

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
March 9, 2022

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Isaac Pile, Linda Isgrigg, Susan Smith, and Derrek Tennell

**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. Mr. Edwards introduced Mr. Logan Shuppert to the board members. He stated that Mr. Shuppert would be recommended to fill the position of school social worker. Mr. Emerick clarified that Mr. Shuppert had been approved at a previous meeting.

**II. Public Comment**

Mrs. Rachel Barlow asked that board members explain the process used to select the new superintendent including how the candidate search was completed.

Ms. Stacy Baute spoke on behalf of community members to express their appreciation and gratitude to the school board for making decisions based on what is best for the community, corporation, and students. She wanted to make sure that board members were aware of the support.

**III. Consent Items and Claims**

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

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

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

**IV. Business and Financial Reports**

**A. Financial Report**

Mr. Emerick informed the board that the financial reports were 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 report.

**V. New Business**

- A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants**
- Recommend the acceptance of a \$25 donation from Treva Whitis for the Spartan Cupboard.
  - Recommend the acceptance of a \$50 donation from the Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.
  - Recommend the acceptance of a \$500 donation from Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church for FCA
  - Recommend the acceptance of a \$200 donation from Mike and Paula Cochran for FFA
  - Recommend the acceptance of a \$50 donation from Psi Iota Xi Sorority for the elementary library fund
- Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- B. Recommend the approval of paying NetTalon \$44,493.03 for installation of security system in the field house**
- Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- C. Recommend the approval of paying Huston Electric \$18,980.00 for purchase of intercom package system at the high school**
- Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- D. Recommend the approval to purchase IP cameras from Lucide IT for replacement of security cameras at the high school and elementary school for the amount of \$115,838.99 to be paid for out of the ESSER grant**
- Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- E. Recommend approval of new superintendent**
- Mr. Pile recommended that Mr. Joshua Edwards be approved as the new superintendent pending approval of the superintendent contract. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Carried 6-0-1. Mr. Tennell abstained.
- F. Other**
- None

## **VI. Reports and Presentations**

### **A. Principal Reports**

Mr. Edwards shared with the board members they had finished IREAD3 testing for third graders. He explained that all went well with the testing and that all students were present. He mentioned that second graders still had one more section to complete at that time. He thanked the technology director, Mrs. Neville and the entire elementary staff for the smooth completion of the testing.

Mr. Edwards explained that Mr. Tindall had not been able to attend this meeting but had given his report to Mr. Edwards to relay the information to board members. Juniors had completed the SAT testing and they were looking forward to getting the feedback from the testing and would use that information to form a plan for the upcoming school year. He stated that ILEARN testing would be completed in April and AP exams would be

given in May.

## **VII. Personnel**

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

- Recommend the resignation of Isaiah Estes, as a teachers aide, effective March 1, 2022  
Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the resignation of Tori Roehenbaugh as boys, junior high track coach, effective February 18, 2022  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the resignation of Elyzabeth Halberstadt as a teachers aide, effective February 25, 2022  
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the resignation of Erica Bryan as high school spanish teacher, effective March 2, 2022  
Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the resignation of Angie Kahler as an elementary teacher, effective March 4, 2022  
Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

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

- Recommend the approval of Teresa Young as a cafeteria employee retroactive to February 7, 2022.  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Cariss Decatur as a teachers aide, effective February 28, 2022.  
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Brevan Rivers as a varsity assistant baseball coach, pending background check.  
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Shalee Bradley as Agricultural Teacher contracted days 184 at \$44,000 effective July 29, 2022.  
Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Koty Simpson as boys, junior high track coach. Koty is currently a teacher at the high school.  
Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Sydney Carson as volunteer girls assistant tennis coach, pending background check approval.  
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Tennell seconded. Carried 7-0

### **C. Other**

None

## **VIII. Superintendent Comments**

None

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Beck shared a prepared statement sharing his personal opinion of Mr. Edwards as superintendent. He stated that the board members were elected by the public to be trusted to make decisions that were in the best interest of the school district, and he asked that they trust them in this decision. In this statement he explained the process board members had gone through before hiring the next superintendent. He stated they looked into various search options. Mr. Beck pointed out that Mr. Edwards had done a fantastic job as interim superintendent in the past while also fulfilling the duties of elementary principal. Mr. Tennell let attendees know that the only reason he had abstained from the earlier vote was that, as this was his first meeting, he had not been involved with the decision process. Mr. Pile congratulated Mr. Edwards on his new appointment.

**X. Adjournment**

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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