

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

December 19, 2016

Versailles, Indiana

President Tim Taylor said a prayer and then called the regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees to order at 6:35 PM on Monday, December 19, 2016. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Becky Turner, Randy McIntosh, Jeff Cornett, Robert Garcia, Steve Patrick, and Carol Holzer. 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 Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under correspondence, a thank you note and picture was received from students Derek Turner and Mackenzie Black.

Under patron concerns, Kevin and Jody Rinear were present, and Kevin spoke concerning the role of the School Resource Officer.

Under recognition, Teacher Max Howard was recognized for receiving a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship. Superintendent Moorhead and board members congratulated him on this honor. He shared his plans to study ecosystems in Australia and New Zealand during the summer of 2017. Mr. Howard also spoke concerning the Bio Med program currently at South Ripley and the successes he is hearing from South Ripley graduates that enter the science and health care fields.

Under consent items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Robert Garcia made the motion to approve, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

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

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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 Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Under action items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the Business Manager to continue paying 2016 bills from 2016 appropriations through the end of 2016 and to encumber appropriations, if necessary, for bills created in 2016 and payable in 2017. A list will be created of any necessary transfer of appropriations from one major account to another and explanations given of all transactions so the Board can approve actions at January 2017 meeting. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended tabling a retirement request until next month so more information can be received. Motion was made to table the request by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Molly Waechter from her position of JH Science teacher, effective December 21, 2016. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to fill the Junior High Science position for the start of the second semester, and the candidate will be brought to the board meeting for retro-active approval at the January board meeting. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Miss Phyllis Hull to fill an FMLA/extended leave of Ms. Ashlee Miller, beginning approximately January 23, 2017 through the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Miss Hull will receive sub pay for the first fifteen days of

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the leave, and then her daily teacher rate for the remainder of the leave. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the extended leave request of Mrs. Josie Schornick from her original return date of January 17, 2017 to be extended to March 1, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Emily Webster to fill an 8-week maternity leave in the SRES office. Her duties should begin approximately January 29, 2017. Ms. Webster will be paid the Year 1 Receptionist hourly rate. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Jeff Greiwe and Mr. B.J. Sieverding to fill the vacant Assistant Baseball coaching position for the 2017 baseball season. They will share the stipend with a 60/40 split, with Mr. Griewe receiving \$895.20 and Mr. Sieverding receiving \$596.80, at the end of the season. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following volunteers for the baseball program for the 2017 season: Brian Thomas, Jared Keck, Shawn Halcomb and Brad Samples. Mr. Samples will serve as the volunteer coach for the junior high baseball team. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Greg Huntington from the position of Varsity Girls Golf coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 5-2. Mr. Moorhead expressed appreciation to Greg for his years of coaching golf at South Ripley.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the FMLA request of Ms. Regina West, effective January 9, 2017 through March 4, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of South Ripley Elementary School's participation in an area basketball league that is being developed for girls in grades 4-6. The league games will begin on January 21, 2017 and end on March 11, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for South Ripley's participation in an archery program during the 2017-2018 school year. The program would begin with students in grades 4 – 8. Ron Buchanan, current SR substitute bus driver, has volunteered to help coach this program. Mr. Buchanan is a certified archery trainer and currently coaches archery at Jennings County. Approval to pay \$500 to Indiana National Archery in the Schools Program (Indiana NASP) was also requested. Equipment totaling \$3,220 will be received with IDNR Law Enforcement Grants and National NASP grants covering all but the \$500. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval to adopt the ESCRFT Trust Agreement and appoint Mr. Robert D. Moorhead as Trustee. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that Teacher Performance Grant monies were received and will be distributed with the December 23, 2016 payroll.

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Superintendent Moorhead discussed information on the recently released school letter grades. South Ripley did very well with one A and two B's. The principals will have a full presentation concerning letter grades at the January meeting.

Business Manager Lana Miller informed the board that a property tax draw was received on December 9, 2016 in the amount of \$1,448,032.42. The property tax portion of this check was \$1,287,080.53, and represents an 100.8% draw of levied taxes for 2016. The remaining \$145,987.02 of the check was for License Excise. This represented a 106.00% draw of the 2016 certified amounts we were to receive.

Business Manager Lana Miller informed the board that a final 2015 Impact Aid payment in the amount of \$1180.58 was received on December 6, 2016.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley, together with the other Ripley County schools, will be receiving grant funding in the amount of \$20,000 to implement a shared Governor's Work Ethic Certificate program. This will allow students to receive a certificate showing they possess soft skills such as responsibility, punctuality, and good attendance. Appreciation was extended to Cheryl Obendorf of Genesis Pathways to Success for her work with writing the grant and making connections with area businesses.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley Community School Corporation has been selected for funding under EPA's National Clean Diesel 2016 School Bus Program in the amount of \$55,000.00 in the form of a rebate on two yellow and a mini-bus purchase in 2017. Appreciation was extended to TBG Gil Landwehr and SRO Jeff Thielking for their work on this grant.

Superintendent Moorhead shared a copy of the ROD Services Summary for August 2016 – November 2016.

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Superintendent Moorhead shared information on IAPSS legislative priorities and the ISTEP Panel Plan for Indiana's Statewide Assessment System.

Superintendent Moorhead reminded board members that the January board meeting has been moved to January 9, 2017 in order to comply with the State Law requiring board re-organization by January 15th.

Elections will take place at the January meeting. Board members were asked to indicate on the provided sheet any office/committee they would like to serve on during 2017.

Under other, member Carol Holzer thanked everyone involved in planning the National Blue Ribbon Community Celebration. She stated that she really enjoyed the program. Board members commented on the program and Randy McIntosh shared comments made by parents present at the program.

Superintendent Moorhead thanked School Attorney Merritt Alcorn for serving South Ripley as legal counsel.

The meeting was adjourned and a dinner followed at Crossroads Restaurant for the annual Christmas dinner.

Motion was made to adjourn by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. An executive session began at 6:00 PM regarding job performance evaluation of individual employees and the purchase or lease of real property. No other items were discussed.

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