

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

February 19, 2018

Versailles, Indiana

Member Steve Patrick said a prayer and then President Tim Taylor opened the regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees at 6:45 PM on Monday, February 19, 2018. Board members in attendance include: Jeff Cornett, Robert Garcia, Carol Holzer, Randy McIntosh, Steve Patrick, Tim Taylor, and Becky Turner. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present. Prior to the regular meeting, an Executive Session was held at 6:00 PM to discuss job performance evaluation of individual employees. No other items were discussed at that time.

The agenda was approved with the removal of two agenda items including Field Trip and Readiness Kindergarten Program. Motion was made to approve the amended agenda by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under Correspondence, thank you notes were received from the family of Bernard Huff and Retiree Sue Buchanan.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized South Ripley High School Boys Bowling Team who were Sectional Champs and qualified to advance to the Semi-State. Coaches Ron Pollard and Gina Martin were in attendance and introduced the team players and parents in attendance. Coach Pollard thanked the Administration and School Board for their support. Superintendent Moorhead presented key chains to the players and coaches.

Cheryll Obendorf with Genesis Pathways to Success was present and recognized Mariah Gentile as the January STEM Star. Mariah was present along with her parents Joe and Misty Gentile. A certificate of recognition was presented by President Taylor. Superintendent Moorhead and board members all congratulated Mariah.

Cheryll Obendorf with Genesis Pathways to Success also recognized Teacher Alyssa Moorman for her work in assisting with the summer cyber camp and the Education Workforce Innovation Network (EWIN) Planning Grant. Cheryll also presented a surprise to Alyssa awarding a \$1,500 grant to South Ripley to be used for connected play devices in her computer science classroom. Superintendent Moorhead thanked Cheryll and the Genesis organization for all that it does for South Ripley.

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

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

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

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the notice of retirement from Mr. Thom Maltbie, Art teacher at South Ripley Elementary, effective at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead and board members thanked Mr. Maltbie and wished him well.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Ryan Sparks, Maintenance Supervisor at SRES, submitted January 30, 2018 to be effective February 12, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Leslie Dras as Bus Driver effective February 23, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Nathan Hensley to transfer from JH Soccer Coach to the vacant position of Varsity Boys Soccer Coach, effective for the 2018-2019 season. With this transfer, the Junior High Soccer position will be posted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended termination of Mr. Steve Cranfill from his position of bus driver, effective February 13, 2018. 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. Josie Schornick, teacher at SRES, to begin on approximately April 12, 2018 through the end of the 2017-2018 school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the FMLA request of Mr. Grover Prather, Corporation Bus Driver, from March 8, 2018 through April 5, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following volunteer coaches for the 2018 seasons: Brian Smith, Junior High Baseball; Shane Tompkins and Mark Heidt for Junior High Softball. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 3-year contract with options for years 4 and 5 with LAN to provide internet service to the South Ripley Community School Corporation. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for Transportation Director Gil Landwehr to submit three (3) sealed bids for the possible purchase of 3 yellow mini-buses that are being sold by Community and Family Services of Portland, Indiana. The total of the three bids will not exceed \$35,000. Gil has driven the buses and thinks they would be a nice addition to our fleet to be used on morning routes instead of the white buses. If we are awarded any of the bids, we will bring back the information at the March board meeting. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead shared our February 1, 2018 ADM count of 1170. This is a non-funding count and is a decrease of 12 students from the Fall 2017 count. Superintendent Moorhead noted how the number goes up and down on any given day due to our high student transiency rate.

Business Manager Lana Miller shared the final 2018 Certified Budgets and Order. Lana explained details of the 1782 Notice and the final tax rate of 1.0325 which is an increase of 4.25 cents from 2017. The 2% decrease in the district assessed evaluation was part of the reason for the increase along with a planned increase in the Transportation Fund.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that kindergarten registration dates for the 2018-2019 school year are March 13th and March 14th.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley HS Food Pantry received grants in the amount of \$630 from the Ripley County Community Foundation to help supply the food pantry with needed food items.

Superintendent Moorhead reminded board members of the Board Retreat for long range planning on March 17th at the Dearborn Country Club. There will be a continental breakfast for arrival at 8:30 am, and the retreat will start at 9:00 am. Lunch will be provided as well. The retreat is scheduled to conclude at 3:00 pm.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the Board Observation by AdvancED and ISBA has been rescheduled for the April 16th and May 21st school board meetings.

Motion to adjourn was made by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

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