

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

January 12, 2015

The regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 6:45 PM on Monday, January 12, 2015. President Taylor opened the meeting with a prayer. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Randy McIntosh, Becky Turner, Carol Holzer, Steve Patrick, and Jeff Cornett. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were also present. Member Robert Garcia was absent.

The Oath of Office was administered by Attorney Merritt Alcorn to newly elected members Steve Patrick, Tim Taylor, and Becky Turner. Member Robert Garcia took his Oath of Office at the Court House.

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized former South Ripley Principal Rod Hite for winning the much deserved honor of Indiana Middle School Principal of the Year. The South Ripley Board wanted to honor Mr. Hite by presenting him with an Official Proclamation of his achievements here at South Ripley leading up to this distinctive award. President Taylor also presented a desk plaque in honor of this achievement. Junior High Counselor Joyce Druba was present and quoted one of Mr. Hite's favorite sayings, "Every little piece of the puzzle counts". Mr. Hite thanked the staff, students, and parents along with the school board for their support and vision.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2014 board meeting as submitted. Becky Turner made the motion to approve, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made by Randy McIntosh to approve, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.

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Business Manager Lana Miller presented the annual financial report including 2014 revenues, expenditures, encumbrances, interest on investments, debt balances, and transfers. All year-end paperwork was approved and signed. Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.

Under action items, President Taylor sought a motion for nomination of a slate of officers for 2015. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0. Motion was then made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Steve Patrick, to close nominations, vote 6-0. Motion was then made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh to approve the slate of officers by acclamation, vote 6-0. Officer positions approved in this motion for 2015 are: President-Tim Taylor, Vice-President-Randy McIntosh, Secretary-Becky Turner, Administrative/Non-Certified Committee (3) –Randy McIntosh, Tim Taylor, and Becky Turner, Athletic Council (2) -Robert Garcia and Jeff Cornett, Legislative Representative-Carol Holzer, and Negotiation Committee (3)-Robert Garcia, Randy McIntosh, and Tim Taylor.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the entire Board of School Trustees serve as the Board of Finance for 2015. A meeting of the Board of Finance will convene immediately following the regular session. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended renewing the established time of 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month as the appointed day and time for Regular Board meetings. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended appointment and approval of Lana Miller and Karen Sieverding respectively as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer for 2015. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Merritt Alcorn of Alcorn, Sage, Schwartz and Magrath as School Board Attorney. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of School Resource Officer Jeff Thielking as School Safety Officer. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement request of Ms. Mary Ann Geisler from her teaching position at South Ripley Elementary, effective at the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA Intermittent Leave request of Ms. Gayle Wrightsman beginning January 19, 2015 and continuing through May 31, 2015 as needed. Total days of intermittent leave are not to exceed the 12-week FMLA allowable. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended hiring Rae Jean Austin to fill the posted student-specific instructional aide position, retroactively to December 1, 2014. This is a ROD reimbursed position and is not currently eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Steve Cranfill, bus driver, retroactive to January 5, 2015 for a period no longer than 12 weeks, upon doctor's release to drive. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to purchase new playground equipment as proposed by Principal Mark Collier for South Ripley Elementary School. In addition, approval was sought to declare the fire truck, snake log and wooden climbing structure as obsolete. The fire truck and snake log would then be

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donated to a community location after discussion with the family of Boaz Susnick, the original donors of the equipment. The purchase of the new equipment was made possible through grant monies received by the Tyson Fund, Rising Sun Regional Foundation, SRES PTO, and the Ripley County Community Foundation, and their support is greatly appreciated. The new playground has been certified as meeting all current safety regulations. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the purchase of six purchases and one mini-bus as per the proposal submitted by Gil Landwehr, Transportation, Buildings & Grounds Supervisor. Two buses will be purchased out of the Rainy Day Fund with a cost of \$161,840, with the remaining buses out of the Bus Replacement Fund with a cost of \$386,918. These buses have been bid through the IAESC Procurement. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Under information, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the IRS has raised the standard mileage rate for business miles driven from 56 cents per mile to 57.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2015. South Ripley will follow the IRS increase.

Business Manager Lana Miller informed the Board of the additional corporation annualized costs of \$36,456 incurred due to the mandated health insurance open enrollment by the Affordable Care Act. As the law currently reads, open enrollment will be required annually.

Business Manager Lana Miller shared the final budget order for 2015. During the ten day period of the 1782 Notice the corporation requested that the future accumulation amount for the Elementary Roof Project in the Capital Projects Fund be restored to the advertised amount, and Line 1 be reduced. This change was granted.

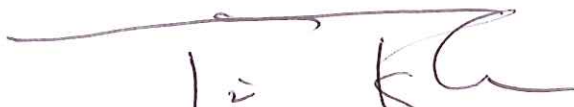
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Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Cornett, with a second by Steve Patrick. Motion carried 5-0. An Executive Session was held preceding the regular meeting to receive information about and/or interview prospective employees. No other business items were discussed.

A Board of Finance meeting followed the regular meeting. Motion was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, to approve the officers of the Board as the officers of the Board of Finance, vote 6-0.

Motion was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, to approve the Investment Report that was presented in the regular session, vote 6-0.


Motion was made to adjourn by Becky Turner, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.



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