

## SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

May 18, 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, May 18, 2015. Member Steve Patrick said 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 both present.

School Attorney Merritt Alcorn administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed board member Kelly Garcia. Kelly was appointed at the April meeting to replace the board vacancy of Robert Garcia until he returns from military deployment. Superintendent Moorhead and board members welcomed Kelly and thanked her for her willingness to serve.

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

Under correspondence, thank you notes were received from Carolyn Fisk, the family of Abell Hooten, and the family of Mary Lou Jolly.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized and congratulated Junior High Principal Destiny Rutzel and the entire Junior High staff who were present at the meeting for achieving Indiana Four Star School status for the 2013-2014 school year. Principal Rutzel thanked her staff for their hard work and always putting forth their best effort for the students. President Taylor presented a certificate of recognition and pen to each staff member present. Superintendent Moorhead congratulated the staff, students, and parents for this achievement of Four Star status, which has continued now for three years.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

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

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

Under personnel items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Miss Brittany Weigel to fill an elementary teaching position effective with the 2015-2016 school year. Miss Weigel is a new teacher and will be placed at entry level Bachelor Level 1 for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. Steven Medlock for the Earth Science and Biology teaching position at South Ripley High School effective with the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Medlock is a new teacher and will be placed at Bachelor Level 1 for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Max Howard to be trained to teach the Project Lead the Way Class Bio Med II. This would add to his previous training in Bio Med I and Bio Med III to complete our Bio Med sequence. Expenses will include an 11-day summer contract for Mr. Howard at his daily rate to compensate him for his time during the intense two-week training session this summer, as well as costs of room, board, mileage and the course itself. Total expense is anticipated to be approximately \$6,500 and will be paid from the Small and Rural Schools grant. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the non-renewal of Ms. Alicia Byard in her non-certified position of Title I Aide at the conclusion of the 2014-2015 school year. This position is contingent upon Title I funding and is reviewed on an annual basis. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following teachers for the 2015 Summer School Programs: Caroline Cumberworth, Marsha Brinson, and Lisa Gilpin for SRES; Lynn Cumberworth and Anne

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Poling for SRHS PLATO Instructors. Motion was made to approve by Carol Holzer, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of two Drivers Education Instructors: Mr. Marlin Kohlmeier and Mr. Jason Hughes. Both instructors will be paid the maximum rate of \$35 per hour. The program will start June 1, 2015. There are 33 students enrolled in the program; Mr. Hughes will teach a total of 84 hours and Mr. Kohlmeier will teach a total of 144 hours. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of the following Summer Maintenance Crew for 2015: Tina Clift, Jane Feldhaus, Jeff Huss, Troy Mohr, Patty Harrell, Regina West, Andrew Bayne, and Patricia Kappes. Mark Guard was recommended for summer computer maintenance. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Robyn Griewe in the position of Varsity Volleyball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Chad Renfro from his position of 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Curtis Stephen from his position of 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. BJ Sieverding as 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach, effective for the 2015-2016 school year season. Motion was made to approve by Steve Patrick, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Judith Wilson, effective April 29, 2015, which is a change from her earlier approved request that indicated the end of the 2014-2015 school year. Ms. Wilson plans to go into retirement at this time. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Shannon Schmaltz from his position of 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for Gail Snyder to work on an "as-needed" basis for summer office and bookstore hours during the months of June and July 2015. This is consistent with summer past practice. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Kim Romack to work limited hours, as needed, to assist with Transportation clerical duties during the summer break. This is consistent with past practice. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Kari Taulbee, Ms. Jill Moore, and Ms. Rhonda Pelfrey as Summer School Bus Drivers beginning June 1, 2015 through June 5, 2015. They will be compensated at the bus driver hourly rate for three hours each day. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

President Tim Taylor recommended that Becky Turner fill the board vacancy on the Negotiating Committee. President Taylor offered to fill the vacancy on the Athletic Council. Both vacancies are for the remainder of 2015 and are due to the military leave of board member, Robert Garcia. Motion was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the following dates to be specified in our 2015-2016 school calendar as Late Arrival/Professional Development Days: August 19, 2015, September 16, 2015, November 18, 2015, January 20, 2016, February 17, 2016, and April 20, 2016. These represent the third Wednesday of the

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months that were chosen for professional development. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of corporation's continued participation in the following programs: At Risk, Title II, Title I, Title V, High Ability, ROD Special Education Cooperative, School Food and Nutrition, Southeastern Career Center, Textbook Rental, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Wilson Education Center, and Indiana Virtual Academy. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to advertise for food quotes and milk bids for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of changes to the Elementary, Junior High, and High School handbooks effective with the 2015-2016 school year: Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead thanked the Administrative Team for their collaboration in creating consistency among the three handbooks. This is all part of the goal established during accreditation of working toward being a school system, not a system of schools.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to declare a submitted list of equipment as obsolete and offer at public auction on June 20, 2015 at the Southeastern Career Center. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2015-2016 contract with Kings Daughters Hospital for Athletic Training Services with the addition of Item C which includes an hourly rate for additional training services outside of the normal contract. Utilization of any Part C items would be paid for by the Athletic Department. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the purchase of three used yellow school buses. This includes a 2008 Blue Bird 66-passenger bus from Ron Ebinger at a purchase price of \$26,500. Two buses from Duke and Rosella Elliott: A 2008 Blue Bird 66-passenger at a purchase price of \$27,000, and a 2003 Blue Bird

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66-passenger at a price of \$6,000. Two estimates were obtained from outside vendors on the buses, as well as internet research for values of like buses. The purchase of the buses will take place effective June 1, 2015, pending delivery of each bus to South Ripley in its current condition, including additional mileage to complete the 2014-2015 school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that he and Business Manager Lana Miller have reviewed the Budget Reduction Plan that was implemented originally in 2010. The current plan will remain active and we will continue to evaluate all situations as they arise keeping the best interest of our students and staff in mind, but also remaining financially responsible.

Superintendent Moorhead announced that South Ripley was the recipient of a \$20,000 grant awarded from EcO15 to implement a mediascape titled "Sandbox SR". Assistant Principal Amy Linkel explained the project and thanked EcO15 for their support. Mrs. Linkel is waiting to hear back on some other grant opportunities to complete this project. Mrs. Linkel thanked Teachers Ryan Lauber and Thom Maltbie for their help with the grant. Sandbox SR will be a great opportunity for our students to explore new technology and will allow fascinating creativity of our students. Superintendent Moorhead thanked Cheryll Obendorf and her staff at EcO15 for this opportunity.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley was recipient of a \$4,270 grant from Lowe's Toolbox for Education to purchase iPads for Kindergarten student use. He extended thanks to Teacher Tammy Halcomb for pursuing this grant and to Lowe's for this opportunity.

Superintendent Moorhead extended an invitation to board members for the end of school year luncheon at the Elementary School cafeteria this year at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 28th. Our four retirees will be honored at this luncheon.

Superintendent Moorhead reminded board members of the ISBA Region Meeting on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

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Superintendent Moorhead reviewed the roles of the board for graduation ceremonies. Graduation remonies will be held at South Ripley High School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 30th at 5:00 PM.

Under other, member Randy McIntosh congratulated the Junior High for their continued success in keeping the Four Star School status three years in a row. He also thanked the Elementary for their work toward the exciting Sandbox SR project.

Member Steve Patrick asked that we remember the Armed Forces serving our country this week.

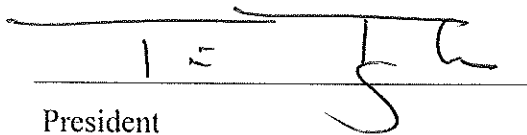
Member Carol Holzer thanked Superintendent Moorhead and High School Guidance Counselor Joe Ralston for attending the American Legion scholarship night.

Board members welcomed Kelly Garcia as newly appointed board member.

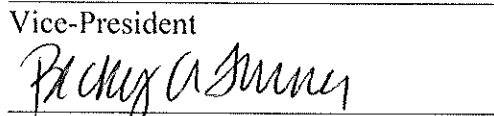
Superintendent Moorhead updated the board on the progress of the electronic access system project and also the upcoming video camera project. Both of the grants are partially funded through the Secured School Safety Grant.

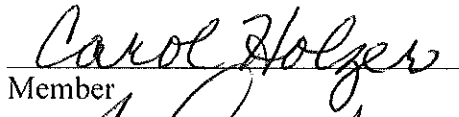
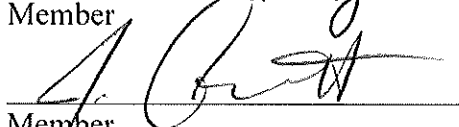
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0. An executive session preceded the regular session to discuss job performance evaluations of individual employees.

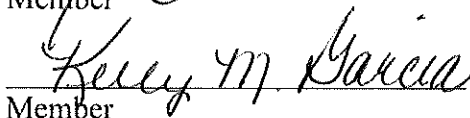
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