

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

February 16, 2015

Versailles, Indiana

The regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 6:40 PM on Monday, February 16, 2015. Vice President Randy McIntosh 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 was also present. School Attorney Merritt Alcorn was absent.

The agenda was approved after removing Item #4 Presentation as the presentation was postponed due to the weather. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under Patron Concerns, a thank you note was received from the family of Dr. Joe Blankenkaker. A thank you note was also received by the family of Jamie Stratton. Superintendent Moorhead congratulated the girls Swim Team for winning the first ORVC Swim Championship. The Board hopes to recognize the team personally at the March board meeting. Additionally, Superintendent Moorhead reminded the Board of recognitions to be held on February 18th for Deb Jett, and February 24th for Mark Collier in honor of their upcoming retirements and in appreciation of their many contributions to South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the two sets of minutes from the January 12, 2015 board meetings as submitted. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made by Steve Patrick 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 Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Denise Goodpaster to fill the FMLA leave of Ms. Candice Stewart, a Special Education Aide at South Ripley High School. She will also serve as an aide for a one-hour morning special education bus. These assignments are effective with the beginning of Ms. Stewart's leave, which is expected to be February 16, 2015. Becky Turner made a motion to approve, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mrs. Meganmarie Dennis from her elementary teaching position, effective at the end of her 2014-2015 contract. Robert Garcia made a motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0. Mr. Moorhead said he appreciated the job Ms. Dennis has done during her time at South Ripley. Becky Turner noted Ms. Dennis has done a great job and will be missed.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Raymond Turner to fill the position of Boys Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2015-2016 season. Motion was made by Jeff Cornett to approve, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0 with 1 abstention.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. John Brison to fill the position of Girls Varsity Soccer Coach for the 2015-2016 season. Superintendent Moorhead also recommended approval for Ms. Cindy Stephen to serve as Volunteer Assistant Coach to the Girls' soccer team. Motion was made by Jeff Cornett to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Nathan Hensley to fill the position of Junior High Soccer Coach for the 2015-2016 season. Motion was made by Robert Garcia to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of extending Ms. Carol Holcomb's assistance with Accounts Payable from 3-days per month to 4-days per month, effective immediately. This would be a re-assignment of hours from her responsibilities in the cafeteria, and a substitute will likely be needed in the cafeteria during her absence. Randy McIntosh amended the recommendation to state "or as needed" to

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accommodate any future needs. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the change in title and job description for the Athletic Director position to Athletic Director/Dean of Students, effective with the new hire. Motion was made by Robert Garcia to approve, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to provide afterschool remediation to our third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students retro-actively from February 2nd through February 26th. 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 \$20 per session, which is an increase from the previous \$15 per session. The list of teachers and substitutes to be approved was also submitted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to provide afterschool remediation to our seventh and eighth grade students retro-actively from February 2nd through February 26th. 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 \$20 per session, which is an increase from the previous \$15 per session. The list of teachers to be approved was also submitted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the Junior High Band to attend an out-of-state field trip to participate in Music Carousel and then attend Kings Island in Mason, OH. This trip would take place on May 16, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the boys' basketball team to play in the 2015 Ohio Valley Hoops Classic in Wilmington, OH on Friday, November 27, 2015. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended implementing a new program entitled, "I Decide for Me" in grades 6 and 8. The program would replace the Creating Positive Relationships program at the elementary, and would be a new program at the junior high level. Motion was made by Robert Garcia to approve, seconded by Jeff Cornett, 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended purchase of repair parts and upgrades to the Simplex Grinnel Fire Alarm System at South Ripley Elementary, at a total cost of \$9,254.00. The project would be funded by the Capital Projects carryover. Motion to approve was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the purchase of Access Control Hardware and Software to provide electronic access and to control the entry into all three South Ripley School buildings. The funding for this project would come from the Secured (School) Safety Grant and match. Motion to approve was made by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the updates to the mowing contract, and sought approval to advertise Notice to Bidders for the 3-year contract for mowing South Ripley Community School Corporation grounds. The mowing contract would begin with the spring mowing of 2015. Motion to approve was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to purchase a student information platform and Transfirst payment gateway in order to implement an online portal for student registrations and bookstore payments. It was noted by Superintendent Moorhead that this would incorporate use of technology and be more customer-friendly. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended adding the online portal for parent payment of student cafeteria meal monies to interface with our E-Triton software. This would include using EZ School Pay and Moneris Solutions to implement this feature, and would serve as an additional option to pay for cafeteria meals. The fee for patron usage would be \$3.00 per transaction. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to donate the obsolete playground equipment of the fire truck and snake to the American Legion, in accordance with the wishes of the family of the late Mr. Boaz Susnick. Motion to approve was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Under Information Items, Superintendent Moorhead presented the NEOLA updates to the Board for First Reading. The Second Reading will take place at the March meeting, with approval being sought if no revisions are needed. A copy has also been provided to the SRCTA for review and comment.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that the February student count was down by three students from the September count.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board of the cheerleading and volleyball workshops being held by the South Ripley High School Champions Together group on April 11, 2015. These workshops are for any Special Education student and or Special Olympic school-aged athlete from grade 3 – age 22, and are free of charge. This activity will allow South Ripley to become a participant in the IHSAA Champions Together program.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that he has been appointed to the Dearborn County Hospital Board of Trustees. He said he felt this was a good opportunity for him to experience the other side of boardmanship, as well as an opportunity for South Ripley to have a seat at the table in discussion regarding the medical field. He expressed his excitement to represent South Ripley in this position.

Under Other, Superintendent Moorhead extended his appreciation to Karen Sieverding for her work on preparing the updates to the board policies presented for first reading this evening. The Board also extended well wishes to Robert Garcia as he prepares for his upcoming deployment, and look forward to his return.

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

An Executive Session was held preceding the regular meeting with respect to an individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction. No other business items were discussed.

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Paul J. [unclear]

President

Gandy [unclear]

Vice-President

Paula [unclear]

Secretary

Steve Patrick

Member

Carol Halzer

Member

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