

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

September 17, 2018
Versailles, Indiana

Member Steve Patrick said a prayer and then the meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was called to order by President Tim Taylor at 6:30 PM on Monday, September 17, 2018. All board members were present. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present.

A motion was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, to open the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2019 Budgets. There were no public comments regarding 2019 Budgets. A motion was made by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, to close the Budget Hearing, vote 7-0.

The regular meeting opened with the agenda being approved as presented. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under patron concerns, Superintendent Moorhead expressed condolences on the passing of former board member Merrell Webster. Merrell is also the father of Elementary Teacher Marsha Brinson. Merrell will be missed in the community.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized the FFA Junior High State Quiz Bowl winners and High School Hoosier Degree recipients. Parent Mark Thomas accompanied the students to the FFA State Convention and he was present to talk about the competitions and recognition earned at the 2018 State FFA Convention. Principal Destiny Rutzel and Agriculture Teacher Erin Padgett were also present and introduced the students and explained their participation at the convention. President Taylor presented certificates of recognition and key chains to the students. Superintendent Moorhead commended Teacher Erin Padgett, Parent Mark Thomas, and all of the students for their work in advancing the program here at South Ripley. Superintendent Moorhead also recognized South Ripley graduate Amanda Hansen for her work as last year's District FFA President.

Superintendent Moorhead welcomed building level staff to present some sample lessons to the board from our recent eLearning Day. Teachers demonstrating lesson plans included: High School-Heather Reichert,

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Junior High School-Melanie Evans, and Elementary School-Leslie Rennie. Due to the planning and preparation, problem solving and flexibility by our teachers, our first eLearning Day was deemed successful. The board thanked the teachers for showing the lessons and actual communication that took place with students on our eLearning day. School Attorney Merritt Alcorn commented that our future eLearning Days will be more and more successful due to our demonstrated willingness to problem solve and reflect on our practice. Superintendent Moorhead stated that we have not mastered all issues, but we will continue to meet them head on. Moorhead thanked South Ripley teachers and administrators for their time and commitment to eLearning.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as presented. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as presented. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. Greg Gardner to fill the posted TBG Utility position, effective September 18, 2018. This is up to 30 hours per week, as assigned, in the Transportation, Buildings and Grounds departments. It is a 260 day position, with PERF, health care eligibility per ACA, and sick/personal days. The established rate of pay is \$17.43 per hour for all assignments in this position. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Prudence McFarland to fill the half-day high school instructional aide position, effective September 19, 2018. This is a one year, temporary position and is not eligible for benefits. Principal Ralston stated that this position will be specializing in math enrichment and remediation. Ms. McFarland will be paid at the entry level aide rate. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Trisha Carpenter to fill the 2.25 hour per day vacant position in the South Ripley cafeteria, effective September 18, 2018. This position is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Belinda Mockbee, from Wednesday, November 21, 2018 through January 2, 2018 pending doctor's release. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Amanda Rohrig, effective September 25, 2018 through October 1, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Becky Turner, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following coaches for boys basketball program for the 2018-2019 school year: Rodney Gullion 7th; Jeff Greiwe 8th; Kyle Jolly 9th (if enough players); Paul Badgley (Reserve); and Brad Samples as Volunteer Assistant. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under field trip requests, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the overnight field trip request for sixth grade students and teachers to travel to Indianapolis, IN for a two-day excursion. The trip is planned for a May 16 departure at 6:30 AM and end on Friday, May 17 at 4:00 PM. Miller transportation is scheduled to charter the entire trip. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of out-of-state field trips for the 2018-2019 school year: Grade 5 to Aronoff in Cincinnati, OH; Grade 2 to Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati, OH; Grade 1 to Cincinnati Zoo in OH, and Grade 3 to the Newport Aquarium in Newport KY. 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 Yearbook class to go on an out-of-state and overnight field trip to Nashville and Clarksville, TN to tour the Jostens facility November 1 – 4, 2018. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Steve Patrick, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to allow sixth grade students at South Ripley Elementary to be assigned to the RCATS program if they are suspended from school. Approval for an amendment to the SRES handbook was also recommended. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that we received \$64,992.72 from the Tyson Versailles Fund to update the playground equipment at South Ripley Elementary. Sincere thanks were extended for such a generous donation to our school district. It was noted that the Tyson Fund donated funds for the first part of the playground replacement project five years ago. This will complete the project with the entire elementary playground being updated. Elementary Principal Amy Linkel was present to discuss the grant award.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that he had submitted the Educator Evaluation Plan and Teacher Appreciation Grant information to the State as required. Since there were no changes in the plans, board approval was not needed. The Evaluation and TAG Plan were discussed with the SRCTA.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board information on Indiana's ILEARN Assessments for students. This replaces the ISTEP+ test and is a computer adaptive test for grades 3-8.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that a \$500 donation was received from the Indiana Rural Health Association for telehealth expenses.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that student count day for funding was Friday, September 14th. Although still in the data clean up stage, we are currently showing 1,119 students.

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Superintendent Moorhead reminded board members that the October board meeting date has been changed to October 22, 2018.

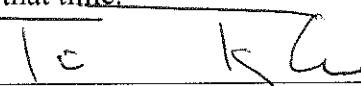
Under other, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that a special meeting regarding elementary carpet replacement will be held on Monday, September 24th at 6 PM in the Sandbox SR Room at the Elementary School.

Superintendent Moorhead and Vice-President Randy McIntosh both attended the ISBA Fall Conference and updated the board on some of the session topics that they attended. McIntosh stated that he was happy with our safety and security initiatives we have completed.

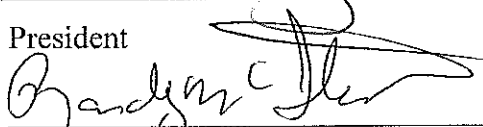
Superintendent Moorhead again thanked the Principals and Teachers for their work in making our first eLearning day a success. He also stated that he is pleased to hear South Ripley FFA students are well received and very visible at the State level functions.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that last spring ISTEP+ scores are still embargoed at the state level. Superintendent Moorhead stated that he was pleased with our scores and administrative staff will share the scores as soon as the embargo is lifted.


Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Robert Garcia, seconded by Becky Turner, Motion carried 7-0. An executive session was held at 6:00 PM regarding the purchase or lease of real property. No other items were discussed at that time.




 President



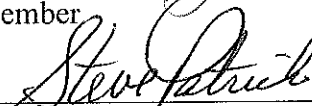
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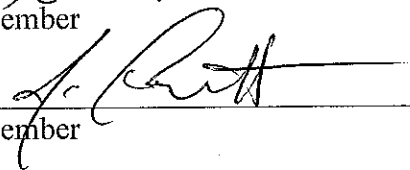
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