

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
MARCH 14, 2012

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

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. He led the pledge to the United States flag and welcomed guests.

Consent Items and Claims

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Erwin 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. No questions were asked regarding the report.

Extracurricular & Cafeteria

It was stated the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in the board packet.

New Business

A. Mrs. Maurer requested approval for Southwestern Jr. /Sr. High School to apply for the Hometown Community Fund grant to support their academic, attendance incentive, and peer model programs.

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Mrs. Maurer requested approval for the high school band field trip to King's Island and Newport Aquarium on May 25 & 26 of 2012. Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Mrs. Maurer requested approval for the adoption of textbooks for Computers, Business, Agriculture and Art.

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Mrs. Maurer requested approval to enter into an agreement with Flat Rock-Hawcreek School Corporation for shared transportation to Earlywood.

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Mrs. Maurer requested approval to allow Ninevah Hensley Jackson School Corporation to withdrawal from the ERC.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Maurer also asked that the board allow Southwestern to purchase two additional seats for the ERC.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

F. Mrs. Maurer presented the Corporation Test Policy (first reading). This item will be acted upon next month.

Other

G. Mrs. Maurer asked that two board members volunteer to be on the negotiation committee. Mr. Burbrink and Mrs. Isgrigg volunteered.

Mr. Tarplee presented a quote from Hubler Ford for \$2,291.37 to fix our 1996 Ford van.

After some discussion the board decided that \$1,500.00 would be the most that Southwestern will spend on the repair of this vehicle. We will get more estimates.

Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

Mr. Tarplee presented a quote for roof repairs or possibly replacing the roof on the Administration Building. No action was taken at this time.

Reports & Presentations

A. Lydia Davidson presented Safe to Talk. Safe to Talk is a school tipline where students can use the web or text messaging to report things like bullying, violence, drug abuse, or vandalism. Safetalk will be free for the first year through a donation from Community Aspirations. Then it will cost \$300.00 annually. Mr. Burbrink moved that Southwestern accept the donation from Community Aspirations to provide Safetalk free for one year. Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Davidson is the Community Aspirations Director. She also informed the board about JumpStart, a Kindergarten readiness program.

Principals Reports

Mrs. Blake informed the board that report cards go out on March 16th. Blood drive is tomorrow, March 15th. March 15th is also the Mid Hoosier Conference Academic Meet at South Decatur. The music department is presenting Dinner & a Show on the 16th. Kaitlyn Smith and Courtney McKenney will represent Southwestern in the annual Hospice St. Patrick's Day Fling. Jr. High awards will be held in the high school gym on March 19th and Sr. High awards in the gym on the 20th. The Spartans are really working hard for the school. Attendance is at 97%. Mrs. Blake congratulated the girl's basketball team on their awesome season.

Mrs. Noesges informed the board about Family Fitness Night on the 15th, IREAD 3rd quarter awards on the 21st, Kindergarten round-up on the 22nd, and spring break the 26th through the 30th. The elementary raised \$937.50, and also collected can food and school supplies for the tornado victims. Mrs. Chase's 5th grade class won the attendance competition with 99.39% attendance rate.

Personnel

A. Staff Resignations – None

B. Mrs. Maurer asked that the board approve the hiring of Julie Tatlock as nurse for \$35,000.00 with a 184 day contract. She also asked they approve the hiring of Troy Baute as part-time technology assistant at \$15 per hour, no benefits. Mrs. Maurer asked the board approve

the hiring of Bridget Beyer as co-sponsor for drama for the 2nd semester. She also asked that Mr. Ralston be permitted to recruit and hire a 1st assistant baseball coach. Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith commented on how well the community turned out for the girl's basketball semi-state game.

The board meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A work session followed the regular board meeting. The general fund budget was discussed.