

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 10, 2016

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

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County. She led the pledge to the United States flag.

Public Comments

None

Consent Items and Claims

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Carried 7-0

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

Mr. Rush asked about the description of a claim that was paid out of two different funds and Mrs. Bedwell explained to him that the description that is entered remained the same for that voucher when was expended from two different funds.

Business & Financial Report

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

Mr. Drake asked for clarification regarding the donations received for the Greenhouse. Mrs. Bedwell had originally separated the portion that was acquired when \$10,000 of the Clark Estate CD was cashed in. That amount was deposited into the Gifts and Donations Fund #2050. That amount would be spent out by using a subaccount out of that fund. Mrs. Bedwell said that she would move all of the money for the Greenhouse to fund #2091 Greenhouse.

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

New Business

A. First Reading of Volume 28, Number 1 Neola policies and one additional policy. There was discussion regarding the theft policy and what amount should be reported for the threshold. ISBA recommended that \$5000 should be reported. It was decided that Mr. Harrold would revise this policy.

B. Recommend the acceptance of the following donations:

- concrete for the softball dugouts from Shelby Materials valued at approximately \$750.00.
- \$50.00 from the Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.
- \$500.00 from the Flat Rock Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.
- \$100.00 from Mt. Gilead Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.
- \$232.00 from the FFA for the Spartan Cupboard.

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

C. Recommend approval for Dr. Maurer to speak in Washington, D.C. for a Federal School Safety Caucus Kick-off on March 1-3, 2016. Her expenses will be covered by Congresswomen Brooks. Mr. Erwin motioned and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Recommend approval for Stephanie Parmer to attend the NEA Leadership Summit in Dallas, Texas on February 26-28, 2016. Her expenses will be covered by ISBA ISTA. Mr. Emerick motioned and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Recommend approval for the FFA to attend the National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky on February 12, 2016. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

F. Recommend the purchase of a Cheetah lawnmower from Larry's Saw & Mower Shop for \$9,725.00, price is without trade-in. It was also recommended that the trade-in be negotiated at Mr. Hancock's discretion. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

G. Other

Recommend the acceptance of the National FFA Grant, Food for All, for \$2,500.00. This grant will be used to purchase pigs and chickens that students will take home and raise and eventually the meat and eggs will be donated to the Spartan Cupboard. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

Mr. Hancock told the board that Mr. Stanton retired and is no longer handling the salting and snow removal this year. The company he hired threw more salt than they were told to, so Mr. Hancock fired them from spreading salt. Mr. Hancock asked that the board approve the purchase of a spreader for the truck so he can spread the salt.

Mr. Hancock also informed the board that the fence for the softball diamond would be scheduled for next week. He also showed the board the Lady Spartans sign for the softball diamond.

Mr. Hancock reported that the lights were preapproved from Hoosier Energy for the high school gymnasium. Mr. Hancock and Mr. Church met regarding the wastewater treatment plant. He explained that three contractors, Runnebohm Construction, Thieneman, and Kokosing Industrial, saw the sight and asked questions. One Water also came to the meeting regarding the algae wheel. Deadline for RFP response is March 2, the evaluation proposals and report to the selection committee is March 8, and recommendation to the school board is March 9.

Principal's Report

Mr. Edwards congratulated the 6th grade boys basketball team for being Shelby County Champs.

He also mentioned that the elementary is getting prepared for the first round of ISTEP which begins March 1st and last for 3 days.

Mr. Chase said that the DOE thought we misreported our graduation rate for last year. We had reported 94.6% and the DOE thought we should be in the low 70s. After the audit the DOE discovered that our graduation rate was really 97%. Mr. Chase thanked Mrs. Swift for the great job that she had done in documenting everything.

Mr. Chase also reported on the PSAT scores for the Sophmores which test if 10th graders are college and career ready. Southwestern's scores for the PSAT in Language Arts was 100% and 73% in Math. The National average of 10th graders that passed Math/Language Arts PSAT was 47%, the state average was 48%, our average was 70%.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maurer spoke about the reunification kit which we are calling Parent Check-In. This would be used if we would have a time that we need to reunify our parents with their children. The \$500 that Dr. Maurer received for speaking at the Safety Academy has been used to purchase supplies for this kit. The idea came from the plan, "I luv u guys." This is an organized way of helping to reunify parents with their children after an incident at the school. Binders are kept up to date with every students demographic information in them and their list of emergency contacts so that we can make sure students leave with the correct person. We also have three boxes of security items i.e. flashlights, vests, clipboards, pens, blow horns, and batteries. Our plan was offered to help other schools in the county if needed.

Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations:

- Resignation of Charlie Taylor as the Varsity Boys' Track Coach
- Resignation of Matt White as the Jr. High Boys' Track Coach
- Extension of Kimberly Ramseth's FMLA leave through February 26, 2016
- Request for FMLA maternity leave for Tori Nash on approximately May 5th through the remainder of the 2015-16 school year

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

B. Recommendations to Hire:

- Chad Pace as a fulltime custodian effective 12-14-15
- Noah Stuckey as the Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach
- Sabrina Smiley as the Jr. High Girls' Track Coach
- Sam Pfaff as the Jr. High Boys' Track Coach
- Matt White as the Varsity Boys' Track Coach

Mr. Erwin motioned and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Other

None

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer congratulated Logan Coffey and Jacob Kelley from the Class of 2016 and Gage Kelley and Joseph McGriff from the Class of 2017 for being inducted into the National Technical Honors Society on February 18th at the Blue River Careers Program.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Erwin congratulated the 6th grade boys basketball team for their Shelby County Tourney win. Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Mr. Edwards for going to all the games. She also thanked Mr. Erwin for his patience while he drove the bus for the 6th grade county tourney.

Adjournment

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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