

**SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
January 11, 2023**

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jerry Drake, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson
Brad Stamper, and Derrek Tennell

I. Call to Order

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

Superintendent Edwards called the meeting to order at 7:14 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

Superintendent Edwards welcomed everyone in attendance.

C. Oath of office

School board attorney Amy Matthews administered the oath of office for the new and re-elected board members: Blake Newkirk, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper, and Derrek Tennell.

II. Board Reorganization

A. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Beck nominated Mr. Isaac Pile to serve as the board president for the year of 2023. Mr. Drake seconded the nomination.

Mr. Stamper nominated Mr. Derrek Tennell to serve as the board president for the year of 2023. Mrs. Newkirk seconded the nomination.

Mrs. Newkirk requested that the candidates state their reasons for wanting to be elected as board president. Mr. Pile and Mr. Tennell stated their goals for the coming year. Mr. Beck moved that the nominations be closed, Mrs. Newkirk seconded. The motion carried 7-0

The board voted three for Mr. Pile and four for Mr. Tennell.

Mr. Tennell was named the president for the year of 2023.

Mr. Beck nominated Mr. Pile to serve as the board vice-president for the year of 2023. Mrs. Newkirk seconded the nomination, Carried 7-0

Mr. Pile nominated Mr. Beck as board secretary and Mrs. Newkirk seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

B. Mr. Beck nominated Mrs. Newkirk as representative to the Blue River Career Center board. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

Mr. Beck recommended Mr. Tennell as the board alternate for the BRCP Board. Mr. Stamper seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

C. Appointment of School Attorney: Church, Church, Hittle, and Antrim, Board Executive Secretary & District Treasurer: Bonnie Thopy, Deputy Treasurer: Belinda Head, High School ECA Treasurer: Amber Mitchell, Elementary ECA Treasurer: Candy Hudson

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

D. Set the Board and Board Secretary Salaries

Recommend no change for the board members pay and an increase from

\$45 per meeting to \$60.00 per meeting for the board secretary

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

- E. Adoption of the Annual Board Calendar and Location of Meetings
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

- III. **Approval of Agenda** Recommend to amend the agenda in order to table particular policies that are not ready for approval and to omit "R" items, which are administrative policies and does not require board approval.
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Stamper seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

- IV. **Public Comments**
None

V. **Consent Items and Claims**

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

B. **Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Stamper seconded both items A and B.
Carried 7-0

VI. **Business and Financial Reports**

A. **Financial Report**

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

B. **Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report**

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

VII. **New Business**

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

- Donation of \$250.00 from Kyle and Casey Pruitt for the Angel Fund
- Donation of \$50.00 from Nancy Stephenson for the Angel Fund
- Donation of \$200.00 from Bob and Sandi Landwerlin for the Angel Fund
- Donation of \$138.22 to Southwestern Elementary School through United Way given by Josh Vise.
- Donation of \$3,000.00 from the Treasurer of Shelby County for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Donation of Mt Auburn Christian Church in the amount of \$50 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.

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

B. **Recommend the approval to cancel outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank within two years of the date of issue.**

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0

C. **Recommend the approval of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim. Policies numbers,**

- A325
- C200
- C425
- D500

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

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

- C150
- C300
- C525-E
- D525
- F176
- F275
- G100
- H125

E. Recommend the approval of the Conflict of Interest Disclosure.

Mr. Travis Beck is a board member and owns Shelby Farm Supply which the district uses as a vendor.

Mrs. Blake Newkirk moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded.

Carried 6-0-1, Mr. Beck Abstained

F. Other

Recommend that the elementary CARE club switches from EZschool pay app to EZ aftercare software management for all online CARE Club payments.

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0

VIII. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Tindall welcomed the new board members and stated that he was looking forward to working with them. He informed the board that the general assembly had been working on several items pertaining to education and encouraged follow the progress on these items. Mr. Tindall explained to board members that the assistant principals had met with Shelby County resource groups and youth assistance programming concerning truancy and attendance.

Mrs. Hoeing was unable to attend but provided an update to Mr. Edwards. He explained that the elementary staff had a semester goal to look at Little Spartan Preschool to make sure they were meeting the needs of the community. They had been planning a survey to send out to the Spartan community to verify exactly what their needs were. He stated that another item they were focusing on were the pathways to quality education. Mr. Edwards explained that these were the federal guidelines which could provide potential for financial assistance including the ability to accept vouchers from the state.

B. Superintendent Report

Mr. Edwards stated that he had met with Mrs. Hoeing and Ms. Fivecoat about working to identify priority standards to horizontally align the curriculum of the lower and upper grades.

VIII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend the approval to accept the resignation Amy Pfanschmidt as media specialist, effective 01/06/2023
- Recommend the approval to accept the resignation of Logan Shuppert as corporation social worker, effective 01/20/2023
- Recommend the approval to accept the resignation of Michaela Moulder as special education assistant at the elementary school

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

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommend the approval to hire Kyle Barlow as a volunteer Jr. high, girls basketball coach
- Recommend the approval to hire Stacy Baute as co-coach of seventh grade, Jr. high girls basketball coach.
- Recommend the approval to hire Britney Taylor as elementary school concessions worker.
- Recommend the approval to hire Amber Fiesbeck as eighth grade, Jr. high girls basketball coach.

Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-1

C. Other

None

IX. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Edwards welcomed the new board members and stated that he appreciated their help. He also stated that he was looking forward to the new semester.

X. Board Member Comments

Mr. Beck welcomed the new board members. Mrs. Newkirk thanked everyone for their patience with her questions. Mr. Tennell thanked everyone for attending and stated he was looking forward to the upcoming year.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION
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The board met in executive session before the regular board meeting. The only items discussed were as advertised.
