

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

February 18, 2019

Versailles, Indiana

President Tim Taylor said a prayer and then called the meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees to order at 6:30 PM on Monday, February 18, 2019. Board members present were: Jeff Cornett, Robert Garcia, Danielle McGee, Randy McIntosh, Andy Miller, and Tim Taylor. Carol Holzer was absent. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the agenda as presented. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the family of Gus Dunker, DDS.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized Band and Choral Teacher Justin Griffin for receiving a Lilly Teacher Creativity Fellowship. Mr. Griffin will be making a trip to Japan to learn to play the Taiko Drums. Principal Ralston commented that Mr. Griffin is a student centered teacher and he will no doubt bring back his experiences in Japan and share with South Ripley students. President Taylor presented a South Ripley back pack and a certificate of recognition. Mr. Griffin was congratulated and wished luck in his travels.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized the Girls Bowling team along with Coach Gina Partin for winning the Sectional at Columbus. Student Abby Kieffer was also recognized as the individual Sectional Winner. President Taylor congratulated the team and presented them with South Ripley key chains. Superintendent Moorhead congratulated the entire team along with Coach Gina Partin and Coach Ron Pollard who was not present. Pollard's Bowl was also thanked for allowing use of their facility.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized and congratulated the Girls Varsity Basketball team for winning the 2019 Sectional. This was their third sectional victory in a row. Head Coach Brian Samples, Volunteer Assistant Bob Meyer, and Junior Varsity Coach Shawn Halcomb all spoke thanking everyone for supporting the team. The three coaches were thanked for their dedication and time. President Taylor presented the team with South Ripley key chains. Principal Ralston spoke of how all of the teams represented at the meeting (bowling,

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basketball and FFA) contained many scholar athletes with some being the top achieving students at South Ripley. Athletic Director Jeff Gorrell also commented on the achievement of the athletes and the fact that we have had no discipline issues with any of the students.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized and congratulated the FFA Parliamentary Procedure Teams that advanced to state competition for the first time in school history. Principal Ralston spoke about the life skills that FFA teaches our students including responsibility and work ethic. Agriculture Teacher Erin Padgett was recognized for her dedication and passion for teaching agriculture, and her FFA leadership. This week is also FFA week and she discussed the many student activities scheduled for this week. Superintendent Moorhead stated that Mrs. Padgett was a former FFA State Officer herself, and stated how proud we are to have her at South Ripley leading our program. Her passion is evident and she has done a tremendous job in her first year of teaching. President Taylor congratulated Mrs. Padgett and the Parliamentary Teams by presenting them with South Ripley key chains.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Randy McIntosh made the motion to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented by Business Manager Lana Miller. Motion was made by Randy McIntosh to approve, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as presented by Business Manager Lana Miller. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 6-0.

Under Personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Jeff Greiwe from the paid position of JV Baseball Coach, effective with the 2018-2019 season. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. JC Boyken from the Girls Assistant Track coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2018-2019 Baseball Coaches as follows: Steven Franklin, Varsity Coach; Jeff Greiwe, HS Volunteer Coach; Kyle Jolly, JV Coach; Brian Smith, JH Volunteer Head Coach, and Danny Castner, JH Volunteer Coach. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 2018-2019 Softball Coaches as follows: Shawn Halcomb, High School Volunteer, Rodney Gullion, JV Coach, April Meyer, JH Volunteer Head Coach and Joe Brown, JH Volunteer Coach. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mrs. Isabella Harris as the HS Track Girls Assistant Coach, effective with the 2018-2019 season. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Brian Samples from the position of girls varsity basketball coach and girls summer basketball, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Mr. Steven Medlock to serve on the School Improvement Committee at the High School. The stipend for this position will be paid on the May 24, 2019 payroll. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Jennifer Miller to fill the FMLA leave of Ms. Lynn Cumberworth. This will be for 3.5-4.0 hours per day during the leave. Ms. Miller, due to her experience with South Ripley as an aide, will be paid the experienced aide rate during this assignment, retro-

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active to her first day of January 23, 2019. This leave is expected to expire at the end of February. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Rae Jean Austin from her part-time temporary position of half-day Kindergarten Aide, effective March 1, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. Rob Lafary to fill the temporary, part-time half-day Kindergarten Aide position vacated by Ms. Rae Jean Austin. This would be effective March 4, 2019 through the remainder of the school year. This is an hourly rate at year 1 aide rate, and is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave request of Lisa Schlotman, effective January 23, 2019 through April 12, 2019, pending a doctor's release. Motion was made to approve by Andy Miller, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement notice of Ms. Dixie Franklin from her position in the High School Cafeteria, effective March 1, 2019. Superintendent Moorhead thanked her for her 28 years of service to South Ripley. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to pay Ms. Tracy Burns the Year 3 Cafeteria Manager Rate for the time she has been assuming the duties of Vernice Stratton, Cafeteria Manager, during Ms. Stratton's leave. Seeking approval to pay this rate retroactive to December 12, 2018 when Ms. Burns assumed the duties. This would be to fairly compensate her for her additional duties and responsibilities during Ms. Stratton's absence. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 6-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to create a Strategy Club at SRHS, with Mr. Gadberry as the volunteer sponsor. There is no stipend for this new club. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia,

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seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0. Superintendent Moorhead stated that he appreciated the idea of the club being generated by a student, and also for Mr. Gadberry's willingness to volunteer to sponsor the club.

Under information items, in order to avoid some scheduling conflicts, the March board meeting will be moved to March 11, 2019.

The February count day totals were included in the board packet for review. No dollars are tied to the February count this year. The count was exactly the same as the Fall 2018 count at 1,116 students.

Business Manager Lana Miller reviewed the State Board of Accounts Audit Report for July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017. Three federal audit exceptions were noted including two from the prior audit due to the delay in the last audit, and the third one was an exception for the ROD Special Education Cooperative. The cost of the bi-annual audit was \$9,564 and funds will be withheld from our next County Tax Draw.

Superintendent Moorhead shared the registration dates of April 10th and 11th for Kindergarten Students for the 2019-2020 school year.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board the receipt of the following grants: Ripley County Community Foundation Grants: \$500 Small Grant was awarded to Ms. Brenda Strimple for the Champions Together Unified Bowling Team. The high school treasurer is handling this grant through the ECA treasury. \$800 Youth Outreach Grant awarded to Ms. Caroline Cumberworth for Osmo Computer Applications. Rising Sun Regional Foundation Grants: \$5,000 for a major musical production awarded to Heather Reichert, and \$15,000 for the Elementary School IXL contract and/or SMART boards. Superintendent Moorhead thanked the Foundations for their generous support of South Ripley Schools.

Superintendent Moorhead presented first reading of Neola policies Volume 31 No. 1 updates. These updates have been provided to the South Ripley Classroom Teachers Association for their review. Second reading and approval will be presented at the March board meeting.

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Under other, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that he anticipated that Sunman Dearborn Schools and possibly one other school will be withdrawing from the ROD Special Education Cooperative effective June 30, 2020. Superintendent Moorhead stated that South Ripley is committed to the cooperative. The ROD Cooperative will need to do some restructuring over the next year, but will keep moving forward.

Superintendent Moorhead and board members extended condolences to Member Danielle McGee for the recent loss of her brother-in-law, Rising Sun Police Chief David Hewitt.

Superintendent Moorhead congratulated Brenda Strimple and the High School for their participation in the Polar Plunge, and for keeping the award of "Top Cool School" for raising the most money of any schools. Over \$3,000 was raised and the Polar Bear will remain in the South Ripley High School Library for his 10th straight year.

Board members commented that it was great seeing the sports teams at the meeting and acknowledging their athletic successes. All coaches were again thanked for working with our students to reach their full potential. It was also noted that it was good to see the FFA participation and many successes.

Superintendent Moorhead thanked all those involved in setting up the library for the meeting.

New board member Andy Miller stated that he was attending and enjoying the New Board Member Academy presented by Indiana School Boards Association.

Motion was made to adjourn by Robert Garcia, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 6-0. An executive session was held prior to the regular session regarding the purchase or lease of real property and job performance evaluation of individual employees. No other items were discussed.

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