

## SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

February 17, 2020

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 17, 2020. Board members present were: Jeff Cornett, Randy McIntosh, Andy Miller, Lori Samples, and Tim Taylor. Superintendent Robert Moorhead was also present. Secretary Carol Holzer and member Danielle McGee along with School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were absent.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the agenda as presented. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0.

Under correspondence, thank you notes were received from the families of Stanley Nay and Pauline Rohrig.

Under recognition, Superintendent Moorhead recognized the Girls and Boys High School Bowling Teams for being Sectional Champs this season. Coaches Ron Pollard and Erica Hewitt were present and introduced their student bowlers and spoke of successes this season. Principal Joe Ralston spoke concerning the players and what fun they are to watch bowling. He also stated that their bowling success may open scholarship opportunities for these players. President Taylor congratulated them and presented each with a pen.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the minutes as submitted. Andrew Miller made the motion to approve, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the claims as presented. Motion was made by Randy McIntosh to approve, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0.

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 Lori Samples, vote 5-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA leave request of Jason Dilk, Instructional Aide at SRES, effective February 6, 2020 through approximately February 14, 2020 or upon a doctor's release. Motion was made to approve by Andrew Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the retirement notice of Liconda "Connie" Stutler from her Special Education Paraprofessional position at SRES, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion was made to approve by Lori Samples, seconded by Andrew Miller, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. April McLaughlin Meyer from the position of Jr. High Softball Coach, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Lori Samples, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following individuals for coaching positions in the 2020 spring sports season: Brad Samples, Volunteer Varsity Baseball Assistant; Rob Lafary, JV Baseball Coach; Rodney Gullion, Volunteer JV Baseball Assistant; Joe Brown, Junior High Softball Coach. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andrew Miller, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended the employment of Jose Garanger to fill the 2-hour per day Cafeteria Aide position for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year. This vacancy is due to Greg Gardner being assigned to additional hours for transportation and grounds duties. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Dell 3100 2-in-1 chrome books for the device refresh for the 2020-2021 school year for grades K-4 and 11-12. South Ripley eLearning Coach Brett Miller was present and shared his input on the device choice for its durability and flexibility of including both a touch screen and a keyboard. Superintendent Moorhead stated that teachers have had an opportunity for input and a case for the device has not been chosen yet. The financing portion of the purchase will be presented for approval at the March board meeting. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to move the scheduled eLearning Day from November 11, 2020 to November 4, 2020 so as to have a full school day on Veteran's Day and to continue the tradition of the

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programs honoring the local veterans. Motion was made to approve by Lori Samples, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the 3-year farm crop lease bid of Bud (Grover) Prather and Sons in the amount of \$265 per acre for the 46.89 acre (\$12,425.85). This was the highest bid received, and is for the 2020-2022 Crop Lease period. Approval was also sought to continue to receipt the crop lease funds for the field beside South Ripley Elementary School of 30.78 acres to Fund 2300-Farm Lease – FFA Account and used for our Agriculture program. The crop lease funds from the Decker land purchased in 2019 behind South Ripley High School (16.11 acres) was recommended to be receipted into the Operations Fund.

Superintendent Moorhead stated his appreciation to the bidders. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andrew Miller, vote 5-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of a donation of a 17" Windsor Sabre Walk-Behind Scrubber from the Oldenburg Academy. Approximate value of the donation is \$1700 "as is". Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0. Superintendent Moorhead and board members thanked Oldenburg Academy for this generous donation.

Under information items, Superintendent Moorhead shared the February ADM student count. Although the report is not finalized, it appears we will be down ten students from the Fall 2019 count.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the State Board of Accounts is in the process of our 2017-2019 audit. They are using our conference room on Mondays – Thursdays until the audit is completed.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the registration dates for Kindergarten Students for the 2020-2021 school year are April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children Youth Educators will provide age appropriate Digital Safety Presentations on April 1, 2020. An evening session will

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be available for parents, and a daytime session for students in grades 7-8, and 9-12. These presentations will last approximately one hour and are free of charge.

Superintendent Moorhead shared with the board that Student Data Coordinator Kristen Hughes was recently elected 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Skyward User Group Committee. She will progress to being President of the group in two years. Superintendent Moorhead stated how proud he was for her taking a leadership role and representing South Ripley.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that a grant in the amount of \$250 was awarded to SRJH from Inspire 3-IASP for the Hygiene Closet service project. Congratulations were extended to Lindsay Hafft for being awarded this grant. South Ripley also received three (3) grants from the Ripley County Community Foundation: \$225 Computing & Society project (Amy Bryant); \$725 BioMed Freezer Project (Max Howard) and \$500 Hygiene Closet project at the Junior High (Destiny Rutzel). Thanks were extended to the Ripley County Community Foundation and to those involved in pursuing these grants. South Ripley was also selected to receive a PLTW Gateway Grant in the amount of \$1,200. Thanks were extended to Principal Destiny Rutzel for pursuing this grant.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that he and Business Manager Lana Miller had met with Damian Maggos of Raymond James Financial and reviewed the upcoming projected financing of the Energy Savings Project. The report was shared with the Board. The numbers will be updated at the time of the bond sale, but at this time a 4.3 cent increase in the tax rate is projected. This is considerably less than original estimates. The bond sale is scheduled to occur in March 2020.

Superintendent Moorhead presented First Reading of Neola proposed policies Vol. 31.2, 32.1 updates and a Special Update on Social Media. Approval of these policies will be sought at the March meeting.

Superintendent Moorhead shared the recently created video highlighting STEM activities at South Ripley Schools. The video was created in-house by eLearning Coach Brett Miller with drone footage provided by

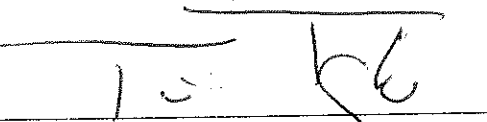
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Assistant Principal Ryan Lauber. The video was created for a \$50,000 STEM grant application, but will have many uses including being placed on our web page. Superintendent Moorhead was proud of the time, effort and energy put into the video showcasing the STEM activities happening district wide at South Ripley Schools. Brett Miller and Ryan Lauber were thanked for their work on the video creation along with the efforts of the Admin team, staff, and students.

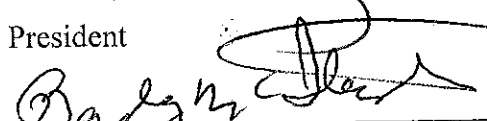
Under other, Superintendent Moorhead informed the board that the High School Archery Team recently qualified for the NASP State Tournament. Coaches Ron Buchanan and Trish Kappes were mentioned as South Ripley hosted an Archery meet a few weeks ago. The sport and participation in Archery is growing at South Ripley and schools statewide.

Board members welcomed Wanda Burnett from Ripley Publishing back again to cover the monthly board meetings.

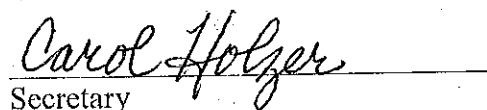
Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Andrew Miller, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 5-0. An executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding discussion of litigation. No other topics were discussed.



President



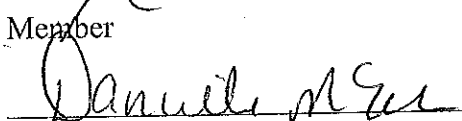
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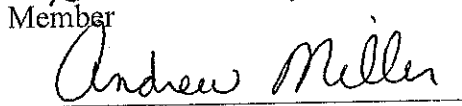
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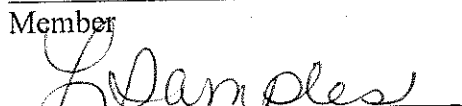
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