

**September 16, 2013**  
**Versailles, Indiana**

President Tim Taylor opened the public hearing on the 2014 Proposed Budgets at 6:15 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013. There were no patron comments. The hearing was closed with a motion by Becky Turner, seconded by Tim Taylor, vote 7-0.

The regular meeting of the South Ripley Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2013. Vice-President Randy McIntosh said a prayer. Members present were: Jeff Cornett, Robert Garcia, Carol Holzer, Randy McIntosh, Jim Miller, Tim Taylor, and Becky Turner. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were also present.

The agenda was approved with the addition of two action items. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized Teacher Kelly Sparks for being named the 2013 Dream It Do It Champion of the Year for Southeast Indiana. Cheryll Obendorf with the Ripley County Community Foundation was present and shared why she had nominated Mrs. Sparks for this honor. Superintendent Moorhead read the nomination form and then thanked Mrs. Sparks for her commitment to South Ripley students. Superintendent Moorhead then recognized and thanked Cheryll Obendorf for her EcO15 project management helping South Ripley to achieve resources for their PLTW, STEM, 1:1, and Team Ripley initiatives. President Taylor presented both ladies with a Certificate of Recognition and pin.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Jim Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jim Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of a donation of a Steinway piano from Connie Culter. Superintendent Moorhead thanked Mrs. Culter for this generous donation. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley was the recipient of \$87,204 from the Tyson Fund to be used in our 1:1 pilot Technology program. This will be used for 60 Chrome books, 60 iPads, and a professional development academy for teachers. South Ripley is very fortunate to receive such a generous grant donation. Superintendent Moorhead and board members were so appreciative to the Jim Tyson Fund for the support to South Ripley and the 1:1 initiative. Motion was made to accept this grant donation by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Mrs. Sheena Speer, beginning March 6, 2014 through April 18, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Mrs. Kathleen

Riester, beginning January 3, 2014 through February 28, 2014, with extended leave through March 28, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval of the following two people to fill the Part-Time Kindergarten Instructional Aide positions as follows: Mrs. Rae Jean Austin and Mrs. Mary Alicia Byard each for 3.5 hours per day from 8:30 AM to 12:00 Noon. Approval was also sought to pay the aide rate retroactive to September 3, 2013 when they began substituting in the position. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. Nathan Hensley to fill the 6-hour per day special education assistant position through December 20, 2013 and if necessitated, through the end of the school year. This is a student-specific position and will exist according to the student's needs, and is R.O.D. reimbursed. Approval was also sought to pay Mr. Hensley the aide rate retro-actively to August 19, 2013 since he has been substituting in that position. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the South Ripley FFA to attend the FFA National Convention in Louisville, KY during the week of October 28 – November 2, 2013. A different group of 14 students will attend each day and no one will stay overnight. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of The Young Confederates Show Choir to perform at Universal Studios in Orlando, FL during Fall break October 10 – 15, 2014. Motion

was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the sixth grade overnight field trip to Camp Livingston in Switzerland County, on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommend approval of the following elementary out-of-state field trips: December 13, 2013 – Grade 5 to OmniMax in Cincinnati, OH; May 2, 2014 – Grade 2 to Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, OH; May 8, 2014 – Grade 1 to Cincinnati Zoo in Ohio. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval to move the April 2014 board meeting date to Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> in anticipation of receiving an AdvancED exit report that evening. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under information items, first reading of Neola Board Policies took place. Proof copies of the Board Policies have been distributed to all board members, as well as shared with the South Ripley Classroom Teachers Association. An Adoption Resolution is planned for the October 21, 2013 board meeting.

Superintendent Moorhead shared preliminary 2012-2013 ISTEP+ results. Although manually calculated by South Ripley Administrators, South Ripley continues to show high level achievement. Superintendent Moorhead stated that State Superintendent Ritz has not released a timeline for when school letter grades will be announced.

Superintendent Moorhead shared the preliminary student membership count. Membership on

the official count day of September 13<sup>th</sup> shows an increase of approximately 25 students.

Superintendent Moorhead shared information about AdvancED Accreditation. Although a voluntary program that is completed every five years, it is beneficial for the district to continually monitor and evaluate all areas of school achievement.

Superintendent Moorhead informed board members that a review of the Building Disaster Plans at South Ripley Elementary, the South Ripley Junior High School and the Senior High School has been completed for the 2013-2014 school year.

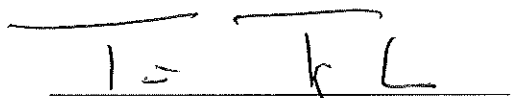
Superintendent Moorhead shared renewal rates for South Ripley's Delta Dental group dental plan. A 4% decrease in rates was received for plan years December 1, 2013 through November 30, 2015.


Superintendent Moorhead informed board members that we will continue our agreement with SIEOC to deliver meals to Head Start children effective September 3, 2013 through May 28, 2014. A copy of the agreement was enclosed in the board packet.


Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that The Indiana School Boards Association and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 64th Annual Fall Conference will be held September 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. Superintendent Moorhead, Becky Turner and Carol Holzer will be attending.

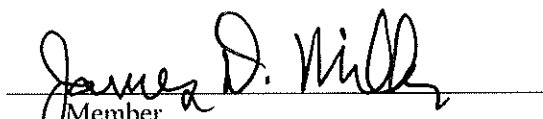
Superintendent Moorhead informed board members that the ISBA Region 10 Fall Region Meeting will be held October 22, 2013 at The Pines/Evergreen Room in Seymour, IN. Board members were asked to contact Karen if they would like to attend.

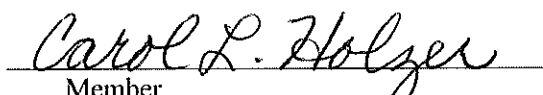
Motion was made to adjourn by Jim Miller, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. An executive session regarding litigation was held at 6:00 p.m. preceding the 2014 Budget Hearing. No other topics were discussed.


  
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