

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

May 16, 2016

Versailles, Indiana

President Tim Taylor 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, May 16, 2016. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Randy McIntosh, Becky Turner, Robert Garcia, Carol Holzer, Steve Patrick, and Jeff Cornett. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present.

The agenda was approved with the addition of one action item. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead and Principal Destiny Rutzel recognized Jon Adkins, an eighth grader at South Ripley Junior High, for placing 3rd at the State level DAR Essay contest. Jon was recognized at an awards luncheon at the state conference on May 15th. Principal Destiny Rutzel and Teacher Belinda Mockbee attended the state conference. Jon stated that he wrote a fictional essay about the Stamp Act during the Revolutionary War. His story was about life, family and coping. President Taylor and board members congratulated Jon for this award.

Superintendent Moorhead congratulated Principal Rutzel, Teacher Melanie Evans and the SRJHS Math Academic Team of Justin Cole, Andrew Conrad, and Henry Meyer for placing in the Top Ten in the State in this year's academic competition. Teacher Melanie Evans stated how hard the kids worked with the materials and topics that she presented for preparation.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized Principal Amy Linkel for receiving the IDOE Promising Practice award for South Ripley Elementary and their Blended Learning Spaces. South Ripley Elementary was one of the first 78 schools chosen for recognition for implementing promising practices. 200 such practices are being recognized across the State to celebrate Indiana's bicentennial. President

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Tim Taylor thanked Principal Linkel and Assistant Principal Ryan Lauber for their leadership in implementing technology in the Sandbox SR room and also in the traditional classrooms.

Under consent items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes from the April 18, 2016 meeting as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

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

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of two Drivers Education Instructors for the summer of 2016: Mr. Marlin Kohlmeier and Mr. Jason Hughes. Both instructors will be paid the maximum rate of \$35 per hour. There are currently 21 students enrolled in the program. With these numbers, 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 Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Sarah McGhee to fill the teaching position in our Agricultural program. A waiver has been discussed with the SRCTA President and this waiver is recommended to allow recognition of Ms. McGhee's current degree level and 16 years of experience for her compensation, and she will enter the 2016-2017 contract at ML17. Ms. McGhee's contract will also include 10 extra days to account for after-school and summer activities within the program, as has been past practice. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Mary Gehring from the position of high school English teacher, including her extra-curricular assignments of Sunshine sponsor,

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Senior class sponsor, and Freshmen class sponsor, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the non-renewal of the following SRES classified positions at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year: Ashley Salyer, half-time Kindergarten Aide; Rae Jean Austin, half-time Kindergarten Aide; Mary Alicia Byard, part-time Title I Aide; and Christine Lawhorn, full-time student-specific aide. These positions are reviewed on an annual basis. Should it be determined during the 2016-2017 school year that student needs and available funding allow reconsideration of renewing these positions, they will be posted following our normal procedures. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the non-renewal of the one-year position of Mr. Micah Stephen, effective at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year. This position is no longer needed due to the change in certified staff at the high school. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Angie Dowden to fill an elementary teaching position for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Dowden has 13 years' experience, and will enter the South Ripley pay scale at ML7 for the 2016-2017 school year as per the Master Agreement. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Nancy Durham to fill the FMLA leave of Ms. Ellen Gentry as the 8th grade Science teacher, tentatively from August 19, 2016 – November 7, 2016 upon Ms. Gentry's return. Ms. Durham would be compensated at substitute rate for the first 15 days of the leave, and at her daily teacher rate for the days thereafter until the completion of the leave. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Barb Hensley from the extra-curricular position of Junior Class sponsor, 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 Ms. Lynn Cumberworth from the extra-curricular position of Junior Class sponsor, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Kate Todd from the extra-curricular positions of 8th grade volleyball coach and 7th grade girls' basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Ellen Gentry from the extra-curricular position of 8th grade basketball coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Travis Wrightsman from the extra-curricular positions of Junior High Boys Track coach and Junior High Girls Track coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Gayle Wrightsman from the extra-curricular position of High School Cheerleading coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, 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 2016. This is consistent with summer past practice. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Karen Osborne and Liz Geisler to work limited hours, as needed, to assist with Transportation clerical duties during the summer break. This is consistent with past practice, with the exception that Ms. Osborne and Ms. Geisler will split the hours needed. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Julie Graham, Jodi Schmaltz and Jill Moore as Summer School Bus Drivers for five days beginning May 31, 2016 through June 6, 2016. They will be compensated at the bus driver hourly rate for three hours each day. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following individuals as volunteers to help coach in the girls' basketball program: Jessica Foster, Rachel (Mathes) Lawhorn, and Whitney Walker, (all former players for Coach Samples) along with Bob Meyer and Shawn Halcomb. These volunteers will assist in various ways including open gyms, camps and off-season training activities. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended 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 Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of changes to the school handbooks effective with the 2016-2017 school year. Superintendent Moorhead recommended High School Student Handbook changes as submitted by Dr. Wintin, including Friday School as an addition to Discipline Procedure, which includes a \$50 stipend per Friday School session. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Junior High Handbook changes as submitted by Ms. Rutzel. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Elementary Handbook changes as submitted by Ms. Linkel. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to declare the attached list of equipment as obsolete and offer at public auction on June 11, 2016 at the Southeastern Career Center. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the members of the girls' basketball team to take an out-of-state field trip to Trimble County High School in Bedford, KY on June 15th and 16th to play in basketball games each evening. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to increase services for speech therapy for the 2016-2017 school year for South Ripley Community School Corporation. This would be accomplished by increasing the contract with Kings Daughter's Health to employ a Speech-Language Pathologist for no more than 45 days, an increase of 15 days from the current contract. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the lowest overall bidder of Borden/Dairymen as our milk and dairy provider for the 2016-2017 school year. Superintendent thanked the other two milk companies that presented interest by providing a bid. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead presented first reading on a draft policy for Criminal Gangs and Criminal Gang Activity. Superintendent Moorhead thanked School Resource

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Officer Jeff Thielking for his work with the County Safety Committee on this new required policy. South Ripley used a sample model presented by ISBA. This new proposed policy has been discussed with the SRCTA.

Superintendent Moorhead shared information regarding the Raptor Visitor Management System. School Resource Officer Jeff Thielking was in attendance and answered board member questions regarding the Raptor System. Officer Thielking has researched several systems and feels this one best fits our needs. This system will be purchased with Secured Safety Grant funds. School Attorney Merritt Alcorn stated that the Manifest Report that this system will provide is a much needed asset. This system will also help with parent custody issues. Superintendent Moorhead and School Resource Officer Thielking both visited an area school that utilizes the Raptor System. After seeing how the system works and talking with staff at the school, they were impressed and would like to implement the system at South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the Budget Reduction Plan for the 2016-2017 school year has been reviewed and will remain active for the upcoming school year.

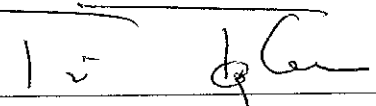
Superintendent Moorhead extended an invitation to the board for the end of school luncheon. It will be held at the Elementary School cafeteria at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 25th.

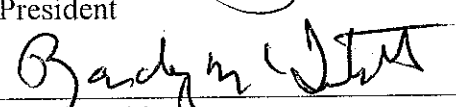
Superintendent Moorhead reviewed the roles of the board for graduation ceremonies. Graduation will be held at South Ripley High School Gymnasium on Saturday, May 28th at 5:00 PM.

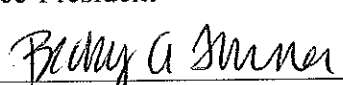
Under other, Superintendent Moorhead extended an invitation to the board for the Junior High Schools to Watch Ceremony. The ceremony will be held on Friday, May 20th at 1:30 PM in the auditoria. Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz, along with Indiana Legislator Randy Frye will be present to take part in this program.

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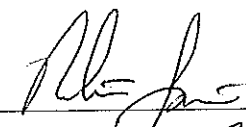
Motion was made to adjourn by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. An executive session preceded the regular session regarding the purchase or lease of real property. No other topics were discussed.

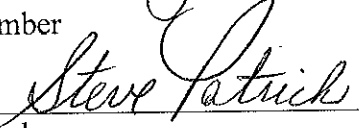



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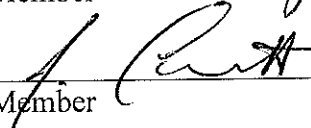
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