

# SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

January 11, 2016

Versailles, Indiana

Member Steve Patrick said a prayer and then President Tim Taylor called to order the regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees at 6:55 PM on Monday, January 11, 2016. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Randy McIntosh, Becky Turner, Kelly Garcia, Steve Patrick, and Jeff Cornett. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present. Member Carol Holzer was absent.

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Kelly Garcia, vote 6-0.

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the family of Andy Grossman.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

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

Business Manager Lana Miller presented the annual financial report including 2015 revenues, expenditures, encumbrances, interest on investments, debt balances, and transfers. Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead asked if the Board was agreeable to amend the order of the meeting so that the information item concerning proposal of a junior high baseball program could be discussed at this time. Board President Taylor granted approval to change the order of the meeting. Athletic Director Jeff Gorrell was present and discussed the idea of starting a junior high baseball program on a probationary basis beginning in the spring of 2016. Four other ORVC schools already have a junior high baseball program. Board members asked various questions, and although no action was sought at this meeting, Mr. Gorrell was encouraged to present the program for approval at the February Board meeting.

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Under action items, President Taylor opened the floor for nominations of 2016 officers. A motion for nomination of a slate of officers for 2016 was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0. Motion was then made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, to close nominations and elect by acclamation the slated 2016 Officers, vote 5-0. Officer positions approved in this motion for 2016 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) -Jeff Cornett and Steve Patrick, Legislative Representative-Carol Holzer, and Negotiation Committee (3)-Randy McIntosh, Tim Taylor, and Becky Turner.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2015 financial year end report as presented by Business Manager Lana Miller. All year-end paperwork was approved and signed. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the entire Board of School Trustees serve as the Board of Finance for 2016. A meeting of the Board of Finance will convene immediately following the regular session. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended renewing the established time of 6:30 PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month as the appointed day and time for the monthly regular board meetings. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended appointment and approval of Lana Miller and Karen Sieverding respectively as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer for 2016. Motion was made to approve by Kelly Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

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

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

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead sought acceptance of the retirement notice of Janet Myers effective August 1, 2016. Superintendent Moorhead accepted this retirement notice with much appreciation for her 40.5 years of service to South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval of the Out-of-State field trip for the high school yearbook class to Josten's plant in Tennessee. This trip would take place March 10-13, 2016. Ms. Tebbing, sponsor, would drive a mini-bus, and be accompanied by sponsor Brenda Strimple. It is anticipated that 7 students will take this field trip. Final details of the trip are to be provided to Superintendent Moorhead. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for SRES to provide after school remediation to students in grades 3 – 6. Students will receive two days of language arts remediation and two days of math remediation, in one-hour sessions after school. The sessions will run Feb. 1 – Feb. 25 and March 28 – April 14. Teachers will be paid a stipend rate of \$20 per session. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for SRJHS to provide after school remediation to students in grades 7 & 8. Students will receive two days of language arts remediation and two days of math remediation, in one-hour sessions after school. The sessions will run Feb. 1 – Feb. 25 and March 28 – April 14. Teachers will be paid a stipend rate of \$20 per session. These sessions would replace the current two days per week tutoring being offered during these times. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 6-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the IRS has lowered the standard mileage rate for business miles driven from 57.5 cents per mile to 54.0 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2016. South Ripley will follow the IRS decrease.

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Business Manager Lana Miller prepared an informational update on the annual costs incurred due to the mandated 2016 open enrollment for health insurance. The additional annualized cost to the General Fund is \$28,896. This is for five new single insureds and one staff member whose children were added to the plan.

Business Manager Lana Miller gave a report on the recently certified 2016 Budget. South Ripley's total tax rate for 2016 is .9508, up only slightly from .9427 in 2015. Superintendent Moorhead and Business Manager Lana Miller were pleased with the certified budgets for 2016. Board members thanked Lana Miller for her work and preparation of the 2016 budgets.

Superintendent Moorhead discussed the recent public release of 2015 ISTEP+ results. South Ripley students did well ranking #1 in Ripley County and all of Southeast Indiana with 66% of our students in grades 3-8 passing both sections of the test.

Under other, Superintendent Moorhead congratulated Coach Travis Wrightsman and the Raider Varsity Boys Basketball team for winning the 2016 Ripley County Tourney. This was the first time since 1995 that South Ripley has claimed that title.

High School Principal David Wintin updated the Board on grants that the High School had received for the Champions Together program and the Sunshine Society.


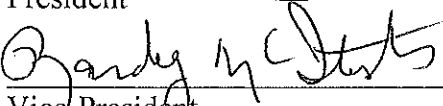

School Attorney Merritt Alcorn shared with the Board that while researching his family history, he found records that his great-grandfather George Alcorn was on the Ripley County listing of teachers in 1891. He also resided in Ripley County near the Jefferson Proving Ground. Attorney Alcorn also caused a few chuckles when he read the 1872 Rules for Teachers. He provided Superintendent Moorhead a copy of his findings.


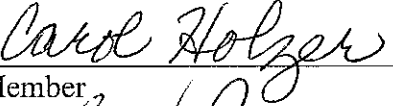
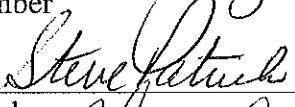

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Jeff Cornett, with a second by Becky Turner. Motion carried 6-0. Prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, an Executive Session was held at 6:00 PM for discussion of job performance of employees. No other topics were discussed, and the regular session was held immediately thereafter.

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A Board of Finance meeting followed the regular meeting. Motion was made by Randy McIntosh, 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 accept the Financial Report that was presented in the regular session, vote 6-0. Motion was made to adjourn by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 6-0.

  
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