

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

February 20, 2017

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 6:30 PM on Monday, February 20, 2017. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Becky Turner, Randy McIntosh, Jeff Cornett, Robert Garcia, Steve Patrick, and Carol Holzer. Superintendent Robert Moorhead was also present. School Attorney Merritt Alcorn was unable to attend.

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

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the Family of Carroll Hooten.

Under consent items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Robert Garcia made the motion to approve, seconded by Becky Turner, 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.

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 Randy McIntosh, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Samarah Walston from her position in the elementary cafeteria, effective January 10, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. Phil Smith as Varsity Softball Coach and Jason Smith as Assistant Softball Coach for the Spring 2017 season. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Penny Binion as Junior High Girls Track coach for the 2017 season. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Non-FMLA medical leave of Ms. Nicole McGuire to start approximately February 28, 2017 and continue for approximately 8-weeks thereafter. This leave includes both her 2-hour per day cafeteria position, and her 3-hour per day bus aide position. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Junior High Teachers as submitted to serve as after-school tutors for ISTEP Remediation from January 30, 2017 through February 23, 2017 and April 3 – April 14, 2017. These sessions would be paid at \$20 per session. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Elementary Teachers to serve as after school tutors for ISTEP Remediation from January 30 – February 24, 2017 and April 3-14, 2017 for grades 3 – 6. These sessions will be paid at \$20 per session. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of High School Teachers to serve as after school tutors for ISTEP Remediation from January 30 – February 24, 2017 and April 3 – 14, 2017. These sessions will be paid at \$20 per session. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Janine Stratton from February 1, 2017 through April 3, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mrs. Becky Eaton to fill the FMLA of Ms. Janine Stratton, from February 1, 2017 through April 3, 2017. Ms. Eaton will be paid at substitute rate for the first fifteen days of the leave, and will be paid her teacher daily rate for each day thereafter. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Barb Wood from her 2-hour per day cafeteria position at the high school, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Dixie Franklin, beginning February 22, 2017 and up to the maximum of 12 weeks as per FMLA guidelines for recovery. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the updated MOU (including Roles and Responsibilities) for the School Resource Officer between the Town Council of Versailles and South Ripley Community School Corporation. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead thanked School Attorney Merritt Alcorn and Town of Versailles Attorney Larry Eaton for their work on the MOU.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to offer Junior High Softball to South Ripley 7th and 8th grade students as a probationary sport, beginning in the spring of 2017. Additionally, approval was sought for Jeff Hamm to serve as the volunteer coach for the 2017 pilot season. This will mirror what is being done with the Junior High Baseball program. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the SRJHS band students to attend an out-of-state field trip to Mason, Ohio on May 20, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the bid from PCMG for 121 5-year wireless access point licenses at a total cost of \$18,335.13, per Scott Richie's recommendation. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the Board that we were maximizing our entire 160 Mbps of internet bandwidth. Technology Director Scott Richie has been able to apply for an upgrade with ENA to 560 Mbps that will be less than the current cost for 160 Mbps. Superintendent Moorhead is moving forward in increasing the bandwidth.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the recommendation by Transportation Director, Gil Landwehr, to purchase two (2) new 2017 Freightliner buses from Kerlin Bus Sales through the IAESC Procurement, as well as purchasing (1) new 2017 Collins 14 passenger white activity bus with a lift from Midwest Transit through the IAESC Procurement. These three (3) new buses qualify for the EPA reimbursement totaling \$55,000. Additionally, after salvage parts are removed from the buses, approval was sought to donate the buses to the local fire department to be used for training. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for South Ripley to pilot a Readiness Kindergarten program during the 2017-2018 school year. Details were included in the board packet. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended First Reading of a proposed update to Policy 5112 - Entrance Requirements. This policy will be brought back at the March meeting for 2nd Reading and approval.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the highest bidder, Keith Scott, at a per acre bid of \$246.71 for the 30.4 acres in a 2017-2019 crop lease. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the February 1, 2017 ADM count was 1,149. This is up 16 students from the Fall 2016 count.

Business Manager Lana Miller shared the 2017 Budget Order and the 1782 Notice Report. South Ripley's assessed valuation declined 2.5% due to the reduction in the assessment of farm agriculture land. The 2017 tax rate increased 3.92 cents from .9508 to .9900. This is still within the range of the last five years.

Business Manager Lana Miller informed the Board that an initial FY2017 Impact Aid payment was received on January 19, 2017 in the amount of \$67,782.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that An Operation RoundUp Grant was received in the amount of \$2,500 in support of the South Ripley High School Library Media lighting project. Thanks were extended to the generosity of R.E.M.C. and its members.

Under other, Superintendent Moorhead shared more information with the Board concerning the Work Ethic grant and the Lilly Comprehensive Counseling Planning Grant.

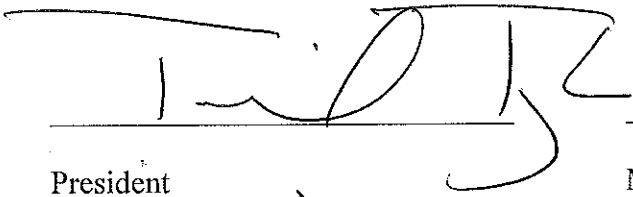
Business Manager Lana Miller informed the Board that two Auditors from Indiana State Board of Accounts arrived on February 6, 2017. An Entrance Conference was held with President Tim Taylor in attendance along with Superintendent Moorhead and Business Manager

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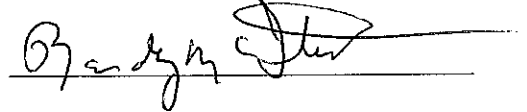
Lana Miller. The Lead Auditor will communicate directly via email with President Taylor and keep him informed on the progress of the audit.

Superintendent Moorhead and board members were pleased with the recent refinancing and the sale of the bonds to be used on the Elementary Roof Project. Bids will be received on March 1, 2017.

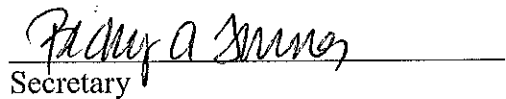
Motion was made to adjourn by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0. An executive session began at 6:00 PM regarding job performance evaluation of individual employees and the purchase or lease of real property. No other items were discussed.



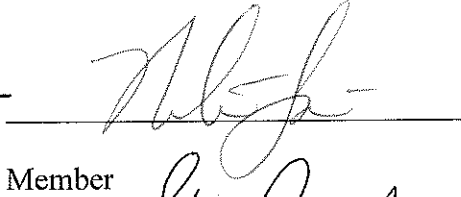
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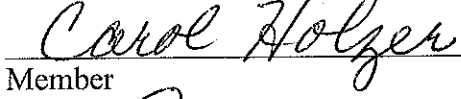
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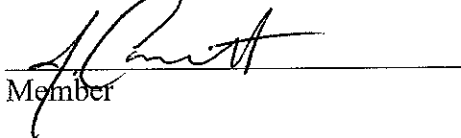
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