

**December 16, 2013**

**Versailles, Indiana**

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, December 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 as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jim Miller, vote 7-0.

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the family of Larry Michael Brawner.

Superintendent Moorhead welcomed and introduced the new School Resource Officer Jeff Thielking. Mr. Thielking shared information about his career as a police officer and the recent training (NASRO) he attended for School Resource Officers.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, Seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for the Business Manager to continue paying 2013 bills from 2013 appropriations through the end of 2013 and to encumber appropriations, if necessary, for bills created in 2013 and payable in 2014. A list will be created of any necessary transfer of appropriations from one major account to another and explanations given of all transactions so the Board can approve actions at January 2014 meeting. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement request of Ms. Sue Dunker, effective at the conclusion of the 2013/2014 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement request of Ms. Nancy Durham, effective at the conclusion of the 2013/2014 school year. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead congratulated both retirees and thanked them for their many years of service to South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the extension of the approved FMLA leave of Ms. Dixie Franklin, to January 6, 2014 as per her doctor's orders. This extension is still within the 12 week FMLA period. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Raymond Turner, from his position of volunteer Junior High Soccer Coach, effective immediately. Motion

was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0, with one abstention.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Belinda Harris for the temporary Special Education Aide position at South Ripley Elementary, effective January 3, 2014 through approximately March 28, 2014 due to an FMLA leave. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Marcie Kim McIntosh and Ms. Patricia Kappes to fill the FMLA leave of Ms. Jane Feldhaus, retro-actively effective November 19, 2013 through January 3, 2014. These ladies will alternate the hours as needed to fill the one temporary position. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0, with one abstention.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for Mr. Pat Holland and FFA students to attend the FFA State Entomology Contest in Lafayette. This was originally scheduled for December 14, 2013 but was postponed due to weather concerns. This approval is for attendance as an overnight trip when the alternate date has been announced. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the second reading of the South Ripley Athletic Uniform and Purchase Policy. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2014-2015 School Calendar. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead shared ranking of 14 Southeast Indiana school corporations by median growth of students in grades 3-8 on ISTEP+. For the third consecutive year, South Ripley ranks #1 in the region for growth in Math. South Ripley ranked second in the region for growth in English/Language Arts. These are outstanding results and our teachers, administrators, students and parents are to be commended.

Superintendent Moorhead shared information on our 2014 budget which was certified recently. Overall the tax rate decreased 4.7 cents. Our total property tax certified levy decreased only \$27,988; therefore the decrease in tax rate is primarily due to the 4.2% increase in assessed value.

Superintendent Moorhead shared a copy of the 2013-2014 Emergency School Closing Plan. He also made note of the use of the One Call Now System to inform all parents.

Superintendent Moorhead reminded board members that the January board meeting has been moved to January 13, 2014 in order to comply with the State Law requiring board re-organization by January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Moorhead informed board members that elections will take place at the January meeting. Board members were asked to return their office/committee interest sheet by January 6, 2014.

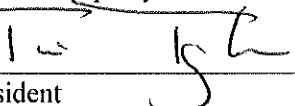
Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that we received a tax draw on 12-3-13 in the amount of \$1,446,372.16. This represents a 103.5% collection of the property tax levies certified for 2013. The excess 3.5% was posted to the Levy Excess Fund.

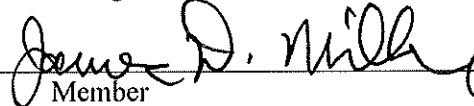
Business Manager Lana Miller shared information regarding the Corporation's bank account and recent fraudulent transactions. The frozen account is being monitored and only authorized checks are allowed to clear. In addition, a new checking account was opened. The original account will be closed when all of the authorized outstanding transactions clear. Mainsource Bank has re-deposited the funds to cover the fraudulent transactions and will cover the check printing cost for the new account.

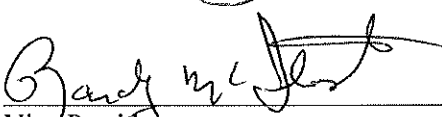
Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the settlement proceeds of \$248,902.12 from the Indiana Secretary of State v. ISTA was received on December 12, 2013.


Motion was made to adjourn by Jim Miller, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. The annual

Christmas party followed the meeting at the Rolling Pin Restaurant.


  
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