

February 17, 2014
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 6:35 PM on Monday, February 17, 2014. President Taylor 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 presented. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Under correspondence, thank you notes were received from the family of Daniel King and also Debra Vanosdol.

Superintendent Moorhead then recognized and congratulated South Ripley senior student Levi Speer. Levi was the recipient of an Award for Excellence in Career and Technical Education. South Ripley High School Principal David Wintin and High School Counselor Anne Poling were also present for this recognition, as were Levi's parents Danny and Michelle Speer. Levi attends the Southeastern Career Center and studies Diesel Mechanics. President Taylor presented Levi with a Certificate of Recognition and gift.

Superintendent Moorhead then welcomed a 1:1 demonstration of Chromebooks by South Ripley Elementary and Junior High students and staff. Teachers Ryan Lauber, Kristen Stone, Andrew Bayne and Max Howard were present with several students and shared many exciting and interesting ways they have been able to utilize technology in the classroom this school year. My Big Campus was demonstrated as were discussion boards, bundles, glogster, and claymation videos. The following students participated in the presentation: Megan Cutter, Brady Linkel, Henry Meyer, Lane Sparks, Jackson Cornett, Madeleine Furlow, Lauren McIntosh, Chad Turner, and Jessica Vogel. Board members asked questions about their projects and the Chromebook

devices. Superintendent Moorhead and Board members thanked the staff and students for their excellent presentation.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized Junior High Counselor Joyce Druba for her leadership and effort in earning the Indiana Gold Star School Counseling Award for the Junior High. Principal Rod Hite was present and thanked Mrs. Druba for completing this in one year. Many good things have come from the process including increased communication with parents. President Taylor presented a plaque from the Indiana Department of Education as recognition of this Gold Star Counseling Award.

Superintendent Moorhead stated how excited he was regarding the possibility of South Ripley senior students taking college level classes at the Ivy Tech College in Batesville. High School Principal David Wintin explained that plans are in the works for students to attend Ivy Tech in the afternoon hours of school beginning with the 2014-2015 school year. College level speech, physics, and psychology are among the offered classes, and the students would have the opportunity to earn up to 12 college credits. Dr. Wintin stated that currently 10 students have shown interest in this opportunity. South Ripley would provide transportation for the students to Batesville Monday through Thursday of each week of the Ivy Tech calendar. These Ivy Tech classes would not meet on Fridays. Each class would cost the student \$425 plus books, which is a very good deal compared to the current cost for students already in college. Superintendent Moorhead was pleased with this opportunity for our students to receive high school and college credit.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the two sets of minutes. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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

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

Under action items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to accept the retirement request of Ms. Becky Eaton from her teaching position, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to accept the retirement request of Ms. Vicki Ahaus from her teaching position, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to accept the retirement request of Ms. Lois Vogel from her teaching position, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to accept the retirement request of Ms. Deborah Stroud from her teaching position, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead thanked all four retiring teachers for their many years of service and dedication to South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to accept the retirement request of Mr. Richard Sproessing from his custodial position, effective May 31, 2014. Superintendent Moorhead thanked him for his service and wished him well in retirement. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Belinda Harris to fill the FMLA of Ms. Sheena Speer, Instructional Aide, effective approximately March 6, 2014 – April 18, 2014. Since Ms. Harris is currently filling a temporary aide position for a current FMLA, the cross-over will be filled with substitutes. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Belinda Mockbee from her position of 8th grade volleyball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following 2014 Spring Coaching Assignments: Ms. Robin Welch as Jr. High Girls Track Coach, Ms. Lynn Cumberworth as Boys Varsity Assistant Track Coach, and Mr. Vince Gramaglia as Volunteer Track Assistant. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board that a successful cart-based pilot program using iPads and Chromebooks was implemented this year in grades 5-8. After taking input from the students, teachers and administrators involved in the pilot program, Superintendent Moorhead recommended that South Ripley move forward with a 1:1 Technology Initiative by implementing the use of Chromebooks in grades 5-8 for all students beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. Financing options for Chromebook purchases will be brought for approval in the future. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board that he and Principal Hite had applied for a \$100,000 E-Learning grant with the Indiana Department of Education. South Ripley has advanced to the second round. Superintendent Moorhead will keep the board informed of the grant.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval to pay the previously discussed \$250 stipend to the 33 teachers who completed the first semester online coursework as a part of the Five-Star Professional Development Academy. This coursework provided needed preparation for our teachers as we approach the implementation of our 1:1 initiative. These stipends will be paid from CPF as approved by the Indiana State Board of Accounts. Motion was made to approve by Jim Miller, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead stated that Five Star Technology Solutions has made changes for second semester courses after asking for participant input following the first semester courses. South Ripley is very pleased with Five Star Technology Solutions and the services they provide.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to create an Alternative School at South Ripley High School, beginning in the 2014-2015 school year. This would be a half-day program in the beginning; with the option to consider a full day should enrollment warrant it. Such a

change would be brought to the board for approval. Additionally, Superintendent Moorhead sought approval to create and post a half day position for an Alternative School Supervisor, with teaching and/or counseling license preferred. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2014 Secured School Safety Grant Agreement. This is a \$50,000 grant with a required \$50,000 match. Plans are underway for use of this grant for updated bus cameras, a new electronic access system in the buildings, and salary of the School Resource Officer. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that an AdvancED Accreditation team will perform South Ripley's external review for district accreditation on April 21-24, 2014, with a presentation to the board at the April 24th board meeting. Approval was sought to pay the expenses incurred for the team members including lodging, travel, and food as part of the accreditation process. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to award the Property Lease Bid to Keith Scott for the 2014-2016 crop lease of 30.4 acres. The bid was \$235.00 per acre. Two other bids were received at \$233 and \$190 per acre. Approval is contingent upon meeting all terms of the lease. There were three bids in total, and Mr. Scott was the highest bidder. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to provide afterschool remediation to our third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students from February 17th until March 6th. These sessions will be taught on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays for one hour after school and the teachers will be paid at a rate of \$15 per session. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to provide afterschool remediation to our seventh and eighth grade students from February 17th – March 6th. These sessions will be taught

on Tuesdays and Thursdays for one hour after school and the teachers will be paid at a rate of \$15 per session. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of an out-of-state day trip to Paul Brown Stadium in Cincinnati, OH for the high school Math Club on Friday, April 4, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of an out-of-state day trip to Kings Island for the Science Club on May 2, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of an out-of-state day trip to Great American Ballpark for the 7th grade students on April 9, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of an out-of-state day trip to Lakota West and Kings Island for the performing arts department on May 17, 2014. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Business Manager Lana Miller shared the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Final IRS Regulations. Final instructions were received regarding how to calculate the affordability requirement, and clarification on lay coaches in regards to the 30 hour issue. A change in the percentage from 95% to 70% in the requirement of offering insurance may allow delay of open enrollment.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the State Board of Education voted to extend the ISTEP+ Applied Skills and IREAD-3 windows for spring 2014. The Junior High and Elementary schools have subsequently pushed back our testing dates.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the Department of Education has approved South Ripley's request for waiver of lost instructional days for January 6th and January 7th.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board the DOE Guidance for makeup options for lost instructional days.

Superintendent Moorhead shared the VSP Vision Care Insurance two year renewal effective July 1, 2014. The renewal rate has decreased from \$14.79 per month to \$11.15 per month, with a mandatory frame allowance decrease from \$130 to \$120.

Business Manager Lana Miller informed the board that the Indiana State Board of Accounts began their bi-annual audit on February 17th.

Under other, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the ISBA Spring Region meeting will be held March 20th. Interested board members were asked to contact the Administration Office for registration.

Board member Randy McIntosh thanked the Administration for promoting a vision. The staff has embraced the vision and students are grasping it as well. The 1:1 presentation by students was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

School Attorney Merritt Alcorn introduced Attorney Josh Stigdon who attended the meeting with Attorney Alcorn. Mr. Stigdon is an Associate at Alcorn, Goering, & Sage Law Firm in Madison.

Board Member Carol Holzer thanked Superintendent Moorhead for his presentation to the Versailles Lions Club. The Lions Club members were thrilled to learn about many of the great happenings at South Ripley including testing rankings, 1:1 technology initiatives, and the newly created Alternative School to be held on South Ripley Campus next school year.

Superintendent Moorhead stated that our February 2014 ADM count actually went up by ½ a student compared to the September 2013 count. We were still up ½ of a student even with having three early graduates in December. A steady enrollment is vital for financial stability.

Superintendent Moorhead thanked the board members for their patience with the extended and longer agenda this month. Motion was made to adjourn by Jim Miller, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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