

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

September 21, 2015

Versailles, Indiana

Vice-President Randy McIntosh opened the Public Hearing on the 2016 Proposed Budgets at 6:30 PM on Monday, September 21, 2015. Motion was made to open the hearing by Jeff Cornett and seconded by Becky Turner. There were no patron questions or comments. The hearing was closed with a motion by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 6-0.

Vice-President Randy McIntosh said a prayer and then called to order the regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees at 6:35 PM on Monday, September 21, 2015. Members present were: Randy McIntosh, Becky Turner, Carol Holzer, Steve Patrick, Jeff Cornett and Kelly Garcia. Superintendent Rob Moorhead was also present. President Tim Taylor and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both absent.

The agenda was approved as amended with one additional personnel item. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the family of Tammy Holman.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes 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 Becky Turner to approve, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Financial Report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the notice of retirement from Ms. Christy Grossman from her teaching position, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the notice of retirement from Ms. Sharon Grove from her teaching position, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Steve Patrick, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead and board members thanked both of these ladies for their years of dedicated service to South Ripley and wished them well in their final year of teaching.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Ashley Salyer to fill a half-day (3.5 hour per school day) kindergarten teaching assistant position for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year only. This is effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval the employment of Ms. Rae Jean Austin to fill a half-day (3.5 hour per school day) kindergarten teaching assistant position for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year only. This is effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Jodi Schmaltz to fill a 2.25 hour per school day dishwasher position at the elementary cafeteria, effective immediately. Ms. Schmaltz has been filling in as a substitute in this position since the start of the school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Denise Goodpaster as a corporation bus aide, retro-actively effective August 4, 2015. This assignment is currently for 1.25 hours each morning of the school year. Ms. Goodpaster serves as a substitute teacher in our buildings, and also served in a temporary classroom aide position last year. Ms. Goodpaster would be paid the hourly rate established for Aides/Bus Aides, and the assignment is for the 2015-2016 school year only at this time. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 6-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to hire Ms. Jodi Schmaltz as a corporation bus driver, retroactively effective August 17, 2015. This assignment is for a 3.5 hour daily route during the school year, and is not eligible for benefits at this time. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave request of Ms. Casey Hutton, anticipated as November 16, 2015 through January 3, 2016. In addition, Ms. Hutton is requesting extended leave from January 4, 2016 through April 3, 2016, and returning to her position on April 4, 2016. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Nancy Durham to fill the leave of Ms. Holly Swinney, anticipated as November 20, 2015 through January 29, 2016. The first 15 days of the leave would be paid at substitute rate, and the remainder of the leave would be paid at Ms. Durham's daily teacher rate. Motion was made to approve by Kelly Garcia, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval of Ms. Kate Todd to fill the 7th grade girls basketball position for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval of Ms. Karen Cole to fill the position of Boys Assistant Track Coach, effective for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Curtis Stephen to fill the Freshmen Basketball coaching position for the 2015-2016 school year. This is contingent upon having enough players to field a freshman team and play a minimum number of games. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave request of Mr. Patrick Holland from September 19, 2015 through November 19, 2015. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the out-of-state field trip request of the high school sophomore English classes to attend the production of Antigone at the Aronoff Center in Cincinnati, OH on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the out-of-state field trip request of the high school Social Studies Club to attend the production of Letters Home at the Aronoff Center in Cincinnati, OH on Wednesday, December 2, 2015. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the overnight/out-of-state field trip request of the high school Music Department to travel to Orlando, FL during Spring Break of 2017 for an opportunity to perform at Walt Disney World as part of the Performing Arts on Stage program. The trip was approved pending dates to coincide with the school calendar that has not yet been adopted. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the overnight field trip request for sixth grade students and teachers to travel to Indianapolis, IN for a two-day excursion. Principal Amy Linkel and 6th Grade Teacher Lisa Gilpin was present and explained the available fund raisers for students to help pay for their trip. Ms. Gilpin also shared many of the planned events of the trip. The trip is planned for a Wednesday, May 18 departure at 6:30 am and end on Thursday, May 19 at 4:00 pm. Miller transportation is scheduled to charter the entire trip. Motion was made to approve by Carol Holzer, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the out-of-state field trips for the following elementary grade levels, for the 2015-2016 school year: Kindergarten to attend The Children's Theatre in Cincinnati, OH on December 9, 2015; Grade 5 to attend Omnimax Theatre at Union Terminal in Cincinnati, OH on December 11, 2015; Grade 2 to attend Great American Ball Park in May 2016; and Grade 1 to attend the Cincinnati Zoo in

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Cincinnati, OH in May 2016. Motion was made to approve by Kelly Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 0-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that South Ripley Community School Corporation will be meeting the state requirement of Bullying Education by participating in a program called Rachel's Challenge. A representative of the Rachel's Challenge organization will deliver three age appropriate presentations to students in grades K-4, 5-6, and 7-12 on Wednesday, October 7. The programs are based on the writings and life of 17 year-old Rachel Scott, who was the first student killed at Columbine High School in 1999. Superintendent Moorhead shared a short video about the upcoming presentation. Funding for this presentation is provided through the Small and Rural Schools Grant that South Ripley received this year.

Superintendent Moorhead extended congratulations to Mr. Trace Tucker for being named Educator of the Year by the Ripley County Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Tucker is very deserving of this honor. He will be riding on a float with his students and classroom assistants in the Versailles Pumpkin Show parade on Saturday. He will also be recognized at our October board meeting.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley Community School Corporation was awarded a grant from the Tyson Versailles Fund in the amount of \$60,000 towards replacement of the high school track surface. The Tyson Versailles Fund has been very generous to South Ripley over the years, and this year was no exception. Sincere thanks were extended to the Tyson Versailles Fund Board of Trustees and the Town of Versailles residents for supporting our project.

Superintendent Moorhead shared news of South Ripley Junior High seeking certification to become a "Schools to Watch" school for the state of Indiana. The "Schools to Watch" program is a national, state-operated model school identification and school improvement initiative focused on recognizing high achieving schools serving students in grades 5 – 8.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley Junior High and South Ripley High School received a LifeSkill Training Program grant from The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV).

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The main goal of the LST program is to substantially reduce drug use among young adolescents by teaching prevention-related information, teaching drug refusal skills, and social skills. The program also offers three additional optional violence prevention lessons that focus on anger management and conflict resolution.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that Ms. Deborah Swain-Bayless of the IDOE met with him and our School Administrators and School Resource Officer on Tuesday, September 1st for a site visit and review of our Emergency Preparedness Plan. As noted in her follow-up letter, she “appreciated the professionalism of (all) and was very impressed with the commitment to safety exhibited by the school safety specialists.” During her visit she commented that South Ripley was doing “a fantastic job!”

Superintendent Moorhead shared an unofficial student count of 1180.54 from September 18, 2015.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley will continue its agreement with SIEOC to deliver meals to Head Start children for the 2015-2016 school year. A copy of the agreement was included in the board packet.

Business Manager Lana Miller reported that an Interim FY 2010 Impact Aid payment was received on September 10, 2015 in the amount of \$908.48.

Superintendent Moorhead reported that South Ripley staff has been trained in CPR/AED. As part of the Professional Development activities provided on the two Late Arrival PD days this school year, all teachers, instructional staff and administrators have received certification in CPR/AED procedures. Thanks were extended to Margaret Mary Hospital for providing this training at no cost to our school district.

Superintendent Moorhead extended an invitation to board members to attend the Career Center hosted Board Appreciation Dinner on Tuesday November 10, 2015 at 6:00 PM. This dinner will also serve as an educational opportunity for the food services class. Board members were asked to RSVP to Karen Sieverding.

Board members were reminded of the ISBA Region 10 Fall Region Meeting that will be held October 27, 2015 at The Pines/Evergreen Room in Seymour, IN. Board members were asked to RSVP to Karen Sieverding.

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Board members were reminded that our October board meeting will be held at South Ripley Elementary in the new "Sandbox SR" technology room.

Under other, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that he would be attending ISBA/IAPSS meeting next week.

Superintendent Moorhead reminded board members of the special session tomorrow evening, September 21st, at 6 pm. This meeting will include one item for board approval, the 2015-2016 Master Contract with the South Ripley Classroom Teachers Association.

Superintendent Moorhead was pleased to announce that South Ripley was one of only 37 schools in the State of Indiana to be awarded the "IHSAA Champions Together" certification. A special thank you was extended to Brenda Strimple and Trace Tucker for the amount of work they put into this program. Varsity athletes working with Special Education athletes is a positive experience for all involved.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley was asked to make a presentation at a Google Leadership Symposium. Lisa Cutshall with Five Star Technologies recommended South Ripley because of the innovative things we are doing with technology. Superintendent Moorhead stated what a privilege it is to be asked to share with other schools what we do at South Ripley on a daily basis.

Superintendent Moorhead welcomed Wanda Burnett with Ripley Publishing back to cover our board meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Cornett, with a second by Becky Turner. Motion carried 6-0. An Executive Session was held at 6:00 PM with respect to collective bargaining. No other topics were discussed, and the regular session was held immediately following the 2016 budget hearing.

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