

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
August 14, 2013

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 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. He led the pledge to the United States flag.

Public Comments

None

Consent Items and Claims

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith 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 that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in the board packet.

New Business

- A. Recommended a change in the percentages for the 2013-14 RISE teachers evaluation to 85% Teacher Effectiveness Rubric, 10% Individual Growth Model, and 5% School-wide Learning Measure.** Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion to approve the 2013-14 RISE teachers evaluation. Carried 7-0

- B. Recommended the approval of the 2013-2016 superintendent's contract as advertised.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion. Carried 5-2 Mrs. Isgrigg and Mr. Rush voted against it.

- C. Recommended the approval of a \$75 per month cell phone allowance for administrators effective the month of their first 2013-14 contract payment.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion. Carried 6-1 Mr. Rush voted against it.

- D. Requested approval of a rate increase of \$50.00 in the annual NEOLA maintenance fee and an increase of \$100.00 per update.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Recommended the Technology Director's new 260 day contract begin on July 1, 2013. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

F. Recommend approval for the FFA to attend a farm progress soil judging contest on August 26 & 27, 2013 in Decatur, Illinois. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

G. Recommend approval to purchase one activity bus for less than \$50,000 already appropriated in bus replacement. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Carried 7-0. Mr. Erwin volunteered to help pick out bus options.

H. Other

Recommended to shift a portion of bus contractual costs to the bus replacement fund. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

Recommend approval for Charity Elliott to attend a Gordon Food Show in Kentucky on September 25, 2013. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

Reports & Presentations

Principals

Mr. Edwards, elementary principal, was unable to attend because he was celebrating with the 3rd through 7th graders on their ISTEP success at the Edinburgh pool.

Mr. Chase, high school principal, mentioned that he has 12 positions with new employees. Many of the new staff came to a meeting on their own time in July regarding Google. He said that this year he wants to concentrate on social media and help students to understand how to use it in the correct way.

Technology Director

Mrs. Neville updated the board on the plans to improve the district's telephone and security systems, expand the digital curriculum and consider technical options for 3rd graders. We are thinking about iPad mini's for 3rd graders because the smaller version of the iPad is exactly the same, but it's very friendly for small hands. It is also less expensive, gets the same information as a regular iPad and will prepare the students for using regular iPads in 4th grade.

Southwestern has been chosen as one of eight school districts nationwide to receive a security upgrade from NetTalon at no cost to the school district. Mrs. Neville said she wasn't sure how the security upgrades were going to work at this point, but that the technology department is committed to working hand-in-hand with the new policy.

The push to expand the district's digital curriculum continues as conventional print textbooks fail to keep pace with historical events. E-books are already being utilized in the high school digital tools and Spanish class.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Maurer told the school board that of the 622 students at both schools, there are 298 at the elementary and 324 at the high school. We anticipated our high school being up a little bit because of the move of the 6th grade to the high school. We didn't anticipate the drop in enrollment at the elementary. Her investigation into the decrease suggested some students moved out of the area and others transferred out of the district. She couldn't find a trend.

She reminded the board members that they would be going over the 1st draft of the Neola policy manual 3000 & 4000 policy numbers.

She also updated the board on the roof repair at the high school. Mr. Stevens, Facility Manager, has coated the high school hallway roof to hopefully make it last through the winter. The sink hole at the elementary will be repaired next week. Conserv will be doing approximately \$3-5,000.00 worth of work to insure that the HVAC system is working correctly.

Personnel

Resignations:

Kim Redmon-Cook, Lisa Johnson-Instructional Assistant, Susan Burbank-Business Teacher, Perry Nash-Math Teacher and Beth Green-Math Bowl coach. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

Recommendations to Hire:

Stephanie Parmer-Language Arts Chair, Ken Wilson-Math Chair, Mary Rush-Cook, Curt Correll-5th grade girls' basketball coach, Brooke Hommell-6th grade girls' basketball coach, Taylor Meredith-soccer volunteer assistant, Courtney Davis-Jr. High cheerleading coach, Megan Barnett-Jr. High cheerleading volunteer assistant, Megan Oliver and Laura Donadio-elementary Math Bowl coaches, Adam Daniels 2nd assistant boys basketball and Seve Beach 8th grade boys basketball coach. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

Cole Oliver for Business/Accounting Temporary Teacher at the high school. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0.

Public Comments

None

Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Maurer reminded the board of the permission to advertise meeting on Monday, August 19th. She mentioned that this school year had started off well.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Yeend commented that Mrs. Maurer had scored very high on the Rise evaluation model. She is a very conscientious worker. Mr. Burbrink thanked the teachers and cooks for a great start to the new school year. Mr. Drake welcomed the new hires.

Adjournment

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.
