

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

January 9, 2017

Versailles, Indiana

Randy McIntosh said a prayer and Attorney Merritt Alcorn administered the Oath of Office to the recently re-elected board members Carol Holzer, Jeff Cornett and Randy McIntosh. The regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was then called to order by Vice President Randy McIntosh at 6:40 PM on Monday, January 9, 2017. All board members were present with the exception of President Tim Taylor, who was out-of-town. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present. Prior to the regular meeting was an Executive Session at 6:00 PM to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee. No other items were discussed at that time.

The agenda was approved with one personnel item added to the agenda. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 6-0.

Under Correspondence items, a card was received from the Almarez family sharing many positive comments about South Ripley. Mr. Moorhead stated it was very nice and a credit to everyone at the schools.

The three building principals, Dr. David Wintin, Mrs. Destiny Rutzel and Mrs. Amy Linkel, presented information regarding test scores and school letter grades. They also stated goals for areas of improvement, and commented that overall, they were all very pleased with the scores. Board Member Robert Garcia had to leave the meeting when the presentation was over.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made by Jeff Cornett to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

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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 Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended opening the Election of Officers for 2017. Motion was made by Steve Patrick, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0. Motion was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Carol Holzer to nominate the slate and approve as submitted, vote 5-0. Steve Patrick made a motion to accept the slate by acclamation, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 5-0. The 2017 Officers are as follows: Tim Taylor, President; Randy McIntosh, Vice President; and Becky Turner, Secretary.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Year-End Balance of Appropriations, Expenditures, Investments for the Year, and Encumbrances. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the entire Board of School Trustees to serve as the Board of Finance for 2017. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of renewing the established time of 6:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month as the appointed day and time for Regular Board meetings. Motion to approve was made by Carol Holzer, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the appointment of Lana Miller as Treasurer and Karen Sieverding as Deputy Treasurer for 2017. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Merritt Alcorn to be appointed as School Board Attorney for 2017. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0. In addition, Mr. Moorhead presented Mr. Alcorn with a Blue Ribbon School shirt in appreciation of all he does for South Ripley.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of School Resource Officer Jeff Thielking as School Safety Officer for 2017. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 5-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Dr. David Wintin from his position of principal at South Ripley High School, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 contract. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 5-0. Mr. Moorhead expressed his appreciation to Dr. Wintin for all he has done during his tenure at South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Nick Weismiller to fill the Junior High 8th grade Science position as a long-term substitute for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year. Mr. Weismiller will receive substitute pay for the first fifteen days, and BL1 teacher rate upon his licensure. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of non-FMLA medical leave for Ms. Julie Graham, bus driver, effective January 16, 2017 through February 13, 2017 when released by her doctor to drive. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the notice of retirement from Mrs. Margaret Ann Riley, which was tabled at last month's meeting, to be effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 5-0.

Under Action Items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to advertise for bids the 3-Year Crop Lease (2017-2019) of agriculture farm land on Benham Road, Versailles as per the submitted specifications. Motion to approve was made by Steve Patrick, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to participate in a new drug education program called "Fatal Vision: Marijuana Simulation Experience" through Margaret Mary Health and the Ripley County Drug Awareness Coalition, and offer this program to 7th grade students at South Ripley Junior High. This would

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take place on February 21, 2017 and February 22, 2017 in the 7th grade science classes. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to advertise and receive bids for replacing the running track when all the bid documents and specifications are available. Motion to approve was made by Becky Turner, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 5-0.

Under Information Items, Superintendent Moorhead reviewed the Aggregate Evaluation results with the Board. Out of 72 teachers evaluated, 26 were rated Highly Effective, and 46 were rated Effective. The teachers received performance pay from the State of Indiana distribution for that purpose, with Highly Effective rated teachers receiving \$1059.14 each, and Effective rated teachers receiving \$1058.14 each.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the Board some recent student athletic achievements. Megan Cole will be recognized as 1 of 33 athletes as 2016 Athlete of the Year at the USATF Indiana Awards Celebration on Saturday, January 14th. Megan also earned All-State Honorable Mention for Cross Country Youth 15-16 Class 2A by the IATCCC, and earned All-American based on her performance in the National Jr. Olympics. Chris Perdue was selected as one of eight snowboarders that will compete in the Hannah Teter Unified Snowboard Dual Slalom at the X Games in Aspen, CO January 25-27, 2017.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that in the recent 2016 Graduation Report, South Ripley's graduation rate for the Class of 2016 was 94.95%, which is the first time in the school's history to achieve such results. Our goal was to earn 90% graduation rate, and Superintendent Moorhead credits the impact of the alternative school, credit recovery, and the efforts of Mr. Joe Ralston, Dr. David Wintin and the High School staff on achieving above and beyond this high standard.

Superintendent Moorhead noted The IRS has lowered the standard mileage rate for business miles driven from 54.0 cents per mile to 53.5 cents per mile, effective January 1, 2017. South Ripley will follow the IRS decrease.

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Under 'Other' items, School Attorney Merritt Alcorn congratulated the school on its 2016 graduation rate, and thanked the board for the shirt.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that he had released a media statement regarding the activated fire alarm at South Ripley Elementary today. He felt the right steps had been taken, the children were evacuated safely, and the building was checked thoroughly by the fire department and school personnel.

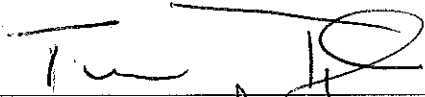
Mrs. Destiny Rutzel shared with the Board that Mr. Chip Perfect will be hosting at Perfect North Slopes the entire Junior High School and staff on January 20, 2017, for a session of tubing at the slopes, along with a pizza party lunch, in celebration of their recent Blue Ribbon School award. The school is very excited and appreciative of this generous opportunity for the students and staff.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Becky Turner, with a second by Steve Patrick. Motion carried 5-0.

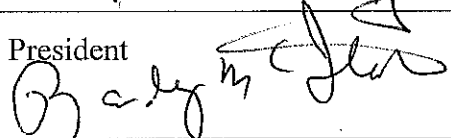
Immediately following the Regular Session, a Board of Finance meeting was held. Motion to open the meeting was made by Jeff Cornett, with a second from Steve Patrick, vote 5-0. Superintendent Moorhead recommended opening the Election of Officers. A motion for the Officers for the Board of Finance to be the same as the officers of the Board of School Trustees was made by Jeff Cornett, with a second by Becky Turner, vote 5-0. Superintendent Moorhead recommended adoption of the Investment and Financial Report as submitted. A motion to approve was made by Steve Patrick, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 5-0.

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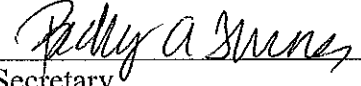
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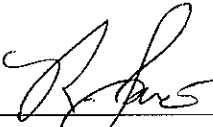
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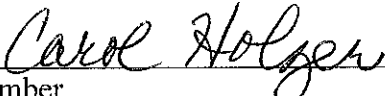
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