

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 13, 2013

Members Present: Mike Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, David Rush,
Susan Smith, and Joanna Yeend.

President, Jerry Drake, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. He led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

Longtime school bus driver Ronitta Bowers of Flat Rock made a plea to the board to reconsider accepting only the lowest bidders for 2013-17 transportation contracts as criteria for the awards. She also mentioned that school bus age and safe driving records should also be a big consideration.

Delores Fletcher said that Mrs. Bowers transports her two grandsons to and from her Flat Rock residence to the school. She mentioned that while she was helping a sick relative she forgot about early release on Thursdays. Mrs. Bowers called Mrs. Fletcher and made arrangement to pick her grandson up at Mrs. Bowers house. If there is a disciplinary problem with one of the boys Mrs. Bowers will discuss it with her and her son.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 13th, Board Meeting Carried 7-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 7-0

Business & Financial Report

Mr. Drake informed the board that the financial report was in their packet. Mr. Rush asked why the Astbury bill was so high. The bill was for 3 months of service.

New Business

- A. Mrs. Maurer requested adoption of the Credit Card Policy.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0
- B. Mrs. Maurer requested adoption of a Supplemental Bond Resolution authorizing the waiver of call rights under the taxable general obligation pension bonds of 2003.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- C. Mrs. Maurer requested approval to add a Nuclear Contamination Plan to the Districts' Crisis Management Plan.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0
- D. Mrs. Maurer requested approval to contract with Neola for creation of Bylaws and Policy Development Service, Administrative Guidelines Development Service, and Electronic**

Publishing Service. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

- E. Mrs. Maurer recommended offering transportation contracts to 13 independent bus drivers.** Mr. Burbrink and Mrs. Yeend supported this motion. Mrs. Isgrigg and Mr. Rush voted against this motion. Mr. Drake, Mr. Erwin and Mrs. Smith abstained. The motion was tabled at this time.

Other

- F. Mrs. Maurer asked that the board approve partnering with Purdue Extension to apply for a grant through the Blue River Foundation.** Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0.

Reports and Presentations

Mr. Chase, high school principal, mentioned that a MHC Academic Meet would be held on Thursday, March 14th. Dinner and a Show would be held on Friday, March 15th with the band and show group performing. He said that STI training was held on Tuesday with many different options for improving procedures. A Common Core Team is being formed to help make sure that standards are being reached.

Mrs. Noesges, elementary school principal, said that she has 35 students still with perfect attendance. The attendance rate is 96.91%. Kindergarten Roundup was held on March 11th. There were 28 kindergarten students that registered. There have been 5 more register recently. Mary Lou Stickford, 6th grade instructional assistant, is the February Star Staff. She does an amazing job working with the 6th grade students. Art club has started making murals in the cafeteria. They are doing a great job.

Other

Mrs. Maurer asked that the board approve that if we have only 1 day to make up by spring break, the make-up day will be moved from April 5th to May 31st. If we have more than 1 day to make up by spring break, we will go ahead with the make-up days being the second week of spring break. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

Dave Schmitt will be retiring as of May 31, 2013. He has been with Southwestern for 34 years. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

Mr. Stevens asked that Christina Decker be moved from sub custodian to part-time custodian. Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

Public Comments

Mrs. Bowers commented that Mr. Schmitt is an excellent teacher and will be very hard to replace.

Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Maurer congratulated Mr. Burbrink on receiving his level 2 cap pin from the Indiana School Boards Association.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Burbrink congratulated Mr. Schmitt on his retirement and wished him the best.

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

An executive session followed the board meeting.