

**SPRINGS VALLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2015**

Executive Session

The Springs Valley School Board met in Executive Session at 4:00 PM on Thursday, June 25, 2015 in the Learning Center Board Room. The following were present: Mrs. Cheryl Lynch, Dr. Ryan Carnes, Mr. Ralph Purkhiser, Mr. Kevin Allstott, Mrs. Linda Carnes, Mr. Tony Galloway, and Mrs. Jennifer Shipman. Mr. Tony Whitaker was also in attendance, as well as Mr. Jim Bush and Mrs. Julie Woolsey.

During the Executive Session, the Board received information about prospective employees, and discussed job performance evaluations, strategy with respect to collective bargaining, 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 5:20 PM in the Learning Center Board Room. All of the above were present, along with Mrs. Kathy Allstott and Mrs. Peggy Simmons.

Mrs. Lynch called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

Mr. Whitaker informed board members that the Porsche Club of America used our parking lots this week for instructional driving sessions in preparation for the Porsche parade to be held Saturday. The national convention is underway at the French Lick Resort.

Mrs. Woolsey reported that elementary students continue to receive lots of feedback from Senior PGA participants, following letters they had written to the golfers.

Dr. Carnes acknowledged Coach Joe Crow for assisting with the little league championships that were played on the high school softball field. Justin Winger added a big thank you to the corporation for use of the facilities throughout the season, and thanked Coach Crow and Coach Bob Greger for helping the league to grow.

Mr. Bush commended the band booster organization for their tremendous efforts in operating the concession stand during the PGA tournament, and stated they raised an enormous amount of money.

Mr. Bush introduced Mrs. Lindsay Mendel, the new math teacher. Mrs. Mendel thanked board members and Mr. Bush for the opportunity to teach at Springs Valley Schools.

Mrs. Lynch addressed board members and the audience, and stated that a hearing would now be held on the superintendent's contract. Patron Mr. Justin Winger voiced his concerns regarding the contract, specifically the benefit of fully-paid insurance following retirement. Discussion was held with Mr. Winger and board members, who expressed their views on the matter. Mrs. Lynch advised that the financial situation of the corporation is always a concern. Mr. Galloway added that since Mr. Whitaker had the insurance benefit as principal, it would not have been fair to take that away when he became superintendent, and said that we are moving slowly and cautiously in dealing with the financial situation. Dr. Carnes stated that a multiple-year contract is required for administrators, and expects that some tough decisions will be made by this time next year. Mrs. Carnes stated that we all understand the cost of insurance increases. Mrs. Shipman added that we will have to do something to address the financial situation. Mrs. Lynch then closed the hearing on the superintendent's contract.

No patrons addressed the board.

Mr. Whitaker stated that following Jerry Allbright's retirement as custodian, temporary help has been used and he now recommends the two and one-half night time custodian positions be combined to two full-time positions. He will discuss the situation with John

Carnes, and possibly move the part-time person up to full-time. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker advised that he has received a letter of resignation from Mrs. Cherish Wininger as English teacher, effective June 25, 2015. Mr. Galloway made a motion to accept Mrs. Wininger's resignation. Mr. Allstott seconded, and the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Whitaker recommended adoption of the Insurance Policy for Student Chromebooks as presented, adding that he has worked with Mr. Jeff Kerby and other schools on this matter. The optional insurance policy costs \$35 with variable deductible amounts, and the policy is the same as discussed at the Chromebook parent meeting held in May. Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve the Chromebook insurance policy. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker then presented the Technology Acceptable Use Policy, as developed by the technology committee. Mr. Purkhiser so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion was then approved 7-0. (copy attached)

Mrs. Shipman made a motion to approve the elementary handbook with minor changes as presented. Mrs. Carnes seconded, and the motion passed 7-0. (copy attached)

Mr. Whitaker recommended adoption of the high school handbook as presented by the handbook committee. Dr. Carnes so moved, and Mr. Galloway seconded. The motion carried 7-0. (copy attached)

In moving forward with the energy savings projects as discussed with AMERSCO, Mr. Whitaker informed board members that the scope of the projects are getting larger and he does not want to tackle all of the projects at once. He will work with John Carnes and Wes McNeely in prioritizing projects to develop a five-year plan, with projects to be awarded following bid procedures. Capital Projects and Construction Funds monies will be utilized for these projects.

Mr. Whitaker advised that a tentative meeting is scheduled with our local legislatures, Dr. Carnes, and himself to discuss the loss of casino revenue funding following the passage of HB 1540 which regulates the disbursement of casino revenue funds.

Mr. Purkhiser made the motion to adopt the bank resolutions by Springs Valley Bank & Trust Company and Hoosier Hills Credit Union, adding Peggy S Simmons as an authorized signer on the corporation accounts and removing Edith Pinnick. Mr. Galloway seconded, and the resolutions were adopted 7-0.

Mrs. Woolsey provided an update on the designation of Springs Valley Elementary School as a focus-targeted school, action taken, and the goals implemented to improve test scores. Discussion was held regarding the state's school grading system.

With no other business before the board, Mrs. Carnes motioned to adjourn. Mrs. Shipman seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 6:08 PM.

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