

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 11, 2015

Members Present: Mike Burbrink, Jim Emerick, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg,
David Rush, and Susan Smith.

Member Absent: Jerry Drake

President, Linda Isgrigg, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. She led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 6-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 6-0

Business & Financial Report

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the financial report was in their packet.

New Business

A. Approval for Devin Burton from ISU to student teach in Laura Donadio's classroom in the Fall of 2015. Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Approval for an increase in lunch prices: Elementary \$2.60, High School \$2.80; and Adult \$3.30 effective for the 2015-16 school year. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Approval of job descriptions for the positions of Special Education Coordinator and Program Support. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

D. Approval to accept a donation of \$619.00 from Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church for the FCA. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Adoption of an Out-of-District Student Transfer Guidelines for the 2015-16 school year. They are the same as last year's guidelines. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

F. Other

Approval to accept the eLearning grant for the Department of Education for approximately \$100,000.00. Mr. Emerick moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

Reports and Presentations

Mr. Chase informed the board that 8th grade will be taking language arts part II test tomorrow. The kids are doing good work. Teachers have done a great job.

Mr. Edwards said that the 3rd graders are excited to take ISTEP. IREAD will be given next Monday. March 19th will be kindergarten roundup. Spring break is the week following that, March 23 – 27th.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Maurer presented a 2016 & 2017 School Formula Simulation prepared by Legislative Services Agency. The report estimates that Southwestern will lose students the next two years. Full Day Kindergarten will no longer be a separate item for the next two years. Incentives will be given to districts that consolidate. Dr. Maurer mentioned that \$30 million dollars for school will go into Performance Grants. Title I will lose money in 2016 but stay steady in 2017.

Mr. Burbrink asked about formula estimates. Again these are only estimates.

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

Recommend the acceptance of the retirement of Joe Duchaine, Social Studies Teacher, as of June 1, 2015. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Brooke Kistler and Chris Clark as volunteer track coaches.
- Terri Muldoon as volunteer boys golf coach.
- Laura Chipman as elementary drama co-director
- Lacie Eversole as a bus driver for the duration of an additional activity bus route to Columbus, IN.

Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

There was some discussion on transportation and what is required by school districts.

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer thanked Mr. Duchaine for his many years of service at Southwestern High School.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith thanked Mr. Duchaine for his many years of service here. Mr. Rush asked how custodian help was coming along. Dr. Maurer mentioned that in many schools finding custodial workers is a challenge and it is the same here. Mr. Burbink congratulated the teachers and principals on their great work preparing the students for ISTEP. Mrs. Isgrigg congratulated Mr. Duchaine on his retirement. She also read a thank you note from the family of Louis Hamner, former board member, on the flowers that were sent at his passing.

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
