

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
December 9, 2020

Members Present: Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Linda Isgrigg, and Isaac Pile  
Member Present by Zoom: Travis Beck, Michael Burbrink, and Susan Smith

**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 7:05 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. Public Comment**

Mr. Eddie Layton of Schmidt Associates presented an update on the fieldhouse and weight room construction.

**III. Consent Items & Claims**

**A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Carried 7-0

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 7-0

**IV. 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.

**V. New Business**

**A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants**

- Recommend the acceptance of \$10 donation from Friend Family for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$100 donation from Gaila Swift for the Spartan Cupboard

- Recommend the acceptance of \$20,424.44 from the IDOE for the Teacher Appreciation Grant
- Recommend the acceptance of \$460 and \$50 donations from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$40 donation from Carol & Mark Stohry for the Southwestern FFA
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$30 donation from Eugene and Kathy Hitchcock for the Southwestern FFA
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$20 donation from Max and Janice Courtney for the Southwestern FFA
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$100 donation from Kokomo Grain for the Southwestern FFA
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$150 donation from the Karl Nading family for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$50 donation from the Treva Whitis family for the Spartan Cupboard

Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

**B. Recommend the approval to transfer year-end appropriations and pay year end claims**

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

**C. Recommend the approval of the Wellness Policy**

Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

**D. Other**

Mr. Drake recommended the approval to pay Mr. Edwards a stipend of \$2,100 for his work as interim superintendent. Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

**VI. Reports and Presentations**

**A. Principal's Report**

Mr. Tindall reported to the board the everyone was working with a common goal to keep as many students as possible attending in person through the upcoming holiday break. He also updated board members that all ISTEP testing had been completed and that ILEARN would be completed in the spring semester.

Mr. Edwards stated that the elementary staff was working to keep reaching each day and week as a goal and to keep moving forward. Mr. Edwards recognized the custodial/maintenance staff members for their effort with deep cleaning in order to keep staff member and students safe and healthy.

**B. Facilities Maintenance Director Report**

Mr. Cooper informed the board members that the custodial and maintenance

staff were doing a great job despite being short staffed. He stated that all members of the team had stepped up and were working great as a team. Mr. Cooper updated board members on several ongoing projects that had been completed, including the elementary school water leak and the leak in the high school stage area.

### **C. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Edwards stated that the main goal right then was to keep students in school until the holiday break that would start the following week.

## **VII. Personnel**

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

- Recommend approval of the resignation from Becky McInerny as cafeteria worker, effective 11/24/2020
- Recommend approval of medical leave for Curtis Chase effective 12/18/2020
- Recommend approval of FFCRA leave for Dakota Simpson, Christi Pappano, Jason West, Kim Williams, Angela Anspaugh, Jason Utley and Kassie Utley  
Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

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

- Recommend the approval of Brisha Dunbar as 5th grade boys basketball coach
- Recommend the approval of Caleb Tennell as 6th grade boys basketball coach
- Recommend the approval of Amber Fiesbeck as elementary cheer coach
- Recommend the approval of Diana Haymond as volunteer elementary cheer coach (pending completed background check)  
Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

### **C. Other**

None

## **VIII. Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Edwards recognized Mrs. Becca Vise for the outstanding job that she had done as school nurse throughout the pandemic. Mr. Edwards stated that she was an outstanding professional who is top notch at her job. Her professionalism has really shown through in her interactions and communication with parents during this difficult time.

## **IX. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Beck, Mrs. Smith, Mr. Burbrink, and Mr. Pile stated that they appreciated all of the hard work by teachers and administrators. Mr. Emerick thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

**X. Adjournment**

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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