

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

August 17, 2015

Versailles, Indiana

The regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 7:00 PM on Monday, August 17, 2015. President Tim Taylor said a prayer. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Randy McIntosh, Becky Turner, Carol Holzer, Steve Patrick, Jeff Cornett and Kelly Garcia. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present.

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

There were no correspondence or patron concerns to address at the meeting.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Randy McIntosh 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 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 Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the official resignation of Ms. Brenda Slaton from her teaching position at South Ripley Junior High School, effective at the end of her 2014-2015 contract. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Rhonda Pelfrey from the position of Corporation Bus Driver, effective August 28, 2015. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Mrs. Holly Swinney, anticipated to begin November 20, 2015 and her return to be Monday, February 1, 2016. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Miss Alayna Lawrence in the position of Instructional Assistant at South Ripley Elementary, retroactively effective to August 3, 2015. This position is eligible for benefits and will follow the school year calendar. This particular position is student-specific, and will be dependent upon the student's enrollment at South Ripley. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement notice of Ms. Karen Goris from her position of Cashier in the South Ripley High School cafeteria, effective July 22, 2015. Motion was made to

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approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0. The Board thanked Ms. Goris for her 22 years of service and wished her well.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Nicole McGuire in the position of Dishwasher/Cook at South Ripley High School, effectively immediately. Ms. McGuire fills this 2-hour per school day position as Ms. Crystal King, currently in the position, transfers to the vacant Cashier/Cook position. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Ron Buchanan to fill the Floating Substitute Bus Driver position for South Ripley Community School Corporation for the 2015-2016 school year, effectively immediately. This position is not eligible for benefits, and the need for the position will be re-evaluated at the end of the school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the verbal resignation of Mr. John Brandt from the position of Corporation Bus Driver, effective retro-actively to July 27, 2015. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to create and post two half-time Instructional Assistant positions to assist in the Kindergarten classrooms for the 2015-2016 school year only. Each assistant would be employed for 3.5 hours each morning to help meet the instructional needs of our Kindergarten students. This additional help is sought due to the large enrollment of students in Kindergarten this year. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to create a half-time Aide position to accommodate a necessary change in the master teaching schedule at the high school, for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year. It is anticipated the need for this position is for this school year only. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Micah Stephen to fill the position of half-time Aide at South Ripley High School and Junior High School, and the half-time position of bus driver for the Ivy Tech – Batesville students, effective Tuesday, August 18, 2015 for the half-time aide position, and Monday, August 24, 2015 for the driving position. It is anticipated this position will be for this school year only. This position would fall under the Affordable Care Act requirement, but would not be eligible for other benefits other than personal days. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the high school FFA members to attend the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY from October 26 through October 31, 2015. Participants will travel via school mini-bus to attend the convention. Varying groups of students not to exceed 14 will travel daily leaving

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school at 7 AM and returning between 7 PM and 10 PM each evening. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the High School Functional Skills classroom to attend the Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati, OH on August 27, 2015. Motion was made to approve by Steve Patrick, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the High School Functional Skills classroom to take field trips to the Sam's Club in Florence, KY on a regularly scheduled (monthly) basis. These trips are part of the curriculum used in the classroom. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under Finance, Superintendent Moorhead recommended granting authority to advertise Calendar Year 2016 budgets. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Under Information Items, Superintendent Moorhead announced the Budget Hearing will be held on September 21, 2015 at 6:30 PM as advertised. The Budget Adoption will be during the regular session in October.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the Board that the annual School Safety Plans for both the Elementary building and the Junior High and High School Building have been reviewed and revised for the 2015-2016 school year.

Superintendent Moorhead made note that the October 19, 2015 board meeting will be held at South Ripley Elementary in "Sandbox SR". (This is a change from the regularly scheduled meeting location.)

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that the Indiana School Boards Association and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 66th Annual Fall Conference is Monday, September 28th and Tuesday, September 29th at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis. Board members were asked to contact Karen Sieverding promptly if they wished to be registered to attend.

Under Other items, Superintendent Moorhead notified the Board that South Ripley Community School Corporation was awarded the Safe Haven Grant for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$13,650.00. This grant helps South Ripley provide a safe school for students, and will help fund the school resource officer position. The Board expressed their appreciation to Principal Rutzel for her work on this grant.

Superintendent Moorhead also informed the Board that carpet tiles will be installed to replace the existing damaged carpet in the Music Room. Installation is scheduled for the evening of Friday, August 21st and Saturday, August 22nd.

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Superintendent Moorhead reminded the Board that Wednesday, August 19th will be the first Late Arrival Professional Development day of the school year. Teachers will arrive at normal time for scheduled professional development, and students will arrive on a 2-hour delay.

Superintendent Moorhead extended congratulations to Lana Miller as the Miller family's farm was awarded the Hoosier Homestead 100 year Award at the Indiana State Fair this week.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the Board that Robert Garcia had called the office earlier in the week, and it was good to hear from him while he is away on deployment.

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

Prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, a Budget Work Session was held at 5:00 PM to discuss the proposed 2016 Budgets. An Executive Session was held at 6:00 PM for discussion of strategy with respect to collective bargaining. No other topics were discussed, and the regular session was held immediately thereafter.

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