

## SOUTH RIPLEY BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

March 16, 2020

Versailles, Indiana

The regular meeting of the South Ripley Board of School Trustees was held in Sandbox SR at South Ripley Elementary School. President Tim Taylor said a prayer and then called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM on Monday, March 16, 2020. Members present were: Tim Taylor, Randy McIntosh, Lori Samples, Carol Holzer, Andy Miller, Danielle McGee and Jeff Cornett. Superintendent Robert Moorhead and School Attorney Merritt Alcorn were both present. The agenda was approved as presented with the addition of "Wireless Network Infrastructure Upgrade" as an added action item. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

There were no items under correspondence. Under recognition, Mr. Marlin Kohlmeier was present to be recognized as being named the 2019 Volunteer of the Year by DNR & Hunter Education Association. Principal Ralston noted that Mr. Kohlmeier was well-deserving of the honor, and Mr. Kohlmeier expressed his thanks for the honor. Also under recognition was student Andrea Myers, a South Ripley and SCC Med Tech Student, who was named 2020 Indiana Award for Excellence Secondary Student Award. Ms. Myers was unable to attend the board meeting.

Under presentations, Ms. Casey Hutton, Special Education Moderate teacher, gave a presentation with MILO, a robot used in the Autism pilot program. A student in Ms. Hutton's class was in attendance to interact with MILO as part of the presentation. Ms. Hutton applied to be part of this pilot, and South Ripley was selected to receive MILO for use for the next two years. SR's MILO is 1 of 1,000 in the world, and we are excited to be part of this unique program. Only 15 Indiana schools were chosen to participate in this program.

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

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

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Financial Report as submitted. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Under personnel, Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Destiny Rutzel from her position of Junior High Principal, effective June 30, 2020. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0. The Board expressed appreciation to Principal Rutzel for all her great work at SRJHS and wished her well.

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Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Joyce Druba from her position of Junior High School Guidance Counselor, effective March 20, 2020. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0. The Board acknowledged Ms. Druba's contributions to SRJHS and extended their best wishes to her.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to add Heath Landwehr, Isabella Harris and Ashley Pickett to the corporation list for "as needed" SPED bus aides. These assignments are not eligible for benefits at this time. Motion was made to approve by Lori Samples, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Kimberly Calhoun to fill the 2-hour dishwasher/cook position in the high school cafeteria, effective March 16, 2020. This position is not eligible for benefits at this time. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the FMLA/extended medical leave of Ms. Cynthia O'Neal effective February 24, 2020 due to a surgery, and until released by a doctor. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignations of Ms. Melanie Evans, Ms. Christy Moore, and Ms. Ashley Bittick from the positions of Co-Sponsors for Flag and Majorettes, effective immediately. Motion was made to approve by Jeff Cornett, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended acceptance of the resignation of Ms. Lindsay Hafft from the position of National Junior Honor Society Sponsor, effective May 30, 2020. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the following individuals to serve as coaches for the 2020 spring sports season: Jason Back, Volunteer Assistant JH Softball; Josh Schmidt, Volunteer Assistant JH Softball; Brian Samples, Volunteer Assistant High School Softball; Jason Volz, Volunteer Assistant JH Baseball. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Jeff Cornett, vote 7-0.

Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of Ms. Lisa Gilpin as Varsity Volleyball Coach and Mr. Kyle Jolly as Reserve Volleyball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Regarding Driver Education, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to continue offering Driver Education during the summer of 2020. This would be contingent upon having at least 20 students that have paid the \$100 deposit by the deadline of May 15, 2020. The cost will be \$400 per student which will need to be paid in full prior to the student starting the program. Also seeking approval to post the position(s) needed

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for hire to run the program. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Regarding Summer School programs, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the High School Summer School Online/On-site Program for 2020 contingent upon meeting the minimum number of required students enrolled (15) and pending approval of reimbursement from the State. Mr. Moorhead also sought approval to post the position needed for hire to run the program. Motion was made to approve by Andy Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0. Superintendent Moorhead further recommended approval of the summer program, SAE or Supervised Agricultural Experience, in accordance with a similar structure as last year. The program would be limited to 160 total hours, with 15 students being the minimum number of students necessary to offer the course. Due to the specific curriculum, Mr. Moorhead also sought approval of Ms. Erin Padgett as the teacher for this program, and it would be outside of the 10 extended days of her teaching contract. Motion was made to approve by Andy Miller, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Regarding Summer Maintenance, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of seven (7) summer maintenance positions for the summer of 2020. These Summer Positions would be an 8-week assignment. These positions and dates of assignment would be posted, if approved. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Under Obsolete Items, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to render obsolete Bus 101, VIN 4UZAAXCT54CL82557, due to age (2004) and extensive repairs needed. This bus would be donated to the Southeastern Career Center as a project for the Diesel Mechanics class. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

Regarding Lease Financing for Chrome Books for the 2020-2021 school year, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval to enter into the 3 year lease financing agreement with Providence Capital to finance the new lot of Chrome Books for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion was made to approve by Danielle McGee, seconded by Randy McIntosh, vote 7-0.

Under Field Trips, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Ag activities for the 2020-2021 school year as by Ms. Padgett. These include the following overnight field trips:

- a. State FFA Convention, West Lafayette, June 15-18, 2020
- b. PLT FFA Camp, Trafalgar, August 28-30, 2020
- c. LDW FFA Camp, Trafalgar, September 11-13, 2020
- d. SOAR FFA Camp, Trafalgar, October 9-11, 2020
- e. National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, October 28-31, 2020
- f. FIRE FFA Camp, Trafalgar, November 13-15, 2020

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Motion was made to approve by Lori Samples, seconded by Danielle McGee, vote 7-0. Additionally, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of the Art Club field trip to Cincinnati Art Museum on Friday, April 17, 2020. This would be contingent upon evaluating the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic closer to the trip. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Lori Samples, vote 7-0.

The Second Reading of Vol. 31.2, Vol. 32.1 and Special Update on Social Media was provided. Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of these policies as no objections were made to the updates. Motion was made to approve by Lori Samples, seconded by Carol Holzer, vote 7-0.

Regarding Wireless Network Infrastructure Upgrade, Superintendent Moorhead recommended approval of updating the wireless access points through STEPcg as submitted by our Tech Director, Scott Richie of FiveStar. Total cost of the project is \$68,088.70, with reimbursement of approximately 80% from USAC/Erate. Motion was made to approve by Randy McIntosh, seconded by Andy Miller, vote 7-0.

Under Information items, Superintendent Moorhead announced SR has been selected as one of only 52 winners of a \$50,000 Digital Learning Community Advisory Grant from the Indiana Department of Education. They had over 100 entries for the grant. Thanks were extended to everyone who had a part in the application process for this grant.

Superintendent Moorhead congratulated the 2020 Polar Plunge Team on winning the Overall Top Cool School award for the eleventh straight year. He extended special thanks to Ms. Strimple for her hard work, and to all the students who represented South Ripley by participating in the plunge, and to all who made donations in support of this effort. A total of \$5,190 was raised this year, with a total of \$36,350 being raised by SR Polar Plungers for Special Olympics over the past 11 years.

Superintendent Moorhead informed the Board that REMC has postponed their Annual Meeting until a later date, possibly in June, due to current health restrictions on gatherings.

Superintendent Moorhead shared that the 2020 Prom is scheduled to be held Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 8:00 PM at Clifty Inn, Madison, IN. Board members and their spouses have been cordially invited to attend.

Superintendent Moorhead also shared with the Board the many efforts by faculty, staff, and administrators in implementing South Ripley's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He extended thanks to all the Tech Staff, teachers, and administrators for all the efforts involved in the eLearning prep and planning, the Cafeteria Staff finding ways to make alternate meal deliveries for our students, for the Transportation Department for all their logistical help, the Maintenance/Custodial staff for the outstanding efforts in cleaning and sanitizing the buildings, the Nurse Staff for their efforts to educate and communicate with everyone about

