

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

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

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in 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 Mrs. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 7-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 7-0

Business & Financial Report

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the extracurricular and Cafeteria Account Reports were in their packets.

New Business

A. Recommend approval of the 2016-17 calendar. Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommend approval to transfer year-end appropriations, make inter-fund transfers and pay year-end claims as needed. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Recommend approval of a resolution to transfer \$100,000.00 from both Transportation and Bus Replacement for a total transfer of \$200,000.00 to the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Recommend the adoption of a resolution to declare official intent to reimburse expenditures. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Recommend approval of the following professional development requests:

- Karen Parmer to the 2016 National Reading Recovery and K-6 Literacy Conference on February 7-9, 2016
- Laura Donadio to the 2016 National Reading Recovery and K-6 Literacy Conference on February 7 & 8, 2016
- Cathy Macaluso to the 2016 National Reading Recovery and K-6 Literacy Conference on February 7-9, 2016

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

F. Recommend approval for the FFA to compete in the State Crops and Forestry Contest on December 11 & 12, 2015 in West Lafayette, Indiana. Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

G. Recommend acceptance of the following donations:

- \$1,500.00 from the Southwestern Hometown Community Fund for the Greenhouse Project
- \$10,000.00 from Rush Shelby Energy for the Greenhouse Project
- \$50.00 from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church to the Spartan Cupboard
- \$150.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church to the Spartan Cupboard
- \$3,000.00 from the Shelby County Commissioners to the Spartan Cupboard
- \$110.25 from the Southwestern Athletic Booster Club to the athletic department for awards

Mr. Burbink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 7-0

H. Recommend approval of revisions to the Wellness Policy. Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

I. Recommend approval for teachers to request funds generated from the Donor's Choose Charity providing the funds given online website are accepted by the board as donations and the funds are deposited in a Southwestern account. This item was discussed and it was decided that Mrs. Bedwell would check with the State Board of Accounts to find out if this can be done and report back at the next meeting. Mr. Burbrink motioned to table this item upon further investigation. Mr. Emerick seconded. Item was tabled. 7-0

Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Edwards reported that the 5th grade girls basketball team were runners-up and the 6th grade girls basketball team were Shelby County Champs. He stated that he was very proud of the girls and the way they conducted themselves. He also stated that on Friday from 6-8 the Santa Fair would be held. Mr. Edwards said he would update everyone on Acuity at the next board meeting.

Mr. Chase reported that the girls basketball team was 5-0 in the Mid Hoosier Conference. While the boys team was 1-0 and Bryce Rowe set the single game scoring record of 46 points. Mr. Chase informed the board that the NAEP (Nations Report Card) scores indicated that Indiana didn't finish any lower than 4th or 8th in Math and Reading in the country; Indiana compared very well to other states. The NAEP representative commented on how polite, quiet, hard working and good at following directions our kids were.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Maurer said that 53% of schools in Indiana with new ISTEP scores will be a D or F and 22% will be an A. This was opposite last year. Grades were miscalculated so earlier in the week grades were taken down and recalculated by IDOE. When the grades were brought back up, one of our buildings scored higher than they had before.

Dr. Maurer distributed the Johnson County Special Services Joint Agreement for the board members to examine before the next board meeting. She stated that it will no longer be called SSJCSS; it will now be EES (Early Educational Services). Because Clark Pleasant left the Co-op and Center Grove has turned in its intention to leave, this agreement sets the parameters if other schools decided to leave. Dr. Maurer will recommend this agreement be approved at the next board meeting. Dr. Maurer will refer back to this agreement at next month's meeting.

Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Resignation from Cortnee Hancock as our school nurse as of the end of the day on December 11, 2015
- Resignation from Kris Fortune as the assistant baseball coach

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

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Vicki Beach to fill the Spanish position as a substitute during Mrs. Ramseth's maternity leave. After 15 days at substitute pay she will be paid \$330.13 per day. She has 32 years experience with a Masters Degree.
- Jessica Schlabach for \$37,500.00 per year for 185 days. This is an addition of 1 day for the nurse to come in before the first teacher day. She will begin on December 10th. She is an RN with a 2 year Associate's Degree.

Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Other

Mr. Burbrink had a question regarding the bond issue. He asked what the amount would be for the bond. Mr. Harrold, board attorney, said that this will be determined at the public hearing but we will be asking for a bond not to exceed 2 million dollars.

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer offered her condolences to the family of Eric Manning, a former student of Southwestern Schools. Dr. Maurer congratulated Bryce Rowe for breaking the school record for the most points scored during a game. She also congratulated Ken "Butch" Gorrell for receiving the Indiana Basketball's Hall of Fame 2016 Men's Center Circle School Officials Award. Mr. Gorrell was a 1963 Southwestern graduate and participated in four sports. He held a record in the 200 yard dash and also received the All Sports Award three times.

Board Member Comments

None

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.
