

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
December 8, 2010

Members present: Michael Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, David Rush and Joanna Yeend

Members absent: Misty Tennell

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. He led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

None

Consent Items & Claims

A. Minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 6-0

Business & Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

Mrs. Rooks updated the board on the current financial status. She is still continuing to work towards changing banks. She reported that the County Treasurer and County Auditor are working very hard to have our final settlement checks out to us before year end. She thanked them for all their hard work this past year.

B. Extra Curricular & Cafeteria Account Reports

Dr. Sargent informed the Board that the reports were in their packets.

Consideration of Old Business

- A. Discussion of School Calendar-Dr. Sargent stated that a recommendation will be brought to the Board at the January meeting. It is possible that we will start at a 1 week later date. There are several options that will be considered. Mrs. Burbrink asked if the change of start date would work with Special Services calendar and also the Career Center calendar.

- B. Request for (2) board members to serve on the Southwestern Strategic Planning Steering Committee- Dr. Sargent asked for two board members to serve on this committee. He said the team will involve parents, administrators, students, teachers, community and board members. Mr. Burbrink and Mrs. Isgrigg both volunteered.

New Business

A. Review of Policy

Dr. Sargent explained that every month they will bring a few of the Board policies to the meetings to review and update if necessary. He went over the Board Philosophy, School District Goals & Objectives, Evaluation of Board Operational Procedures and Evaluation of Superintendent this month.

B. Request for approval to transfer year end appropriations, inter fund transfers and year end claims

Mrs. Rooks asked for permission to transfer year end appropriations, process encumbrances, complete inter fund transfers and process any year end claims that will need to be paid. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded to allow Mrs. Rooks to handle all year end processes as needed and presented. Carried 6-0

C. Request for approval of resolution for establishment of a Rainy Day Fund.

Mrs. Rooks presented the resolution to the board for a Rainy Day Fund to be created. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

D. Approve Master Contract

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve the Master Contract between the Board of School Trustees of Southwestern CSD Shelby County and the Southwestern Consolidated Classroom Teachers Association. He thanked Mr. Burbrink, Mr. Rush, Mrs. Rooks and the teachers representing the bargaining unit for working hard and coming to an agreement on a good contract for 2010-11 and 2011-12. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Approve staff stipends

Dr. Sargent asked for approval of staff stipends as presented. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

F. Request for approval of Shelby County Immunization Exclusion Policy

Natalie Parker, school nurse, informed the Board of the proposed policy for all Shelby County Schools in collaboration with the Shelby County Health Department dealing with the current children's vaccination shortfall. Final policy details are not complete at this time. The plan is to implement the final policy on January 18, 2011. Mrs. Parker is asking the Board to approve the exclusion of all students that are not compliant with the law to be defined in the final Immunization Exclusion Policy once finalized with the other County agencies for Southwestern to be included in the County Wide plan. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded as presented. Carried 6-0

F. Other

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve the agreement between Damar and Southwestern Schools for one of our autistic students. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

Reports & Presentations

A. Principal Reports on Student Achievement

Mrs. Blake informed the Board of current High School activities. The Culture Club is currently having a fundraiser to help the Salvation Army Fund and Food Bank. The Outreach Grant from Lilly for Bill Taylor was approved. January 3rd will be a professional development day ½ day focus will be on student achievement and the other ½ day will be a teacher work day. The new instructional assistant at the high school has been working with students and teachers on test data, acuity, and etcetera. She is a certified English teacher. She attended a webinar on math recently. The Accuity assessment predictive first two rounds are complete and the data is being reviewed. Mr. Meyer and Mr. Lakes are in the classrooms helping with math class work. Mrs. Eversole, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Beier also split times in the classes. She thanked the members of the board for helping with the climate audit and she hopes to have the report in by the end of the year. Mr. Rush asked what grade levels are taking Accuity testing. She replied 7, 8 and 9th grades.

Mrs. Maurer informed the Board that the 3, 4, 5 and 6 grades had issues with recent testing due to internet issues with the state uploads. The elementary K-3 Christmas program was great last week. The high school had sent over students today to perform for the elementary. The elementary received a letter from NCA congratulating them for being top school in the county. Mr. Brady Days is working on his internship now at the elementary. The Kindergarten teachers recently attended Literacy Training at Liberty Elementary. There have been 48 General Education Intervention (GEI) Meetings for students to date and 54 by year end. The team meets to come up with a plan for individual students. The payoff will be worth it for the students. She informed everyone that the school website has a "Spotlight" page on it and everyone should go there and see what is currently going on with our students.

Personnel

A. Professional Staff

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve the resignations of Charlie Taylor, HS Track Coach and Keith Starost as Jr. High Track Coach and Peter J. O'Malley as Teacher. He also asked the Board to approve the hiring of Laura Slight, temporary 6th grade teacher for maternity leave of Mrs. Lower, Charlie Taylor as Jr. High Track Coach and Keith Starost as HS Track Coach and Bridgett Beyer, SWHS Language Arts/ISTEP Instructional Assistant. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 5-1 with Mr. Rush opposing

Public Comments

Stephanie Parmer, Teacher, thanked the Board for approving the master contract.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Sargent noted that this semester in both buildings teachers, instructional assistants, all staff have really been working very hard and they are all focused. This is appreciated very much. They have outstanding leadership in both buildings and both principals do are doing an outstanding job. He thanked SWCTA again for the contract bargaining going so well. He thanked Mrs. Parker for all of her efforts on the immunization ordeal. He thanked the 4 elementary teachers who allowed him to come over to their classrooms and read to their students. He noted both Christmas concerts were excellent and apologized to the elementary for missing their. He said the HS program was outstanding. He noted Mrs. Peterson and the students did a wonderful job. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Board Comments

Mrs. Yeend noted that the Elementary program was very good. She also noted that at the recent HS basketball game the Elementary Biddy Ball players were recognized and got to greet the varsity team. The elementary players were very proud and excited to be able to do this. Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Mrs. Maurer and Mrs. Blake for coming to the meetings and keeping the Board informed. Mr. Drake thanked the teachers for their help with the contract settlement.

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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