

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF FINANCE
January 15, 2014

Members Present: Jerry Drake, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, David Rush,
and Joanna Yeend

Members Absent: Mike Burbrink and Susan Smith

President, Board of Finance, Linda Isgrigg, called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the library of the elementary school.

Reorganization of the Board of Finance

A. Election of the President for the Board of Finance. Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Yeend and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 4-1 abstained

B. Election of the Secretary for the Board of Finance. Mrs. Isgrigg nominated Mrs. Smith and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 5-0

Business

A. Approval of the January 9, 2013 minutes. Mr. Erwin approved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 5-0

B. Review of Investment Report

Adjournment

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m. by Mrs. Yeend, President of Board of Finance.

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
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Members Present: Jerry Drake, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, David Rush
and Joanna Yeend.

Members Absent: Mike Burbrink and Susan Smith

President, Jerry Drake, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the library of the elementary school. He led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

None

Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees

Mr. Erwin nominated Mrs. Isgrigg for President. Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 4-1 abstained

Mr. Drake nominated Mr. Burbrink for Vice-President. Mrs. Yeend Seconded Carried 4-1 abstained

Mr. Rush nominated Mrs. Yeend for Secretary. Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 4-1 abstained

Appointment of Blue River Career Program Representative

Mr. Drake nominated Mr. Erwin to be the Blue River Career Program Representative. Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 5-0

Reappoint Attorney, Board Executive Secretary, District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, High School and Elementary ECA Treasurers. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 5-0

Set Board Members and Board Secretary Salaries. Mr. Drake moved that payment amount stay the same. Board members are paid \$1,500 annually and the secretary is paid \$30 per meeting. Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 5-0

Adoption of annual board calendar. The board members agreed that the meetings should continue to be held on the second Wednesday of the month at the administrative office. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 5-0

Public Comments

None

Presentations

Mr. Chase, high school principal, spoke about how he and his teachers are dealing with the ISTEP when it comes to more advanced students. Students who skipped 8th grade math for Algebra I and Geometry are still tested on material from their 8th grade classes. Teachers are giving those students short lessons on some of the areas that will be on the test and are making sure that they take diagnostic tests to see where their weak areas are.

Mr. Edward, elementary school principal, spoke about how the teachers are addressing the needs of students. Some of the ways are taking 30 minutes out of each day for response to intervention, enrichment activities, 6th grade mentoring program to name a few.

Ms. Faulconer, 6th grade teacher and student intervention coordinator, talked about progress in addressing behavioral and learning problems through various methods. She said that when cases get referred to her, she can go into depth with individual students and get parents involved, through the school's General Education Intervention (GEI) program.

Food Service Director, Charity Elliott, presented her plans to brighten and improve the lunch rooms especially the high school which hasn't changed in many, many years. She has found an affordable company who makes signs and will help with the remodel. She plans on paying for the remodel by catering the alumni reunion to be held in the spring. Charity was asked what some other areas are that she thought needed improvement in the lunch rooms and she said that new steamers are needed in both lunch rooms. She is researching them to look for the best value.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. with correction from 6th grade girls Lady Spartans to 5th grade girls Lady Spartans. Carried 5-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 5-0

Approval of Year-End Transfer Resolution

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion to approve the year-end transfers. Carried 5-0

Business & Financial Report

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the financial report was in their packet. No questions were asked regarding the report.

New Business

A. Mrs. Maurer requested approval for the following staff members to attend the 2014 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference in Columbus, Ohio on February 1 & 2 of 2014. Those attending are: Joshua Edwards, Laura Donadio, Megan Oliver and Karen Parmer. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 5-0

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Maurer spoke about the Bs that were received by the elementary and the high school on their report card. She maintains that the high school should have received an A. Two mistakes were made on the Jr./Sr. report card. The first mistake was in our 2012 graduation rate. There were several students listed on the graduation report who had moved and were therefore, not our students. The state indicated that they would not correct that mistake even though we had proof that the students had moved from our district. The second mistake was a basic addition error by the DOE. The numbers were added correctly on the district report card but not on the individual building report card. We filed a 19 step appeal with the state. However, when the grades were released, the addition error had not been fixed.

Mrs. Maurer also directed the board's attention to a Title I letter which was sent to the elementary parents.

Mrs. Maurer also mentioned about the phasing out of business personal property taxes and the hardship that it would bring on the schools because of the lost revenue.

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

Jama Schmitt will be retiring as of the end of the 2013-14 school year. She has been at Southwestern for 36 years. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 5-0

Public Comments

None

Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Maurer told everyone present that the Spartan Cupboard will open for the first time on Wednesday, January 22nd from 5:30-7. Spartans Helping Spartans will help by donating coats, school supplies, etc. It will not just be food donations.

Mrs. Maurer offered her condolences to Mrs. Thopy and her family on the death of her Father. She also thanked Mrs. Schmitt for her many years of service to Southwestern.

Board Member Comments

Linda Isgrigg and Joanna Yeend thanked all the presenters for their presentations.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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There was a work session following the board meeting to discuss Neola policies.