

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BOARD OF FINANCE
January 13, 2016

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

Members Absent: Susan Smith

President Linda Isgrigg called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. in the library at Southwestern Elementary School.

Reorganization of the Board of Finance

A. Election of President of the Board of Finance. Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Isgrigg for President and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 5-0. Mrs. Isgrigg abstained.

B. Election of Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Smith for Secretary and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

Review of Investment Report

A. Review of Investment Report The Business Manager/Treasurer gave the investment report.

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the library at Southwestern Elementary Media Center. She led the pledge to the United States flag.

Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees

A. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Isgrigg for President. Mr. Erwin seconded.
Carried 5-0. Mrs. Isgrigg abstained.

Mr. Drake nominated Mr. Burbrink for Vice President. Mr. Erwin seconded.
Carried 5-0. Mr. Burbrink abstained.

Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Smith for Secretary. Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Appointment of Blue River Career Program Representative:

Mr. Drake nominated Mr. Erwin for Blue River Program Representative and Mrs. Isgrigg as his alternate. Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 5-0. Mr. Erwin abstained.

C. Appointment of School Attorney, Denny Harrold; Board Executive Secretary and District Treasurer, Michele Bedwell; Deputy Treasurer, Bonnie Thopy; High School ECA Treasurer, Lyvonne Rowe; and Elementary ECA Treasurer, Leanne Dellapenna. Mr. Drake moved that personnel stay the same. Mr. Burbink seconded. Carried 6-0

D. Set Board and Board Secretary Salaries.

Mr. Drake moved that the board salaries remain at \$1,500.00 per year and the Board secretary receive \$45 per meeting (change from \$30). Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Adoption of Annual Board Calendar and location of Meetings

Mr. Drake moved that the board approve the board calendar and locations of meetings, as presented. The board will meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Administrative Board Room except in October when they will meet at the Jr./Sr. High media center and in December at the Elementary. Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

Public Comments

None

Consent Items and Claims

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

Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Emerick 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. No questions were asked regarding the report.

Dr. Maurer asked that the board approve the year-end transfers for 2015.

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

Extracurricular & Cafeteria

It was stated that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in the board packet.

New Business

A. Public Hearing on the Proposed Project. Mr. Harrold explained that this meeting was published in The Shelbyville News to give the community notice that Southwestern CSD of Shelby County intends to issue bonds in the sum of \$2 million in order to repair or alter the school buildings. He submitted the newspapers' proof of publication of the meeting.

Dr. Maurer explained the planned projects and estimated costs:

- (1) New wastewater treatment plant – estimated cost of \$500,000.00
- (2) Renovate restrooms in the high school – estimated cost of \$250,000.00
- (3) Asphalt the parking lot – estimated cost of \$300,000.00
- (4) Update security at the elementary school – estimated cost of \$4-\$500,000.00
- (5) Finance remainder of greenhouse – estimated cost \$100,000.00
- (6) Electrical and lighting issues, especially in the high school gymnasium
- (7) Athletic field electrical work
- (8) Finish softball diamond

Umbaugh presented Southwestern's Summary of Financing for the \$2 million issue for a term of 6 years, 9 months, with an estimated maximum tax rate of .2118. Lease payments would be completed in 2022.

A question was asked as to where bonds could be purchased. Mr. Harrold explained that the Multi-School Building Corporation would issue the bonds, the Bond Counsel (Ice Miller) would sell the bonds, details would be available later regarding selling the bonds to the public.

Dr. Maurer was also asked if the projects would be prioritized. Her response was that the wastewater treatment plant would be the top priority. And, all of the other projects needed to be completed.

It was also asked that the greenhouse not be done before the security at the elementary. Dr. Maurer also stated that moving the elementary office and securing the entrance would be highest on the priority list for elementary security.

- B. Recommend adoption of the Project Resolution.** (See Excerpts for Exhibit A)
- C. Recommend adoption of a Resolution approving Form of Fourth Amendment to Lease.** (See Excerpts for Exhibit B) Mr. Drake motioned and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0
- D. Recommend adoption of a Resolution reapproving formation of the Building Corporation.** (See Excerpts for Exhibit C) Mr. Burbrink motioned and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0
- E. Recommend approval of Waste Water Treatment Plant equipment as specified by the selection committee. The selection committee chose the algae wheel process with approval to continue with the notice to proceed.** Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

The selection committee was comprised of Mr. Burbrink, Mr. Emerick, Mr. Church, Mr. Turpin and Mr. Hancock. Mr. Church reported that the selection committee chose the algae wheel process and by approval of the notice to proceed the algae wheel application with IDEM can be started and hopefully approved so that construction can begin in the summer.

- F. Recommend approval of the 2016 contract for the school attorney.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0
- G. Recommend approval of the Conflict of interest Disclosure.** Mr. Erwin had a disclosure because he has a contract as a contracted vendor as a bus driver. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 5-0. Mr. Erwin abstained
- H. Recommend approval to cancel outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank within two years of the date of issue.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0
- I. Recommend acceptance of \$3,000.00 from the Dairy and Nutrition Council of Indiana to promote healthy eating through a cooking club.** Mrs. Elliott applied for this grant through Fuel Up 60. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

J. Recommend acceptance of \$125.00 from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, \$50.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church and \$300.00 from a local women's club for the Southwestern Cupboard. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

K. Recommend the acceptance of the following donations for the high school library in memory of Eric Manning: \$50.00 from Central Trucking, Inc., \$100.00 from Nephrology and Internal Medicine, Inc., \$50.00 from Thor and Michelle Moestue, \$20.00 from Neal and Darcy Muldoon, \$30.00 from M. Elaine Hagan, \$165.00 from Honda Manufacturing, \$10.00 from Meghan Sanders, \$100.00 from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reardon, \$210.00 from Sarah Hermanson, \$50.00 from Tessie Paul, \$5.00 from Josh and Sara Monroe, \$40.00 from Michael Jinkens, \$150.00 from anonymous, \$280.00 from Steven and Teresa Smith and \$100.00 from Mary and Arnie Moestue. The total donations amount was \$1,360.00. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0

L. Recommend acceptance of the Amended Joint Agreement for the Establishment and Operation of Earlywood Educational Services. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

M. Recommend approval for teachers to request funds generated from the Donor's Choose Charity providing the funds acquired through the online website are accepted by the board at a public meeting as donations and funds are deposited in and expended through a Southwestern account. After some discussion regarding this issue, Mr. Drake made the motion to approve the funds acquired on this website as fund raisers and approve them during the April and October board meetings. Mr. Burbrink seconded. 2-4 Mr. Erwin, Mr. Rush, Mrs. Isgrigg and Mr. Emerick voted against. Motion did not pass.

N. Other

Dr. Maurer asked for the approval of Mr. Swigert to attend the IMEA in Ft. Wayne Indiana on January 15 & 16th and Mrs. Neville to attend the CoSN CETL with all expenses paid by CoSN for the meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada on January 22 & 23. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

Mr. Hancock, Facilities Director, presented to the board regarding lighting specifically in regards to the gymnasium. He recommended that Southwestern use LED lighting in the gymnasium. Some reasons were: brighter lighting, no dust, 10 year warranty, dimming an option on new lights which will help save money. Mr. Hancock is also working on receiving a rebate from Rush Shelby/Hoosier Energy for the lighting.

Mr. Drake made the motion to proceed with the purchase and installation of LED lighting as presented. Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

Southwestern Elementary Report

Lindsay Chase, Director of Curriculum, Literacy, and Interventions, presented to the board. Mrs. Chase has created a data analysis piece that tracks students' scores from year to year. Dr. Maurer commented that the tracking that Mrs. Chase has done considerably helped teachers and students.

Principal's Report

Mr. Edwards commented that he and Mr. Chase attended a conference where a company was selling what Mrs. Chase is actually doing for the corporation and it is expensive when you have to buy it. He also mentioned that the comradery of the corporation helps to make the children more successful.

Mr. Chase spoke on Google Expeditions that came to the school last Friday. He thanked Mrs. Neville for inviting them. Many of the students wanted to attend because they heard the feedback from other students. It was a great experience for the students. Mr. Chase also reported that Mr. Oliver's class had been designing houses using the 3D printer.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maurer presented ISTEP scores to the board. Southwestern Elementary had the highest scores for math and English in our conference. Our score as a district was 66.20% and we ranked 30th out of 300 school districts in the state. That may be an indicator about school grades in the state. The school grades have not been released yet.

Dr. Maurer gave the board members a new set of Neola policies to review. She stated the policies' would be next month and the 2nd reading the month following.

Dr. Maurer reported that the State Board of Accounts said that it was a local decision on whether a district allowed "charging" on lunch accounts. Free and reduced programs are available to students who qualify. Dr. Maurer explained that we would begin to allow students to charge lunches but we would also be encouraging parents to set lunch accounts up so they would receive a reminder when accounts became low. She said we would always give children a hot meal and at the end of the school year, any unpaid accounts would be turned over to small claims court. She stated information regarding this issue would go out to parents in a newsletter.

She stated Senate Bill 147 (Security Bill) will have its first reading in the Senate on Tuesday and then it would go to the Homeland Security and Transportation Committee.

Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations:

None

B. Recommendations to Hire:

None

C. Other

Dr. Maurer asked that we approve the rate of pay for a substitute school nurse at \$16.00 per hour. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer congratulated Kim Ramseth and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Addalyn Diane. She was born on December 18th.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Burbrink thanked the presenters for their presentations. Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Mr. Hancock and Mrs. Chase for their presentations.

Adjournment

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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