

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
November 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 7:10 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. Jason Hansford asked about the funding and chaperones for the all school field trip for the elementary school. Mr. Edwards replied that the trip was being funded through the elementary student activities fund. Mrs. Rachael Barlow explained that a buddy system between older and younger students would be used for grouping along with the adult chaperones.

Mrs. Charity Mohr asked what protocol was in place to contact parents when there was a threat within the school district. Mr. Edwards explained that some information was kept confidential due to the involvement in a criminal investigation or to keep the confidentiality of the student(s) involved. Mr. Edwards agreed to speak with the school district's attorney to decide how to handle these types of situations.

Mrs. Blake Newkirk commented that parents were receiving text from their students during the school day informing them of what they had heard about these types of situations. At that time the facts they are hearing may not be the full story, only a version heard by students. If the district had sent out a notification, parents would be better informed. Mr. Edwards encouraged parents to contact an administrator to find out what was happening since they may be hearing something from their students that the administrators are unaware of.

**III. Consent Items and Claims**

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

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Tennell seconded. Carried 7-0

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck 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 board packets. No questions were asked regarding the reports.

**V. New Business**

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

- Donation of \$563.81 to Southwestern Elementary School through United Way given by Josh Vise.
- Donation of \$300 to the Spartan Cupboard from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church.
- Donation of \$300 to the Spartan Cupboard from Karl and Teresa Nading.
- Donation of \$50.00 to the Spartan Cupboard from Mt. Auburn Christian Church.
- Donation of \$25.00 to the Spartan Cupboard from Treva Whitis.

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

**B. Recommend the approval of an out of state field trip on November, 2022 to Jungle Jim's in Ohio for the Jr/Sr High School World Language and AP Human Geography classes. This was rescheduled from October.**

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

**C. Recommend the approval to grant authority to Josh Edwards and Bonnie Thopy to open credit card accounts and a money market savings account with Jackson County Bank.**

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

**D. Recommend the approval of ENA Communication Services contract.**

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

**E. Recommend the approval of the fuel surcharge for our contracted bus drivers to continue through December 2022, retroactive to September of 2022.**

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

**F. Recommend the approval of the updated Clark Estate contract.**

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

**G. Recommend the approval of the 2023-2024 through the 2026-2027 school year bus contract.**

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

**H. Recommend the approval of both quotes from Central Indiana Hardware to address upgrades to door hardware on campus for a total of \$75,041.27.**

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

**I. Recommend the approval to increase the hourly wage of the head of**

**maintenance, Todd Weaver by \$2 per hour.**

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Tennell seconded. Carried 7-0

- J. Recommend the approval to increase the hourly wage of maintenance employee Jamie Dunn by \$1 per hour.**

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

- K. ~~Recommend the approval of the contract with MHP for funding and advertisement in the amount of \$42,500 during the course of ten (10) years.~~**

This item was tabled until a future time.

- L. Recommend the first reading of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim. Policies numbers:**

- A225
- A100-E
- A1215
- A275
- C275
- G275
- A175-E
- A124-R
- C275-R
- A275-R
- A175-R
- G275-E
- C225
- A300
- A200
- A175
- A100
- IDOE Testing, Security, and Integrity Agreement

- M. Other**

**Recommend the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Southwestern Consolidated School District and the Southwestern Consolidated Classroom Teachers Association concerning compensation to teachers covering classrooms when substitute teachers are not available.**

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

## **VI. Reports and Presentations**

### **A. Principal Reports**

Mrs. Hoeing was absent, no elementary report given.

Mr. Tindall presented board members with a handout showing results of last years' PSAT test taken by all 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. He explained that the SAT is now the primary score used for college entrance. He explained that he would have the most recent scores available for the December board meeting.

**B. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Edwards introduced Tylynn Routier as the new school nurse.

**VII. Personnel**

**A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

- Recommend the approval to accept the resignation from James Day as a full time custodian, effective October 14, 2022.
- Recommend the approval to accept the resignation from Melanie Thomas as a full time custodian, effective October 31, 2022.
- Recommend the approval to accept the resignation from John Gore as a contracted bus driver, effective October 25, 2022

Mr. Tennell moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

**B. Recommendations to Hire**

- Recommend the approval to hire Kelly Adams as a full-time custodian not to exceed 40 hours per week.
- Recommend the approval to hire Marianne Oliver as an activity bus driver.

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

**C. Other**

None

**VIII. Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Edwards welcomed Tylynn Routier to Southwestern. He thanked Mrs. Mohr for her public comments and stated that he appreciated her concern and support for Southwestern students.

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Beck welcomed Mrs. Routier and stated that the board accepted Mr. John Gore's resignation with respect and that the board truly appreciated his years of service and dedication he has given to Southwestern Consolidated Schools. Mr. Tennell seconded everything stated by Mr. Beck.

**X. Adjournment**

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

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