

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

December 15, 2014

Versailles, Indiana

The regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 6:15 PM on Monday, December 15, 2014. President Taylor opened the meeting with a prayer. All members were present including: Tim Taylor, Randy McIntosh, Becky Turner, Carol Holzer, Steve Patrick, Jeff Cornett and Robert Garcia. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were also present.

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under Patron Concerns, a thank you note was received from the family of Donald Hunger.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes from the November 17, 2014 board meeting as submitted. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

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

Superintendent Moorhead sought Board approval for Business Manager Lana Miller to continue paying 2014 bills from 2014 appropriations through the end of 2014 and to encumber appropriations, if necessary, for bills created in 2014 and payable in 2015. (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 2015 meeting.) The motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, and carried 7-0.

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Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Gary Hall to continue as a long-term substitute to fill the science teaching position at South Ripley High School through the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year. Becky Turner made a motion to approve, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mrs. Lisa Gilpin to fill the extra-curricular assignment of Student Council Sponsor at South Ripley Elementary for the 2014-2015 school year. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Garica, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended Miss Sarah Oakley to fill the position of Academic Team Sponsor at South Ripley High School, effective immediately. Robert Garcia made the motion to approve, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Mrs. Candice Stewart, Instructional Aide, to begin approximately on or about February 21, 2015 to coordinate with her doctor's statement date of 03/01/2015. Ms. Stewart's FLMA leave is expected to end on April 24, 2015. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Mrs. Lindsey Seabolt to begin approximately March 30, 2015 for a six-week period, with an extended leave to continue to the last student day of the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Seabolt intends to return at the end of the student school year to assist with graduation exercises as part of her Senior Sponsor duties. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Kevin Mack from his extra-curricular position of South Ripley Boys Golf Team coach, effective immediately. Jeff Cornett made the motion to accept the resignation, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval to allow the South Ripley Elementary School to partner with the Versailles Kiwanis Club to start a K-Kids Club and future clubs. These programs encourage leadership,

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character building, and academic improvement among students. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0 with one abstention.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for South Ripley to participate in the 2015 Indiana Youth Survey (INYS), formerly known as the Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Use Survey, during the period of January 26 – April 3, 2015. This would be for students in grades 6 – 12 and be free of charge. Robert Garcia made the motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

The State Board of Accounts no longer performs reviews of Extra Curricular funds on a regular basis, and they recommend an internal review on a two-year basis by an outside source. After meeting with representatives from Sherman, Barber & Mullikin, a CPA firm, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to hire the CPA firm as per their proposal. This review would include both the Junior High/High School funds, as well as the Elementary school funds. School Attorney Merritt Alcorn commented that he is familiar with the CPA firm and believes they will do a professional job, and they have an affordable cost schedule. Jeff Cornett made a motion to approve hiring the CPA firm to perform the review, with a second by Robert Garcia. The motion carried 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2015-2016 School Year Calendar as submitted. Superintendent Moorhead shared that the proposed calendar was discussed with the SRCTA, and this option of the Balanced Calendar was mutually agreeable with corresponding dates to this year's school calendar. As a side note, Superintendent Moorhead is continuing to look into options to incorporate Teacher Professional Development time into the calendar. More information on this will be provided at a later date. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

South Ripley received funds from the Department of Education in early December for School Performance Awards. These funds were specifically earmarked to supplement the income of effective and highly effective teachers in our school. These funds are required to be bargained with the collective bargaining unit, and Superintendent Moorhead met with SRCTA representatives to bargain the distribution. A

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Memorandum of Understanding with the SRCTA was composed, subject to board approval. Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the proposed MOU with the SRCTA in regard to School Performance Award funds, noting that if approval was received from the board, the Corporation would proceed with obtaining the required signatures and distribution of funds. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, and Becky Turner seconded the motion, vote 7-0.

Under Information Items, school administrators were in attendance to make an informative presentation updating the board on the new Standards and Assessments regarding ISTEP testing.

Business Manager Lana Miller reported to the board that the school received a 1782 Notice for our 2015 budget on December 8, 2014. A full report will be presented to the board at the January meeting.

A property tax draw was received on December 3, 2014 in the amount of \$1,345,578.23. This represents a calendar year 2014 property tax collection of 100.003% and a license excise collection of 88.6%

South Ripley was awarded the Safe Haven Grant for 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$13,650.00. This grant will help fund items pertaining to the school resource officer position.

A reminder that the January board meeting has been moved to **January 12, 2015** in order to comply with the State Law requiring board re-organization by January 15th.

Elections will take place at the January meeting. Board members were encouraged to submit the offices and committees on which they would like to serve for 2015.

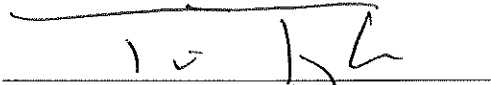
Under Other, Randy McIntosh thanked the administrators Amy Linkel, Destiny Rutzel and David Wintin for the presentation they gave on the new testing standards.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Garcia, with a second by Steve Patrick. Motion carried 7-0.

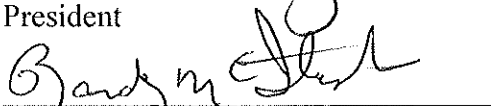
An Executive Session was held preceding the regular meeting to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees, as well as collective bargaining. No other business items were discussed.

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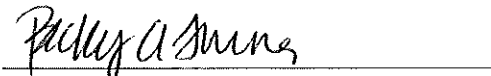
Following the regular session, all members attended the annual Christmas party at Cross Roads Restaurant in Versailles.



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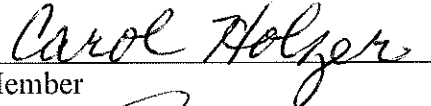
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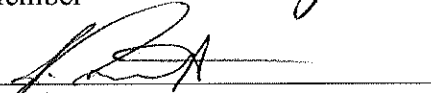
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