SPOON RIVER VALLEY CUSD #4 BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

DATE/TIME: July 16, 2012 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Spoon River Valley High School
Board of Education Room

1. **CALL to ORDER:** Mr. Tarochione called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Cecil led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ROLL CALL:

Present:

Kyle Cecil	John Stuckel
Jill Freeman	Lance Tarochione
Randall Hartstirn	Warren Utsinger
Lynn Phelps	

Absent:

Staff:
Superintendent K. Scot Reynolds
Principal Chris Janssen
Principal Medessa Vancil
Transportation Director Matt Harrison
Maintenance Director Jack Link
Administrative Assistant Pam Plumer

3. AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA: None

4. PUBLIC COMMENT None

5. CONSENT AGENDA: The consent agenda was approved following a motion by Mr. Stuckel and second by Mr. Hartstirn. The motion passed 7-0.

A. Approval of the regular and closed session minutes of June 18, 2012.
B. Approval of the vendor bills in the amount of $193,462.86.
C. Approval of the Financial Report

6. DISCUSSION:

A. Status of Rates/Healthcare Discussion – David Thompson from WACS discussed status of health insurance and mandates that will be in effect September 1, 2012. We are currently in 2nd phase of implementation. Overall effects financially appear to be 6% roughly according to the underwriters.
B. Bond Restructuring Presentation: David Pistorius of First Midstate gave updates on the possibility of restructuring our bonds based on expiring bonds, for additional savings and to obtain a better tax rate. Moreover, explained how working cash funds operate.
C. Status of Window Project - Jack Link gave update on windows. Aluminum materials are backordered. Also discussed the possibility of installing on weekends to get jobs completed.
D. JH Spanish Proposal – Mr. Janssen discussed possibility of exploratory course in Junior High, based strictly on a voluntary basis in lieu of study hall and or chorus.
E. Purchase of Additional ROE Alternative School Slot – Mr. Janssen also updated/answered questions about the alternative high school and the additional options it offers students who currently are limited to little or no alternatives.
F. Elementary ISAT Score Review – Mrs. Vancil reviewed and updated the 2012 ISAT scores. Aims Web is complimenting our "at risk" students. She also gave an update on Common Core testing.
G. General State Aid Claim – Mr. Reynolds discussed where SRV is at in regards to EAV, historically, as well as, marketing possibilities to increase those numbers in the future.
H. Facebook Demonstration - Mr. Janssen discussed possibilities of adding a Facebook page to inform public, and to be more accessible to reaching students.
I. County Facility Sales Tax Meeting – Mr. Utsinger discussed possibility of establishing a County Facility Sales Tax and the benefits/disadvantages associated with it. The majority of districts support this; however, the April ballot would be the goal for proceeding.

7. REPORTS:

A. Superintendent Reynolds answered questions about this administrative report.
B. Principal Janssen answered questions about his administrative and technology reports.
C. Principal Vancil answered questions about her administrative report.

8. Call for Closed Executive Session: The Board moved to Closed/Executive session at 8:42pm to discuss "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body…" and "Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21)." following a motion by Mr. Cecil and second by Mrs. Freeman. Motion passed 7-0.

Return to Open Session: The Board returned to Open Session at 10:12 pm following a motion by Mrs. Freeman and second by Mr. Utsinger.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuckel and seconded by Mr. Cecil to hold the 2nd reading and approval of board policies : 2:250-AP2, 2:250-E2, 3:40, 4:45-AP, 4:60, 4:60-AP1, 4:120, 4:170-AP8, 5:280, 6:120-AP1,E1, 6:180, 6:235, 6:290, 7:50, 7:50-AP, 7:104-AP, 7:220, 7:220-AP, 7:340, 7:340-AP1, 7:340-AP1,E1, 7:340-AP2, 7:340-AP2,E1, 8:20-E. The motion passed 6-1;

Yea votes: Mr. Cecil, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Hartstirn, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Stuckel, Mr. Tarochione
Nay votes: Mr. Utsinger

B. **Approved**: A motion was made by Mr. Hartstirn and seconded by Mrs. Phelps to accept the resignation of Jeff Utsinger as secondary math teacher and high school scholastic bowl coach, Sara Mathre as an elementary teacher, and Stephanie Mason as an assistant junior high girls' basketball coach. The motion passed 7-0;

C. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mrs. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Stuckel to accept with regrets the resignation of Dave Freeman as head softball coach with a record of over 700 wins. The motion passed 7-0;

D. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mr. Stuckel and seconded by Mr. Utsinger to approve Regan Wherley as an elementary teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed 7-0;

E. **Tabled:** A motion was made by Mr. Hartstirn and seconded by Mrs. Freeman to table the approval of a high school math teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed 7-0;

F. **Approved**: A motion was made by Mr. Cecil and seconded by Mr. Utsinger to approve Caleb Bennett as a junior high boys' basketball coach for the 2012-2013 school year. The motion passed 7-0;

G. **Approved**: A motion was made by Mr. Utsinger and seconded by Mrs. Phelps to reappoint the following aides and clerks: Edna Burkiett, Rhonda Hagen, Deb Link, Jennifer McLaren, Heather Moore, Teresa Skinner, Jeri Allen, and Jeff Taylor. The motion passed 6-0-1;

Yea votes: Mr. Cecil, Mrs. Freeman, Mr. Hartstirn, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Tarochione, Mr. Utsinger
Abstained: Mr. Stuckel

H. **Approved**: A motion was made by Mr. Hartstirn and seconded by Mr. Stuckel to approve Sean Thomas as an aide. The motion passed 7-0;

I. **Approved**: A motion was made by Mr. Hartstirn and seconded by Mrs. Freeman to approve the purchase of two slots for the ROE Alternative School for $4000 which includes $3000 membership fee and two slots at $500 per slot. The motion passed 7-0;

J. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mr. Cecil and seconded by Mrs. Phelps to approve an exploratory junior high Spanish course. The motion passed 7-0;

K. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mrs. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Utsinger to approve the opening of selected closed session minutes and destruction of meeting tapes from 7/12/10 – 12/13/10. The motion passed 7-0;

L. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mrs. Phelps and seconded by Mr. Hartstirn to approve a Facebook web site for Spoon River Valley Schools. The motion passed 7-0; and

M. **Approved:** A motion was made by Mr. Cecil and seconded by Mr. Stuckel to approve the Superintendent's vacation schedule. The motion passed 7-0.

10. Announcements/ Correspondence

A. Education and Finance Sub-Committee meeting Monday, August 6th at 6:00pm.
B. Building and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting Monday, August 6th at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment The Board adjourned at 10:30 pm following a motion by Mr. Cecil.