

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
June 8, 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 7:07 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. Emerick 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. Carried 7-0

**Business & Financial Report**

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

**New Business**

**A. Second Reading of new or revised Neola Policies: 140 (0144.3), 1130, 3113, 4113, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6116, 6320, 6325, 6460, 6550, 7300, 7310, 8500.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 7-0

**B. Recommend acceptance of donations:**

- \$50.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.
- \$150.00 from Joshua Stuckey for the girls basketball program.
- \$150.00 from Meryl & Joseph Stuckey for the Girls Basketball program.
- \$992.60 from Southwestern Athletic Boosters for the spring athletic awards.
- \$155.00 from Shelby County AG Promotion for topsoil for an AG project.
- \$36.46 from Target for Southwestern Jr./Sr. High School.
- \$50.00 from Target for Southwestern Jr./Sr. High School.
- \$18.49 from Target for Southwestern Elementary School.
- Moving the softball mini-barn from BRCP to Southwestern by J&J Excavating valued at approximately \$300.00.
- \$200.00 from Indiana University for Southwestern Elementary School.

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

**C. Recommend approval to conduct SAE summer school to be taught by Pam Meyer pending sufficient enrollment.** Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

**D. Recommend Prairie Farms be awarded the milk bid on an escalating/de-escalating scale.**

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

**E. Recommend two part-time food service positions (18.75 hours per week + 3.75 hours per week) be combined into one part-time position for 20-24 hours per week.**

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

**F. Recommend the adoption of the Southwestern Crisis Management and Reaction Plan.**

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

**G. Recommend the approval of the 2016-17 Food Service Incentive Program**

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

**H. Other**

**Recommend the acceptance of the Green Owen's insurance quote of \$49,457.00 for liability, property, auto and worker's compensation insurance.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

**Recommend approval to renew the bonds of the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer and to renew the continuation certificates of the ECA Treasurers at the Elementary and the High School, Cafeteria Cashier at the Elementary, the Food Service Director, 4 Concession Workers, 6 Ticket Takers, and our Athletic Director and to add the Before/After Program Director at the Elementary.** Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 7-0

**Reports and Presentations**

**A. WWTP Engineer Report**

Mr. Church presented information regarding the wastewater treatment plant. It was his estimation that test treating would happen in mid-July. He also mentioned that Eastern Hancock Schools began looking into purchasing a new wastewater treatment process when Southwestern did, but did not go through with it. Their proposed price was \$961,000.00 compared to our proposal of \$465,520.00 that we received in March. Mr. Church asked that the board approve the payment to Kokosing for \$261,815.25.

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

**B. Athletic Director Report**

Mr. Days updated the board on the highlights of the Fall Season:

Boys were Cross County Champs, Conference Champs and Regional qualifiers. Three runners, Hayden Veach, Nick Yeend and Jenna Kuntz, went on to Semi State. Two girls also qualified for the Regionals-Madeline Correll and Deziree Norvell. Nick Yeend was the best runner in the County and in the Conference. Best runners in the county: #1 Nick Yeend, #2 Hayden Veach, #3 Andrew Tucker, and #4 Ethan Swift. The Junior High Boys were County Champs. The best runner in the county: #1 Haydan Moore and #2 Riliegh Smith. Mr. Days stated that the future looks bright for our runners. Boys Tennis were back to back County Champs. Their

record was 18-2 which was the best record in school history and they were also Sectional Champs. Our Girls Golf Team won four matches. This was their second year back after eight years without a team. Our Soccer Program had continued to grow. We had 7 JV games and 16 varsity matches. Charlie Taylor was named Coach of the Year for Cross Country.

#### Winter Season:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls were Basketball County Champions.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys were Basketball County Champions.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys were Basketball County Champions.
- High School Boys Basketball were Sectional Champions. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> time that the boys have gone to Sectionals in school history. Also, it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in 5 years that they have won their Sectionals.
- Bryce Rowe ended his basketball career with a 1452 points which made him 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Mr. Days mentioned that he was a great kid and a great player.

#### Spring Season:

Girls Softball played 4 games on the field. No Boys Golf team this year, hopefully we will have one next year. Boys Varsity Track team were back to back County Champs. Our Boys Junior High Track team were County and Conference Champs. Two boys qualified for Regionals-Hayden Veach and Nick Yeend. Records broken this school year were: Bryce Rowe for scoring 46 points in one game and Hayden Veach for the 800 meter run. Mr. Days mentioned that three schools are leaving the conference-Knightstown, Eastern Hancock and Indian Creek.

Mr. Days said that not charging the Athletic Department a transportation fee for 2015-16 was very helpful. They were able to make big purchases: Junior High track uniforms, Elementary Basketball uniforms, Elementary Cheer Uniforms, items to go with the softball field, high jump equipment, banners, and access to the weight room for 20 hours per week.

#### Upcoming Goals:

- New lockers for the locker rooms
- New speaker system from the help of the athletic boosters
- New scoreboards after the wastewater treatment plant has been completed
- Windscreen for the tennis courts
- Baseball field repairs

#### Attendance:

School attendance was 96.77%, which was the same as last year. There were over 1000 tardies 3 years ago and now the tardies have dropped to 581 last school year.

#### Discipline:

This past school year we had 63 write ups compared to 127 for the 2014-15 school year.

Mr. Days mentioned that our coaches are the lowest paid coaches in the conference and they do a wonderful job. He mentioned that he is very impressed by our coaches and our teachers.

Mr. Drake asked if Southwestern was unable to host volleyball sectionals because our speakers hang too low. Mr. Days said that one of his main goals was to have the new speakers installed by volleyball season. Mrs. Smith asked about the state of our conference. Mr. Days said that two

schools have contacted the conference about joining but both schools were not accepted by the conference.

### **C. Principals Report**

Mr. Chase informed the board that ISTEP results will be coming soon. He stated that the high school would have a hard time receiving growth points because of the high range that the students have scored in math and language arts. Also, the 10<sup>th</sup> graders did not take a comparable 8<sup>th</sup> grade test.

Mr. Edwards informed the board that the elementary had 7 students enrolled in the morning peer model program and 7 in the afternoon preschool program. He said that Mrs. Neville had set up the enrollment online and had done a great job. He also mentioned that he had made calls to transfer tuition students to make sure that they would be attending next school year. He informed the board that the wall is down in the elementary gym and the new wall should be installed early next week and then work will begin on the gym floor. Mr. Edwards thanked the custodians for the great job they are doing.

### **Superintendent Report**

Dr. Maurer did not present a report.

### **Personnel**

#### **A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

- Resignation of Tim Hancock as the Facilities/Maintenance Director effective June 17, 2016.
- Resignation of Bill Taylor as a science teacher effective June 30, 2016.
- Resignation of Mary Engel and Ashley Brown as part-time food service workers.
- Resignation of Nicole Syester as assistant cheerleading coach.
- Resignation of Vicki Beach as varsity volleyball coach.

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

- Termination of Valerie Wilkins as a special education aide.

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

- Cancellation/Non-renewal of the contract of Donna Dennison as the P-12 Library Media Specialist.

Mr. Burbrink made a motion to approve the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law providing for the cancellation and non-renewal of the teacher contract of Donna Dennison, effective June 30, 2016. Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 7-0

#### **B. Recommendations to Hire**

- Recommend the transfer of Sheila Smith from a 29 hour aide at the high school to a special education aide at the elementary.
- Recommend Heidi Kearns as the tutor for I-READ 3 remediation.
- Recommend Brett Andrews as the girls varsity basketball assistant #2.

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

C. Other  
None

**Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Maurer congratulated Mr. Chase on being named the Downtown Shelby 2016 Parade Marshal.

**Board Member Comments**

None

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
