

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

AUGUST 21, 2017

Versailles, Indiana

Board member Tim Taylor 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 6:40 PM on Monday, August 21, 2017. Board members Carol Holzer and Steve Patrick were out-of-town and absent from the meeting. All other board members were present. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were also both present. Prior to the regular meeting was a Budget Work Session at 5:00 PM to review proposed 2018 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 Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Under Recognition items, South Ripley teacher, Marlin Kohlmeier, along with School Resource Officer Jeff Thielking, were recognized for their part in teaching CPR to sophomore health students, which in turn allowed a former South Ripley student, Austin Goddard, save a life this summer using the skills he learned. Board President Tim Taylor presented each with a certificate of appreciation and a pen. Superintendent Moorhead and the Board expressed their many thanks to Mr. Kohlmeier and Officer Thielking, as through their efforts a life was saved. SRO Jeff Thielking stated, "this makes it all worthwhile", while Mr. Kohlmeier expressed thanks to the Board for his teaching position and for hiring Jeff Thielking as the School Resource Officer. Mr. Kohlmeier said he feels the building is a safer place with the SRO present. Superintendent Moorhead also thanked Amy Streater and the Ripley County Community Foundation for the grant that helped with the purchase of CPR training equipment for our classrooms. Superintendent Moorhead further noted that MMCH will be at South Ripley in September to provide CPR certification to all faculty and staff.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes from July 17, 2017 regular session as submitted. Robert Garcia made the motion to approve, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0. Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes from the July 31, 2017 special session as submitted. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made by Randy McIntosh 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 commended approval of the Financial Report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Justin Jackson to fill the high school social studies position for the 2017-2018 school year. Mr. Jackson will enter the pay scale at BL 2 with a pro-rated contract retroactive to a start day of August 16<sup>th</sup>. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Paul Badgley to fill the high school student-specific teacher's aide position for the first semester of the 2017-2018 school year. Employment is contingent upon the needs of the student. This is a ROD-approved and reimbursed position through the first semester only at this time. Employment beyond the first semester will be determined by the ROD Cooperative. Mr. Badgely will begin his duties in this position effective August 22, 2017. It will be paid at the beginning aide rate, and is eligible for benefits. Additionally, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Badgley to fill the vacant JV Boys Basketball coaching position for the 2017-2018 season, effective immediately. The JV Boys Basketball coaching position is paid a stipend for the season at the end of the assignment. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Heather Reichert to fill the high school ECA position of Dramatics for the 2017-2018 school year. Ms. Reichert will be paid the stipend at the end of the school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Cheryl Tebbing to serve as co-sponsor of the Foreign Language club for the 2017-2018 school year, effective immediately. Ms. Tebbing will be paid the ½ share of the stipend at the end of the school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Alyssa Moorman to serve as Academic Advisor for the 2017-2018 school year, effective immediately. Ms. Moorman will be paid the stipend at the end of the school year. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Amanda Dell to fill the 2-hour Dishwasher/Cook position in the High School cafeteria, effective immediately. It was noted she has been working as a substitute in the position and has been a good employee. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to create a 5.25 aide position, and three half-time kindergarten aide positions at the elementary for the 2017-2018 school year only. (ROD will be reimbursing 2.75 hours of the 5.25 aide position.) None of the positions are eligible for benefits and are considered temporary. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Emily Webster to fill the temporary position of 5.25 hour daily teacher's assistant position, effective August 14, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Alicia Byard to fill one of the temporary 3.5 hour daily kindergarten assistant positions for the 2017-2018 school year (effective August 22, 2017). Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Karen Bastin to fill one of the temporary 3.5 hour daily kindergarten assistant positions for the 2017-2018 school year (effective August 2, 2017). Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Lindsay Hafft, scheduled to begin December 19, 2017 through February 13, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Jenna Homola, scheduled to begin November 29, 2017 through January 10, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Cyn O'Neil from her corporation bus route position, effective to August 3, 2017. Ms. O'Neil will maintain her CDL's and go to substitute status to continuing driving for the corporation on an "as assigned-as needed" basis. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Cheryl Mathews as a corporation driver, effective retro-actively to August 3, 2017. This is for a 3.5 daily route that follows the student schedule, and is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Penny Binion as a corporation driver, effective retro-actively to August 3, 2017. This is for a 3.0 daily route that follows the student schedule, and is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Wendy Meyer from the CA position of 7th grade Volleyball Coach, effective August 4, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Jennifer Wullenweber to fill the vacated 7th grade volleyball coaching position. She is currently coaching the 8th grade volleyball team as well. Ms. Wullenweber will receive both stipends for these assignments. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Lori Samples as a volunteer coach to assist with the Girls junior high volleyball program for the remainder of the 2017 season. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Halie Brison as a volunteer coach for the Girls varsity soccer for the remainder of the 2017 season. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

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 31, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

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 Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FFA overnight trip to the FFA convention in downtown Indianapolis October 25-26, 2017. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to place the proceeds from the re-marketing of devices (\$7,570) in Fund 1000-Self Insurance/Repair of Devices. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for Nurse Marie Menchhofer and Principal Amy Linkel to proceed with plans to finalize and establish a Telehealth clinic for students and staff at South Ripley beginning in the 2018-2019 school year. Ms. Linkel and Ms. Menchhofer will be working with Rural Healthcare Insurance and Margaret Mary Community Hospital to finalize this project. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

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Under Finance, Superintendent Moorhead sought authority to advertise the 2018 proposed budgets. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 5-0.

A second reading of the Teacher Appreciation Grants Policy 3220.01 and Legal Settlement and Transfer Students Policy 5111 took place and Superintendent Moorhead sought approval of the proposed policies. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 5-0.

Under Information Items, Superintendent Moorhead shared the Roof Project Updates and Distributions since the last board meeting. Distributions totaled \$585,975.00.

Superintendent Moorhead noted the Budget Hearing on September 18, 2017 will be held at 6:30 PM as advertised. The Budget Adoption will be during the regular session in October.

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 2017.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the Board that South Ripley Junior High was 1 of 16 schools chosen by the IDOE to participate in a pilot Career Explorations program. Guidance Counselor Joyce Druba sought out this grant (reimbursement for costs to implement) and the school is waiting on a contract from the DOE to implement the program in January 2018. The Board congratulated the Junior High School, Principal Rutzel and Counselor Druba on receiving this distinction. Superintendent Moorhead and High School Principal Rod Hite also noted that the High School is working on a new work release program where eligible students will be able to receive wages and credit for their work time. Board Member Randy McIntosh thanked all the administrators for their work on these programs.

Superintendent Moorhead made the Board aware of the new contract for the 2017-2018 school year to provide meal service to SIEOC Head Start. The elementary cafeteria prepares and delivers the meals daily during the school year. Pricing has remained the same, and Superintendent Moorhead will sign the agreement for the school corporation to provide this service once again.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the Board that South Ripley Elementary teachers, Leslie Rennie and Angela Dowden, were awarded a Ripley County Community Foundation Small Project grant on behalf of South Ripley Elementary in the amount of \$400 to purchase "Supplements for Successful Students". The project will supply our students with quality enrichment activities that meet curriculum goals while differentiating for each student, as well as promote a fun and successful learning environment for all learners.

Superintendent Moorhead noted that South Ripley has applied for a Social Services grant to implement evidence-based social services programming to better serve our students and their families, with the primary

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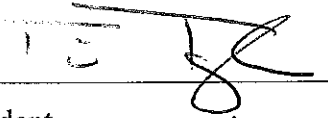
need at South Ripley Elementary. South Ripley should be notified in mid-September if they will receive a grant for this project.

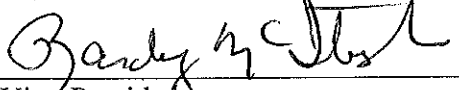
Superintendent Moorhead noted the Indiana School Boards Association and the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents 68th Annual Fall Conference is Monday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 3rd at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. He advised that if any board member is interested in attending to please contact his secretary, Karen Sieverding, promptly to be registered to attend.

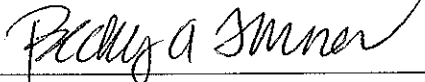
Under "Other", Superintendent Moorhead notified the Board that a Tyson Versailles Grant application had been submitted. Superintendent Moorhead also thanked the members of Versailles Town Board for assisting South Ripley by paying the salary of the School Resource Officer for July, August and September until Round 5 of the grant is open. Superintendent Moorhead and Town Board President Roxanne Meyer worked together on this effort. It was agreed to use funds previously awarded by the Tyson Versailles Fund to the Town of Versailles for the School Resource Officer expenses during this lapse in the Secured Safety Grant funding.

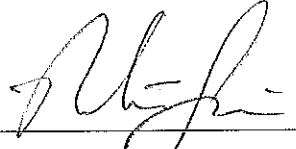
Superintendent Moorhead noted all the excitement about the Solar Eclipse earlier in the day. Many educational activities were held in the school buildings, including live streaming of the eclipse and viewing through approved viewing glasses. Mrs. Heidlage, teacher at South Ripley Elementary, and the Tyson Library partnered to make the viewing glasses available. Superintendent Moorhead thanked all those at South Ripley that made this unique experience an educational opportunity.


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Garcia, with a second by Randy McIntosh. Motion carried 5-0.

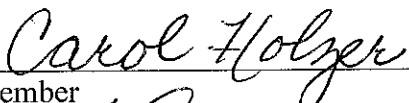
  
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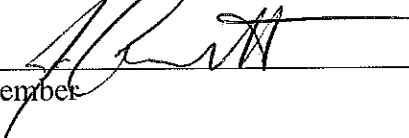
  
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