriminatory policy is listed on page 19 of the handbook. Mrs. Lynch then motioned to accept the junior/senior high school handbook with the changes presented. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that no changes are needed on the elementary handbook at this time.

Mr. Todd Pritchett reported that the Town of French Lick will be doing road and sidewalk work on Larry Bird Boulevard, and advised the possibility of using Capital Projects funds to continue the improvements onto school property at the same time.

Hoosier Uplands has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,200 from the Orange County Development Commission for use at Orleans and Springs Valley schools for operational expenses of an after-school program. Mr. Todd Pritchett stated that with assessment of daily student fees, the latch-key program could be self-funded and requested approval to move forward with the grant. Mr. Galloway moved to allow Mr. Todd Pritchett to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Hoosier Uplands for the after-school program. Mr. Allstott seconded. The motion was approved 7-0.

Mr. Todd Pritchett advised that Hoosier Hills PACT has requested permission to apply for the Safe Haven grant on behalf of Springs Valley Community Schools. Said funding would provide more resources at our school, as Springs Valley was not successful in receiving this grant last year. Mr. Galloway motioned for Mr. Todd Pritchett to proceed with said arrangement. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion passed 7-0.

Board members were reminded of graduation to be held on Saturday, May 25th at 6:00 PM in the high school gymnasium.

A possible conflict on the July board meeting date will be discussed at the June meeting, as the ISBA Summer Academy Conference will be held at French Lick Resort on July 8th.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

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