

**SPENCER-OWEN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
April 26, 2018  
Central Office  
Mike Wells Memorial Board Room  
7:00 P.M. Board Meeting**

The Spencer-Owen Community Schools Board of Trustees met on, Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. for a School Board Meeting. They met at Central Office, 205 East Hillside Avenue, Spencer, Indiana, 47460 in the Mike Wells Memorial Board Room.

**School Board Meeting (Open to the public)**

Members Present:   Larry Hight                   Sonia Brinson  
                          Chad Cooper                 Jack White  
                          Rick Smeltzer  
                          Amber Willen

Members Absent:   Lew Moke

**1.0    Organization**

1.1    Opening (All items open to public comment.)

President Smeltzer opened the meeting asking for public comment. None were heard. Mr. Cooper gave a voluntary prayer.

1.2    Consider approval of the April 12, 2018, School Board Meeting Minutes and Work Session.

Mr. White made a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Brinson seconded it. Motion carried 4-0-1. Mr. Hight abstained.

At this time Mrs. Willen arrived at the meeting.

1.3    Student Recognition.

There were no recognitions this evening.

1.4    OVHS Presentation

Mr. Potts and Mrs. Portteus gave a presentation on the Owen Valley High School Riley Dance Marathon. (Copy of presentation included in the minutes.)

Mrs. Schafer, Owen Valley High School Principal, gave a presentation on Graduation Pathways. (Copy of presentation included in the minutes.)

Mr. Ranard, Mrs. Portteus (High School Teachers) and Amanda Gibboney (with 5-Star Technology Solutions) gave a presentation on Technology Integration. (Copy of presentation included in the minutes.)

## **2.0 Personnel**

### **2.1 Resignations (For Informational Purposes Only.)**

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, informed the board of the following resignations:

- Samantha Merchant, Instructional Assistant at Spencer Elementary School. (#12448)
- Mark Clark, Custodian at Owen Valley High School. Effective June 1, 2018. (#12632)

### **2.2 Retirements**

Dr. Briggs requested the board to approve the following retirements:

- Amy Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Spencer Elementary School at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. (#11432)
- Susan Ciresi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Spencer Elementary School at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. (#11421)
- Karen Freeman, Instructional Assistant/Latchkey Supervisor at Spencer Elementary School at the end of April 2018. (#12426/12752C-1.5)

Mr. Hight made a motion to approve the retirements. Mr. Cooper seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

### **2.3 Leave**

Dr. Briggs requested the board to approve a twelve-week Family Medical Leave for Lillian Pursell, Music Teacher at Spencer Elementary and McCormick's Creek Elementary Schools. (#11430)

Mrs. Brinson made a motion to approve. Mrs. Willen seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

## 2.4 Employment

Dr. Briggs requested the board to approve hiring Alicia Yates as an Instructional Assistant at McCormick's Creek Elementary School. (#12725)

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve. Mr. White seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

## 3.0 Business

### 3.1 Lease

Dr. Briggs requested the board to approve Owen Valley High School Band Department to lease with the option to buy band equipment through BGE Financial and Paige's Music. (Copy included in the minutes.)

Mr. Hight made a motion to approve. Mrs. Brinson seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

### 3.2 Handbook

Dr. Briggs made a motion to approve the Owen Valley Middle School Student Handbook for the 2018-2019 school year.

Mr. Cooper made a motion to approve. Mr. Hight seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

### 3.3 Agreement

Dr. Briggs request the board to approve the agreement between Indiana University's Department of Kinesiology and Owen Valley High School/Middle School for Athletic Training Services for the 2018-2019 school year. (Copy of agreement included in the minutes.) Mrs. Willen made a motion to approve. Mrs. Brinson seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

### 3.4 Grants

Mr. Beeman, Curriculum Director, requested the board to approve the following:

- Accepting the Smithville Grant. (Copy of request included in minutes.)
- IDOE K-6 STEM Acceleration Grant. (Copy of request included in minutes.)

Mrs. Brinson made a motion to approve. Mr. Hight seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

3.5 Field Trip

Mr. Beeman requested the board to approve an out of country field trip for Owen Valley High School Students to France and Italy March 8-16, 2019.

Mrs. Willen made a motion to approve. Mr. Hight seconded it. Motion carried 6-0.

3.6 Policies

Dr. Briggs requested the board to have the first reading of the following policies:

- 4162 Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders
- 4162.01 Statement of Purpose and Policy
- 6152 Student Fees and Charges

Mr. White made a motion to waive the reading. Mr. Hight seconded it. Motion carried 6-0. There was no discussion. No further action needed.

**4.0 Comments**

Board and Administrative comments were heard.

Mrs. Willen made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cooper seconded it. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

The board remained at the table to hear patron comments. None were heard.

As a matter of record April 26, 2018.

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