

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
September 7, 2016

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

Member Absent: David Rush

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:00 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. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 6-0

**Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers**

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink 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. Appointment of a board delegate for ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference on September 26 & 27.**

No board members volunteered.

**B. Recommend acceptance of donations and grants:**

- \$500 from the Shelby County Co-op for the FFA expenses to the National Crops Scouting in Boone, IA.
- Weed control spraying on the baseball field from Kenny Kuhn
- Pets in the Classroom Grant for Mrs. Oliver's STEM classroom
- \$50.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard

Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**C. Recommend approval of out of state and/or overnight field trips**

- Crops Scouting FFA members to attend Iowa State Crops Scouting in Boone, IA on August 30 through September 1, 2016
- FFA to the state soils competition in Marshal County, IN on October 14 & 15, 2016
- FFA to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN on October 19 through October 21, 2016
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade to Chicago, IL on May 5 & 6, 2017

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**D. Recommend approval of out of state and/or overnight professional development**

- Charity Elliott, Teresa Lilak, and Teresa Cochran to attend the Gordon Food Service Show in Louisville, KY on October 12, 2016

Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

**E. Recommend approval of the Master Agreement as bargained with and ratified by the SWCTA.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0

**F. Recommend approval of qualifying administrators to receive the same stipend as the teachers. G. Recommend a .10 cent per hour increase for the following hourly employees: cooks, custodians, classroom aides, H.S. secretary, H.S. ECA treasurer, Elementary secretary/treasurer. H. Recommend a 1% increase for Business Manager/Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, School Nurse, Food Service Director, and Plato Computer Aide.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**I. Recommend acceptance of the quote from Irish Mechanical Services, Inc. to replace compressor on York Chiller system at the high school. Mr. Cooper is recommending the total base bid of \$36,250.00.** Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

**J. Recommend the purchase of an 18 passenger bus with wheelchair lift from Midwest Transit for \$51,226.00 with 2009 bus trade-in (#16).** Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0. Dr. Maurer thanked Mr. Erwin for his help in the purchase of the new bus and the trade of bus #16.

**K. Recommend approval of the Southwestern Jr./Sr. High 2016-2019 School Improvement Plan.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried: 6-0

**L. Other**

Mr. Cooper, Facilities Director, spoke regarding fixing the girls softball diamond. He said that an outside source was consulted to determine how we should proceed with fixing the diamond. It was their recommendation that Turf Stars be onsite by 9-26 with work starting by 10-1, and completion by 11-1<sup>st</sup>. The work included installing new security fencing on the playground side, elimination of the right field regrade, installation of new drain tiles and swales as recommended by Southwestern and the outside source. The work also included adding tiles at shortstop, 2<sup>nd</sup> base, home plate as well as the infield. This included aerating and reseeding the entire field. Once the tile has been installed, payment of ½ the remaining balance will be due. Final balance will be paid out upon completion of the project. If Turf Stars does not finish the work, then with Mr. Harrold's help, we would still have time to hire another company and complete the work before the 2017 season.

Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

## **Reports and Presentations**

### **A. C.A.R.E. Club Director Report**

Mrs. Pappano, Care Club Director, said that we are a month in and kids are enjoying the program. She mentioned that one parent signed up her child so that the child could receive help with their homework. She reported that the current income was \$6,404.45 compared to the current expenses of \$5,857.47, for a profit of \$546.98. Mrs. Pappano explained that the profit number was a bit deceiving because three families have paid in advance. Her enrollment totals were 3-5 children in the morning. Her afternoon totals were: Monday & Friday – 6  
Tuesday & Wed. – 10  
Thursdays – 16

Mrs. Pappano explained that every week there was a theme. She gave an example of reading “The Little Cloud” and then going outside to explore the shapes of clouds. She stated that they also read “The Mixed Up Chameleon” and created one on paper. She also mentioned that she taught about eating healthy and invited the kids to try different fruits and vegetables. She said the kids were not forced to try the new food, only if they wanted to be adventurous.

Mrs. Pappano told the board that she really loved her new job and asked for questions. No questions were asked.

### **B. Technology Director Report**

Mrs. Neville informed the board regarding the online survey that was sent out. She said that 98% of our students registered online. She also stated that 30% of the parents said the online registration took too long. She said parents wanted to have the ability to pay their fees after completing registration. She also said that some of the forms will be restructured so that parents will clearly know what was required or what was optional to be completed.

Mrs. Neville said that students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade received chromebooks at the beginning of the school year. Mrs. Neville explained that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will become more comfortable with their device as they move over to the high school and hopefully there will be less breakage. The students will have the same device from 6<sup>th</sup> until 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Mrs. Neville said that our bandwidth has been updated to 200 mb and the Southwestern mobile app is currently in its very last stages of development. She said the app will give easy access to items of interest to parents and staff.

Mrs. Neville mentioned that a big push to digital citizenship will be led by our technology coaches. She said much of digital citizenship means making students aware of protecting themselves and also handling themselves properly online. She also mentioned that there are new technical standards and the focus on STEM. Mrs. Neville explained virtual reality and how it brings curriculum to life for students. She passed out viewers to members of the board and let them view Google expeditions for themselves.

### **C. Principal Reports**

Mr. Edwards mentioned how positive the before and after school care program has been for the elementary. He said that morning preschool was full but there were still afternoon slots open. He thanked Mrs. Neville for the great job that she does with technology at the elementary. Mr. Edwards thanked Dr. Maurer and the board for all of their support.

Mr. Chase was attending a class so Dr. Maurer presented his report. Dr. Maurer shared that Mr. Chase has required his teachers to co-teach a lesson with the media specialist. Dr. Maurer shared an example of Mrs. Pfanschmidt, Media Specialist, and Ms. Smiley, 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science Teacher, working on an energy research project where students were to determine which energy source to use for the future.

### **Superintendent Report**

None

### **Personnel**

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

- Resignation of Allison Seale as a technology coach
- Resignation of Tiffany Maddox as PM kindergarten readiness teacher effective September 8, 2016
- FMLA for Mrs. Oliver from approximately November 14, 2016 through January 2, 2017
- FMLA for Mr. Oliver from approximately November 14, 2016 through November 17, 2016 (four days).

Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

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

- Paige Bertsch as elementary co-drama club advisor
- Emily Haugh as elementary co-spell bowl coach
- Ashley Fivecoat as elementary math bowl coach
- Megan Oliver as elementary math bowl coach volunteer
- Mike DeArmitt as 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach
- Amy Pfanschmidt as the Sunshine Society sponsor
- Curtis Chase as the district's School Safety Specialist for \$1,000 stipend paid in two equal installments at the end of each semester
- Kris Fortune as technology coach

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

### **C. Other**

None

### **Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Maurer congratulated the FFA Crops Scouting Team for being first in the State. She also congratulated Mr. Cooper and his wife on the birth of their son, Wilder.

**Board Member Comments**

Mr. Burbrink thanked Mrs. Neville for her presentation. He said it was great to see how we are improving in technology

Mrs. Isgrigg read a thank you note from Cindy Miller for the throw that Southwestern purchased when her Father passed away. She also thanked Mrs. Neville for her presentation.

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.
