

SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

October 21, 2019

Versailles, Indiana

President Tim Taylor opened the 1028 Public Project Hearing on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Members present were: Jeff Cornett, Carol Holzer, Danielle McGee, Randy McIntosh, Andy Miller, Lori Samples, and Tim Taylor. Superintendent Rob Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present.

School Attorney Merritt Alcorn explained the legal requirements for a 1028 hearing and the process of establishing the maximum financial terms for a proposed project.

Superintendent Moorhead explained the need for the project being to replace the HVAC system at the Elementary School which is nearing 30 years old and running on currently 2 of 3 compressors. The project is being funded through a Guaranteed Energy Savings program and Request for Qualifications (RFQs) from providers was received. The Board previously selected EMCOR to handle the project. Superintendent Moorhead stated that the project may also include interface controls for the High School HVAC system, lighting upgrades, and other items.

Tim Pitts with EMCOR was present and spoke stating the main focus of the project will be SRES HVAC system. Other items under consideration at this time at SRES include: the fire alarm system and the intercom/clock system. Items under consideration currently at SRJH/HS include: building automation, outside lighting, and boiler issues. The final scope of the project will be determined and approved by the Board of School Trustees once all items are fully investigated and EMCOR can provide line by line estimates.

Damian Maggos, Underwriter with Raymond James, was present and presented a finance structure on the maximum dollar amount of \$4,975,000 based on DLGF parameters. Financing projects is much like budgeting. You are required to set a maximum and this is the dollar amount you cannot go over on the project. You can do a project with a smaller dollar amount, but cannot go over the maximum. The scope and final dollar amounts of the project will be set by the Board of School Trustees at a later meeting. The financing structure will include

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issuing bonds likely in March 2020 with receipt of monies in April 2020. The first payment on the project will be July 2021. Damian also included for Board review the annual estimated tax impact on district home owners, land owners, and commercial business owners.

Superintendent Moorhead emphasized that the numbers being reviewed are maximum numbers. He reminded the board and public that this is a needs based project.

The public hearing was opened for public comment. There were no comments made.

Jane Herndon, Bond Counsel with Ice Miller was present and explained that a Project Resolution for the project is required because the school is planning to spend more than \$1,000,000 per building. The total cost of the project includes estimated hard and soft construction costs, and the costs of issuance.

Motion was made by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0, to approve the Project Resolution establishing the maximum dollar amounts of \$4,975,000 and the anticipated impact on Debt Service tax rate of \$.0635 per \$100 assessed valuation based on an estimated \$320,210,687 assessed valuation beginning in 2021.

Bond Counsel Attorney Herndon continued by explaining that a Reimbursement Resolution was recommended for approval as required by the Internal Revenue Service to allow reimbursement to the school corporation for any costs of the project it pays for in advance of the issuance of bonds. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

The 1028 Public Hearing concluded. Superintendent Moorhead thanked School Attorney Merritt Alcorn, Tim Pitts, Damian Maggos, and Bond Counsel Attorney Jane Herndon for their assistance in the upfront legal work of the project.

The regular meeting followed the 1028 Public Hearing.

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President Tim Taylor opened the Monday, October 21, 2019 meeting of The South Ripley Board of School Trustees at 6:50 PM. Members present were: Jeff Cornett, Carol Holzer, Danielle McGee, Randy McIntosh, Andy Miller, Lori Samples, and Tim Taylor. Superintendent Rob Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present.

The agenda was approved as presented. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead welcomed Senior Andrew Conrad. Principal Joe Ralston introduced Andrew and informed the board of his distinction as a National Merit Commended Student. Superintendent Moorhead told him how proud we are of him and this is a big deal to receive this status based on his PSAT/NMSQT scores. President Tim Taylor congratulated and presented a pen to Andrew.

Superintendent Moorhead welcomed Student Cennegan Snelling. Principal Ralston introduced her and informed the board of her winning the 2019 American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest and also being named a national winner from the Central Division which encompasses nine states. Board member Carol Holzer spoke as an Auxiliary member and stated that there had not been a local national winner in many years. Superintendent Moorhead congratulated Cennegan and President Taylor presented a certificate of recognition and a pen.

Superintendent Moorhead recognized Teacher Brenda Strimple and several students that were present that participate in Champions Together. A recent presentation was held at the high school where Mrs. Strimple received four standing ovations from the students at the presentation. SRHS became one of only 14 schools in the State of Indiana to receive a National Banner for its involvement with the Champions Together program. Superintendent Moorhead thanked Mrs. Strimple for her work and leading the South Ripley program. President Taylor presented a certificate of recognition to Mrs. Strimple and the students present at the meeting.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as presented. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

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

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

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Ashley Bittick as a long-term substitute in the special education teaching position at SRJHS for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year, effective October 28, 2019. Ms. Bittick will receive the appropriate substitute pay rate until the issuance of her teaching license, and then would receive the daily rate for Bachelor Level A for the remainder of the school year from the date of issue of her teaching license. This is considered a temporary assignment and is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA and extended leave request of Ms. Leasa Nay from her teaching position, effective September 18, 2019 and for the remainder of 2019-2020 school year. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Phyllis Hull to teach five consecutive days at SRES in first grade from October 14 – 18, 2019 to fill the vacancy gap created by Ms. Nay's leave. Also seeking approval for Ms. Hull to receive her daily teacher rate for these five days of instruction. Motion was made to approve by Andy Miller, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Allie Sexton to fill the extended leave for Mrs. Leasa Nay, effective Monday, October 21, 2019 for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. Sexton will be paid appropriate substitute teacher pay rate until the issuance of her teaching license. She will receive the daily rate for Bachelor Level A for the remainder of the school year from the date of issue of her

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teaching license. This is considered a temporary assignment and is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to increase the hours of Ms. Reggie Zerkel, Title I Aide at SRES, from 3.5 hours daily to 5.25 hours daily for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. Approval was sought for the increase of hours to be retro-active to September 30, 2019. This increase of hours will be funded through the Title I grant. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Brandi Witkemper from her position of Instructional Aide at South Ripley Elementary, effective October 18, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Katarina Brower from her position of Instructional Aide at South Ripley Junior High, effective October 16, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Ms. Phyllis Hull to fill a high ability assistant position for the 2019-2020 school year, effective October 21, 2019 through approximately May 8, 2020. This is a temporary position, paid an hourly rate of \$18 per hour for 28 hours per week, and is not eligible for benefits. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave for Ms. Tracy Burns, retroactively from September 18, 2019 through September 27, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave for Ms. Sarah McGinley-Chapin, retroactively from September 26, 2019 through October 4, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave for Ms. Amanda Rohrig, effective October 22, 2019 through October 29, 2019. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave for Ms. Judy Wilson, effective October 30, 2019 through November 29, 2019 or until released by a doctor to resume duties as a bus driver. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Mr. Dave Swingle as 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach for the 2019-2020 basketball season. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. McKenna Bradley as a volunteer swim coach for the 2019-2020 swim season. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following Volunteer Basketball Coaches for the 2019-2020 school year: Brad Samples and Ryan Lauber – 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls; Lisa Gilpin – 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls; Caleb Huntington – high school Girls Varsity Assistant; Chase Samples – high school Girls Varsity Assistant. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 6-0, with one abstention.

Superintendent Moorhead sought approval for him to sign the Letter of Intent with EMCOR to proceed with the Guaranteed Savings Contract for South Ripley Community School Corporation. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the submitted School Improvement Plan Goals from each building principal, for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended Adoption of the 2020 Education, Operations, Debt Service, Rainy Day Fund, Budgets, Levies and Rates. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of a Budget Transfer Resolution for 2020 authorizing the transfer of up to \$1,200,000 for expenses that were in the prior General Fund (now Education Fund) previously that are now paid in the Operations Fund. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the three-year Capital Projects Plan, which is now part of the Operations Fund. A Resolution was presented for signatures. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Five-Year Bus Replacement Plan, which is now part of the Operations Fund. A Resolution was presented for signatures. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that ADM count day was September 13, 2019 and SRCSC official ADM total was 1144 for funding purposes. This is an increase of 28 students.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> in the high school gym there was an student assembly for the presentation of the Champions Together National banner. Superintendent Moorhead thanked Mrs. Strimple for her efforts and contributions to this program, and the Champions Together Board Members for this national recognition.

Superintendent Moorhead shared the renewal for the 2020 SISIC plan year which will include a 3% increase in premium rates. There will be no changes to the existing plan options and Anthem will remain the carrier. The current Delta Dental plans will renew at a reduced rate with a 7.99% decrease for the 2-year renewal.

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Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the fall meeting of the ISBA Region 10 will be November 13, 2019 at the Pines in Seymour, IN. Any board member wishing to attend was asked to let Karen Sieverding know as soon as possible so reservations can be made.

Under other, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that South Ripley Community Schools will soon have their own App. This App will centralize all parent information and will allow for registration for push notifications. The official project launch date will be announced when determined. A banner will scroll on the App that will allow local business to advertise and support South Ripley Schools.

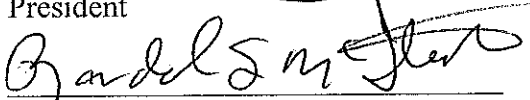
Board member Randy McIntosh stated this was a great meeting including recognizing South Ripley students that are highly successful.

Member Lori Samples asked if we had substitutes for the upcoming nurse medical leave. Superintendent Moorhead assured her that Nurse Mandy had arranged for her subs during the time she was absent.

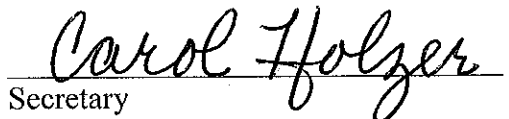
Motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0. An executive session was held prior to the 1028 Public Project Hearing for a collective bargaining update and the purchase or lease of real property. No other items were discussed at that time.



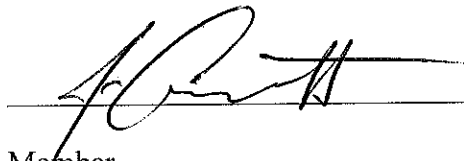
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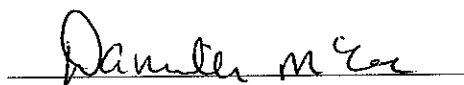
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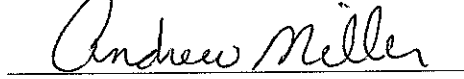
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