

## SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

May 20, 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, May 20, 2019. Board members present were: Jeff Cornett, Robert Garcia, Carol Holzer, Danielle McGee, Randy McIntosh, Andy Miller, and Tim Taylor. 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 Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Condolences were extended to Principal Joe Ralston for the recent loss of his father, Charles Ralston.

Under correspondence, a thank you note was received from the family of A. Everett Wood.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized the Junior High Math Academic Team for making Top 10 in the State. South Ripley Junior High placed 8<sup>th</sup> out of 58 teams. The Academic Team members are led by Teacher Holly Swinney as the Academic Team Sponsor, and Teacher Melanie Evans as the Math Coach. The students on the Math Academic Team include: Alexis Ackerman, Lila Franklin, Brionna Linkel, and Sam Stenger. Principal Destiny Rutzel stated what a phenomenal accomplishment this was to place in the Top 10. Coaches stated how hard the students worked memorizing 42 geometric formulas, and learning the game Backgammon while also being able to explain the strategies chosen during the game. President Taylor presented pens and a Certificate of Recognition to the Team and Coaches. Superintendent Moorhead congratulated the team for their outstanding placement and representing South Ripley well.

Superintendent Moorhead congratulated Principal Rutzel and South Ripley Junior High for their Re-designation as a National School to Watch. State Legislator Randy Frye was present for the ceremony.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized Bus Driver Patricia Kappes and students Lanie Nicholson, Lucie Nicholson, and Isabella Holman for assisting an older gentleman found along the road side. "Doing the right thing and treating people right" is a motto at South Ripley Elementary. The family of the elderly man that was

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rescued sent a letter thanking Patricia Kappes and the students for finding and caring for their dad. President Taylor presented a Certificate of Recognition and pens to Patricia and the students.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized Principal Amy Linkel for being named District 10 Principal of the Year. Superintendent Moorhead said there was no one more deserving than Amy with the passion, effort, and energy she exerts for her students. Amy's husband Scott and daughter Brionna were present for her recognition. Amy thanked the board for the recognition and thanked each person that she surrounds herself with for the amazing jobs they do that help her to be successful. President Taylor congratulated Mrs. Linkel and presented a Certificate of Recognition and a portable power bank.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Jeff Cornett made the motion to approve, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

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 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the financial report as presented by Business Manager Lana Miller. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended the transfer of Mr. Justin Griffin from Band Teacher to High School Moderate Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Griffin will be required to acquire an Emergency Permit from the IDOE to teach this class, and will be required to obtain proper licensure in Special Education within the IDOE prescribed timeframes in order to continue teaching in this area. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0. Mr. Griffin was present and thanked the board for allowing his transfer to fulfill his passion to work with special needs students. Mr. Griffin will be missed in the Band and Music areas.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement of Ms. Lori Linkmeyer from her teaching position at South Ripley Elementary effective at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. It was

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also recommended to waive the 60-day notice stated in the Master Agreement so that she may receive any retirement benefits for which she qualifies. Superintendent Moorhead wished Lori well and thanked her for her 31 years of service to South Ripley. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Brittany Weigel from her teaching position at South Ripley Elementary, effective with the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This resignation includes the extra-curricular position of Junior Class sponsor as well. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Megan Niese to fill the Junior High Math teaching position, effective with the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Niese will enter the pay scale at BLA. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Grace Herzog to fill a teaching position at South Ripley Elementary, effective with the 2019-2020 school year Ms. Herzog will enter the pay scale at BLA. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Nick Weismiller from his position of Junior High Science teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Paul Badgley, instructional aide at South Ripley High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year. This resignation includes the extra-curricular position of JV Basketball Coach as well. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the termination of the employment of Ms. Lori Redwine, effective May 3, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of two Drivers Education Instructors for the summer of 2019: Mr. Marlin Kohlmeier and Mr. Jason Hughes. Both instructors will be paid the maximum rate of \$35 per hour. With the current number of students enrolled in the program, Mr. Hughes will teach a total of up to 90 hours (30 classroom and 60 driving) and Mr. Kohlmeier will teach a total of up to 150 hours (driving). Should the number of students change, the contracted hours may change as well. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Heather Reichert to substitute for one day on July 10, 2019 for summer school due to Lynn Cumberworth's absence that day. Ms. Reichert will receive her current hourly rate for 4.5 hours via a supplemental contract for this assignment. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Lindsay Hafft to attend PLTW training for "Design and Modeling" in Indianapolis July 17- 21, 2019. Approval was also sought to pay Ms. Hafft a supplemental contract of 5 days at her current daily rate at the conclusion of her training. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for Ms. Angela Ochs to attend HANDS in Autism training at Sunman-Dearborn School Corporation on June 17 – 21, 2019, and approval to pay Ms. Ochs a supplemental contract for 5 days at her current daily rate at the conclusion of her training. Ms. Ochs will be implementing the HANDS program in the Junior High moderate room beginning with the 2019-2020 school year. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Annette Rohaly to fill the 7-hour daily teacher's aide position vacated by Lainey Everage. Ms. Rohaly began filling the position as a substitute on April 29, 2019. The hourly rate of \$12.78 will be paid retroactive to April 29, 2019 when she began her duties. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended the non-renewal of the following SR temporary classified positions at the conclusion of the 2018-2019 school year: Brandi Witkemper, Karen Bastin, Mary Alicia Byard, Rob Lafary, Annette Rohaly, Phyllis Hull, Chelsi Marcum, Isabella Harris, Angela May, Melanie Gable, Prudence McFarland, and Montana Prakes. Should it be determined that student needs and available funding allow reconsideration of renewing these positions, they will be posted following our normal procedures. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA request of Ms. Rosella Elliott, effective April 27 – May 24, 2019, unless released by a doctor earlier. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for Ms. Amy Linkel and Ms. Destiny Rutzel to participate as IPLI mentors and to allow them to use professional development days for participation in the Institute. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Mr. Matt McNew from his position of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective April 15, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the temporary resignation of Mr. Robert Garcia from his school board position representing District 5 (Johnson Township outside the corporate limits of Versailles) due to his military deployment, effective May 21, 2019. This is in compliance with IC 5-9-4 et al and South Ripley's policy 0412.4. Upon his return from deployment, (scheduled to be late spring 2020) he will resume his position on the board after submitting the required written notice that his military leave of absence has ended. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0. Board members thanked Robert for his service and wished him well. Superintendent Moorhead extended an invitation to all in attendance to stay for ice cream cake following the meeting to bid Robert farewell.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to pay incentives to teachers and administrators that choose to obtain one or more Google Certifications, according to the parameters outlined in the board packet. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval that South Ripley Community School Corporation expand the allowable uses of the Farm Lease Fund #2300 to include Staff Professional Development expenses at the discretion of the Superintendent. A Resolution was signed authorizing this additional use. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for the corporation's continued participation in the following programs: At Risk, Title I, Title II, Title V, High Ability, ROD Special Education Cooperative, School Food and Nutrition, Southeastern Career Center, Textbook Rental, Safe and Drug Free Schools, Wilson Education Center, Indiana Virtual Academy, RCATS, Alternative Education and Rural & Low Income Schools. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the school handbooks, including highlighted changes, effective with the 2019-2020 school year: High School Student Handbook changes as submitted by Principal Ralston, Junior High Handbook changes as submitted by Principal Rutzel, and Elementary Handbook changes as submitted by Principal Linkel. The proposed changes have been discussed with the SRCTA. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of renting two vehicles from Chandler Chevrolet in Madison, Indiana for use in Driver Training this year. Terms of use and cost are in line with past practice. Motion was made to approve by Robert Garcia, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval for South Ripley High School to host a Yogi Ferrell Basketball Skills Camp this summer, July 30<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Robert Garcia, vote 7-0.

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Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley High School was recently awarded a water fountain/filling station as part of Delta Dental's Rethink your Drink: Water's Cool at School campaign. Thanks were extended to Principal Ralston and TBG Gil Landwehr for their efforts in applying for the grant.

Superintendent Moorhead extended an invitation to board members for the end of school luncheon at the Elementary School Cafeteria at 11:00 AM. on Tuesday, May 28th.

Superintendent Moorhead reviewed the roles of the board for our upcoming graduation ceremony. Graduation ceremonies will be held at South Ripley High School Gymnasium on Saturday, June 1st at 5:00 PM. An invitation was also extended to celebrate the Class of 2019 by attending Senior Awards Night on March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 P.M.

Under other, board members all wished Robert Garcia well on his military deployment. Board members again congratulated all of the staff and students recognized during the meeting. It was said and felt by all that great things are happening at South Ripley.

Secretary Carol Holzer thanked Superintendent Moorhead and Principal Ralston for attending scholarship night at Versailles Legion.

Superintendent Moorhead thanked Carol Holzer and Danielle McGee for attending the ISBA Spring Region meeting recently in Seymour.

Principal Rutzel displayed the plaque presented earlier in the day for the National Schools to Watch Re-Designation. She also showed a Resolution from the Indiana State House which was presented earlier by State Representative Randy Frey. It was a great day at the Junior High.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board that a surprise recognition was held at the High School for student Alex Kieffer for being a finalist for the Indy Star Special Olympics Athlete of the Year. State Representative Randy Frey presented Alex an Acclamation from the State House. Mr. Greg Townsend with

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Indiana Special Olympics was present for the recognition. Superintendent Moorhead reported that the entire student body gave Alex a standing ovation.

Motion was made to adjourn by Danielle McGee, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0. 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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