

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 9, 2015

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

Member Absent: Jerry Erwin

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:10 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. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 6-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith 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. There were no questions.

New Business

- A. First Reading of New/Revised/Replacement Polices: 0100, 0130 (0131.1) (0131.2), 0140 (0144.3) (0144.4) (0144.5), 1130, 1214, 2410, 2421, 2423, 2430, 2461 (new), 3113 (new), 3120.08, 3140, 3214, 3410.04 (delete), 4113, 4140, 4214, 5540, 5610, 5610.2, 6320, 6460, 8390, 8500, 9700.01 (new)**
No motion was needed at this time.
- B. Approval to apply for IDHS 2016 Secured School Safety Grant for a matching amount of \$15,000.00.** After some discussion the board decided to apply for the full amount of the grant which is \$35,000.00. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0
- C. Approval for Mrs. Faulconer and Mrs. Lower to begin a Math Club for 1st and 2nd graders.**
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0
- D. Approval to appoint Mr. Chase as the District's Safety Specialist for a stipend of \$1,000.00.**
Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0
- E. Approval for the Food Service Director and two cafeteria workers to attend the Gordon Food Show in Louisville, KY on October 14, 2015.** This will be covered from cafeteria funds. Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

F. Other

Acceptance of a \$1,000.00 donation to FCA from D & E Trucking, Inc. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Chase mentioned that he and Mr. Edwards will be attending a meeting regarding testing in mid-September. He explained that 25% of our school grade will have to do with the growth of the student. Since many of our 8th grade students are taking Algebra I, the question is whether the school grade or our students' academic success is more important.

Mr. Edwards thanked the board for approving the Math Club. The teachers are going above and beyond to help the students succeed.

B. Facilities/Maintenance Director Report

Mr. Hancock, Facilities/Maintenance Director, thanked Mr. Edwards and the PTO for funding the new swings on the playground. Mr. Hancock reported that new projectors had been installed in the music room at the high school and in the library at the elementary; and, coils had been cleaned in both schools. He also said that the wastewater treatment plant was running well for its age; and, the high school roof project has been finished. He has started to work with lighting contractors in the high school gym to try and cut our cost 60% by moving to LED lighting. He has scheduled a gentleman to come and explain this at next month's board meeting. Because there are many future projects Mr Hancock said he is putting a 5 year plan together. Mr. Hancock asked that the district hire one full time person to be a custodial/maintenance person that could be used where needed.

Mr. Drake asked that the softball diamond dirt work and fencing be done as soon as possible. Mr. Hancock asked that if anyone knew of anybody who could do the work, please let him know because many of the contractors are busy due to all the rain that we had over the summer.

Mr. Drake made a motion to approve hiring a full time custodian at \$11.50 per hour with benefits. Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

Mr Drake made a motion to start work on a new softball field. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Technology Director Report

Mrs. Neville reminded the board of the goals that were to be accomplished last school year. They were e-rate modifications, expanding the e-book library, upgrading the library system to web-based, online registration, expanding the use of digital curriculum, extending 1:1 (eLearning Grant) so every student had a device. This school year, students in grades 7-12 can take home their devices. She reported that we have updated our bandwidth to 150 mb. The teachers have received additional professional development in technology over the summer, and we are using the eLearning Grant to pay for 4 teachers to be technology coaches to help other teachers complete technology tasks. We have purchased hotspots that can be used by students who cannot get internet at their homes. Mrs. Neville is working on a school Youtube channel for students to upload their videos to and is also working on a district mobile app.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Maurer informed the board regarding the high ability planning committee. Their evaluation for the 2014-15 school year and their goals for 2015-16 have been posted to our website. She also discussed with Umbaugh the possibility of borrowing on additional bonds for the wastewater plant, asphalt, and roofing to name just a few items. She stated that Ice Miller could help develop these plans if the board chooses to move forward in this area. Dr. Maurer said she will be attending the ISBA/IAPSS conference at the end of September and she will look at Architect/Engineering firms then. Mr. Drake asked that more information be brought to the board so that they can make a good decision regarding how to proceed.

Dr. Maurer mentioned that she included the administrators' goals in their packet.

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Allison Seale – FMLA from approximately October 19, 2015 through January 4, 2016. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0
- Cole Oliver – resignation as the yearbook advisor. This is actually a class and another teacher is teaching the class this year. Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Sarah Stockdale as the 7th grade girls' basketball coach
 - Sam Pfaff as the Social Studies Academic Team Coach
 - Rob Yeend as the 5th grade volunteer boys' basketball coach
 - Donna Dennison as the yearbook advisor
- Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Other

None

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer thanked the board members for attending the longer meeting this evening and for listening to the administrations' passion for the district.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith thanked the administrators for their passion and the information that she received tonight on the sports facilities. Mr. Burbrink thanked Mr. Hancock for his presentation and also spoke about the tour that he took of the wastewater system and how it improved his understanding. He also mentioned that he would like a survey to be sent to parents regarding online registration. He would like for security to be a priority at the elementary with the next bond issue. Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Tim for the tour of places that she had never seen before at the school.

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.
