

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
January 9, 2018

Members Present: Travis Beck, Michael Burbrink, Jim Emerick, Linda Isgrigg, Isaac Pile, and Susan Smith
Members not present: Jerry Drake

I. Call to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America

President Jim Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County. He led the pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions

President Jim Emerick welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees

A. Oath of Office

Mr. Harrold administered the oath of office to Mr. Burbrink, Mr. Emerick, Mrs. Isgrigg, and Mrs. Smith.

B. Election of Board Officers

Mr Beck nominated Mr. Emerick as board president and Mrs. Smith as board Secretary. Mr Burbrink seconded. Carried 4-0, Mr. Emerick and Mrs. Smith abstained.

Mr. Beck nominated Mrs. Isgrigg as vice-president.
Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 5-0, Mrs. Isgrigg abstained.

C. Appointment of Blue River Career Program Representative

Mrs. Isgrigg nominated Mr. Beck as the representative to Blue River Career Programs. Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0, Mr. Beck abstained.

D. Appointment of School Attorney, Board Executive Secretary, District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, High School and Elementary ECA Treasurers

Attorney – Dennis Harrold, Board Executive Secretary & District Treasurer – Bonnie Thopy, Deputy Treasurer – Belinda Head, H.S. ECA Treasurer – Christi Pappano, and SWE ECA Treasurer – Brisha Dunbar were appointed for 2019. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Set Board & Board Secretary Salaries

Mr. Burbrink moved that the rate of \$1,500 per year for board members and \$45 per meeting for the secretary remain the same.
Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

F. Adoption of Annual Board Calendar and Location of Meetings

Mr. Beck moved that the board approve the board calendar and locations of meetings as presented. The board will meet the second Wednesday of each month except for the May meeting which will be moved to the third Wednesday to allow office personnel to attend the IASBO annual meeting.

Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Consent Items & Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meeting. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Pile seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 6-0

V. Business & Financial Report

A. Financial Report

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

B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report

Mr. Emerick informed the board that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in their packets. No questions were asked regarding the reports.

VI. New Business

A. Second reading of NEOLA policies Volume 31, No. 1.

Recommend adoption of NEOLA policies Volume 31, No.1.

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

B. Recommend approval of Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Mr. Beck, board member and vendor, received approval.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 5-0, 1 abstained

C. Recommend approval of the 2019 contract for the school attorney

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

D. 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. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Recommend the acceptance of donations

- \$684 from an anonymous donor to the Food Service's Angel Fund
- \$200 from Ditech Inc for SWE Robotics Club
- New high school flag pole from the class of 1978 (valued at approximately \$800)
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

F. Recommend the acceptance of overnight and out of state field trips and/or professional development

Charity Elliott to Washington, D.C. to attend the 2019 School Nutrition Association's Legislative Action Conference on February 23-26, 2019 – The expenses will be covered by a scholarship she received from the Indiana School Nutrition Association.

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

G. Recommend the approval of quotes by Bone Dry Roofing to fix leaks

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

H. Other

Recommend approval of the 2019 amended Blue River Career Programs operating agreement. This updated version now included the new operational and educational funds.

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

VII. Reports and Presentations

A. Principals Report

Mr. Chase informed the board of the praise his staff had received from a long term sub who is a retired teacher. The high school staff was complimented on how well they interact with the students and each other, and the overall culture at Southwestern.

Mr. Edwards informed the board that his staff had been preparing for the second round of testing this school year, this would include ILEARN and IREAD-3. Mr. Edwards stated that he had completed many observations prior to the holiday break and was impressed with the level of commitment from the staff to the procedures set in place. Mr. Edward stated that the staff had worked to engage the students beyond simply assigning homework.

B. Superintendent Report

Dr. Maurer shared with the board a printout from the state that included statistics for how financially sound Southwestern schools were. The state has issued these statistics on each school district in the state to try and recognize schools that may be in financial distress or soon will be. Dr. Maurer showed the board that Southwestern is currently very financially sound. Also, the handout included a chart that illustrates what percent of the general fund expenditures

are spent directly on the classrooms. Dr. Maurer also explained how some salaries for personnel that are directly involved with classroom activities are paid from outside the general fund and how this impacts the data shown on the charts.

VII. Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Kim Hartley as adult CARE Club worker effective December 7, 2018
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Caleb Tennell as varsity volleyball coach
- Fred Chase as long term sub as Spanish teacher for Mrs. Ramseth's maternity leave.
Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Other

None

IX. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer congratulated Cole and Megan Oliver on the birth of their daughter on December 17th.

X. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith commented that the culture at Southwestern is a trickle down effect that starts with the administration and leads to happy students.
Mr. Emerick commented that it is a reflection on the administration, and how much they care, to receive such positive comments on the staff.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

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