

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

August 15, 2016
Versailles, Indiana

Board member Steve Patrick said a prayer and then the regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 6:55 PM on Monday, August 15, 2016. All board members were present. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present. Prior to the regular meeting was a Budget Work Session at 5:00 PM to review proposed 2017 budgets, and an Executive Session at 6:15 PM to receive information about prospective employees. No other items were discussed at that time.

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

Under Recognition items, South Ripley Junior High School faculty and staff were present to be honored for being named a "School to Watch" at the national level. A small group of teachers went to Washington, DC in June to receive a crystal plaque commemorating this honor. In addition, the group presented, "Cooking up a Great School" at the conference. South Ripley Junior High School was also named a Four-Star School for the fourth year in a row by the Indiana Department of Education. Destiny Rutzel, principal, commended her staff for all they do, and noted she is honored to be part of SRJHS. Mr. Moorhead stated that the middle level is very important in bridging the gap between elementary and high school, and the faculty, staff, and Mrs. Rutzel at SRJHS are to be commended for their hard work. The Board, as a whole, commended and congratulated the junior high staff.

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the Ripley County Community Foundation on behalf of the Terry Tucker family. Additionally, the National Relay for Life organization thanked the South Ripley team for raising \$3,475 for the American Cancer Society at this year's Relay for Life.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made by Robert Garcia to approve, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

The Financial Report was given by Business Manager, Lana Miller. Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Financial Report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the official resignation of Ms. Ellen Gentry from her teaching position at South Ripley Junior High School, effective at the end of her 2015-2016 contract. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the official resignation of Ms. Ellen Gentry from her Junior Varsity softball coaching position, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Crystal Hutton from her position in the high school cafeteria, effective with the start of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Molly Waechter to fill the science teaching position at the Junior High School, effective August 29, 2016 or sooner if her availability allows. Ms. Waechter will enter the pay scale at BL6. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Jenna Homola to fill the ECA position of 7th grade sponsor for the 2016-2017 school year. Ms. Homola served in this position last year as well. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Sarah Oakley to fill the ECA position of Freshman Class Sponsor effective with the 2016-2017 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Greg Gardner as a bus driver for a Special Needs Bus Route, paid an hourly rate based on the needs of the students. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the medical leave extension of Ms. Barb Wood from her position in the high school cafeteria, effective with the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year, for a period of up to 12 weeks. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave request of Ms. Josie Schornick, teacher at SRES, estimated to begin on November 9, 2016 and return on January 17, 2017 for a period of 8 weeks. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave request of Mr. Rob Truesdell, Special Needs Route Bus Driver, beginning on August 3, 2016 through September 1, 2016 unless released at an earlier date. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under Field Trip Requests, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the field trip request of the High School Functional Skills classroom to attend the Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati, OH on August 22, 2016. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, 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 Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Under Finance, Superintendent Moorhead sought authority to advertise the 2017 proposed budgets.

Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

A second reading of the Criminal Gangs and Criminal Gang Activity Policy was submitted.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the policy. School Attorney Merritt Alcorn commented that this is a good policy as it requires action by the Principal and the Superintendent within a short time frame.

Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for South Ripley Elementary to accept a monetary donation in the amount of \$500.00 from Gilpin Monuments to replace two basketball goals on the Kindergarten playground. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to deem obsolete a non-working organ (previously donated to SRES by Ellen Mulford and used for many years) and authority to donate said obsolete organ to the Southeastern Career Center as a project for their students. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval to move the November meeting date to Monday, November 14, 2016 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the MOU between South Ripley Community Schools and the Southeastern Career Center, as submitted, to provide transportation to SCC students in the event of an emergency. Superintendent Moorhead noted that each school district sending students to SCC were participating in this MOU. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under Information Items, Superintendent Moorhead noted the Budget Hearing on September 19, 2016 will be held at 6:30 PM as advertised. The Budget Adoption will be during the regular session in October.

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Superintendent Moorhead advised the Board the annual School Safety Plans for both the Elementary building and the Junior High and High School Building have been revised and reviewed for 2016.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board a check in the amount of \$333.81 was received on July 22, 2016 from the Southeastern Career Center for the proceeds from the auction this summer. This was \$376 less \$42.19 for our share of the advertising and auctioneer costs. This money will be placed in the General Fund as sale of property.

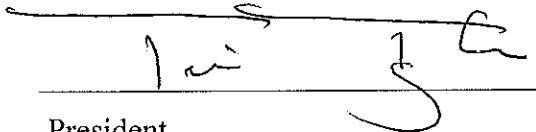
Superintendent Moorhead stated South Ripley Junior High is pleased to announce receipt of an additional award towards the PBIS Grant that was originally submitted. In addition to the \$15,000 awarded last school year, South Ripley Junior High has been awarded \$13,900 this school year to continue the implementation of the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) program in cooperation with Community Mental Health. A similar amount was awarded to South Ripley Elementary as well. Much work is being done in both buildings to focus on positive behavior instead of negative behavior. This includes professional development for elementary and junior high teachers, and rewards for students. Superintendent Moorhead thanked the teachers and principals for their work on this program.

Superintendent Moorhead noted the Indiana School Boards Association and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 67th Annual Fall Conference is Monday, September 26th and Tuesday, September 27th at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. He advised that if any board member is interested in attending to please contact his secretary, Karen Sieverding, promptly to be registered to attend.

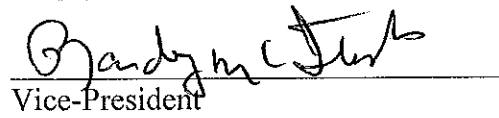
There were no items to discuss under "Other".

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

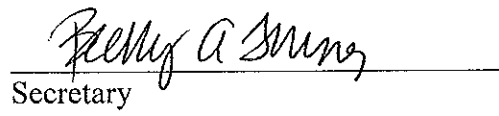
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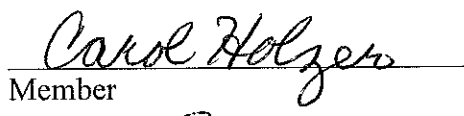
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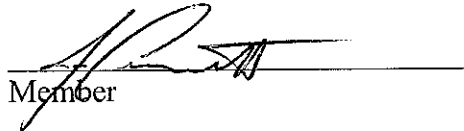
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