

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 8, 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

President Tennell called the meeting to order at 7:17 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 Tennell welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comment

Mr. Paul Baute complimented the Spartanettes and cheerleaders,
specifically Lauren Blondell, and their coaches/sponsors for the
presentations they had made throughout the school year. He also wanted
to compliment the FFA toy show which he felt had been very well ran and
attended. He also commented on the quality of the displays this year.

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

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

V. 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.

VI. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants

- Tara Jessee for the Spartan Cupboard in the amount of \$10.
- Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard in the
amount of \$50.

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

**B. Recommend the approval of policies submitted by Church, Church,
Hittle, & Antrim.**

Policies numbers include:

- A350
- C125
- C175
- C400
- C450
- C475
- C500
- C525
- C575
- C600
- D100
- D125
- F176
- F275
- G150

Mr. Edwards mentioned that all of the newly approved policies were available on the school website.

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

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

- B100
- B125
- D150
- E125
- E150
- G300
- G325
- G350
- H150
- H175

Mr. Edwards explained that for the first reading of the policies no motion is required.

D. Recommend the approval of Reveal Math by McGraw-Hill at the elementary school for the next 6 years. Ms. Fivecoat explained that a team of teachers and administrators visited other schools to get to see various programs already in use, and Reveal Math was considered to be the best option for Southwestern. Ms. Fivecoat then answered board members questions and explained some of the various components of the program and how they would be used at Southwestern.

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

E. Recommend the approval to add the position of Administrative Assistant at the Corporation Office.

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

F. Recommend the approval of the Boyce Systems Software contract for \$33,613.00

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

- G. Other**
None

VII. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mrs. Hoeing informed the board members that IREAD testing had been completed and even though the results were not yet complete, the numbers looked very strong. She also informed board members that the qualifications to become Paths to Quality level one certified had been met. Mrs. Hoeing explained that they were looking at the steps to reach level two certification, and that level included several building maintenance qualifications. Mrs. Hoeing shared enrollment information for preschool and kindergarten and what the large numbers mean for next year in staffing. Mrs. Hoeing explained about a new leadership team that was being organized within both schools.

Mrs. Newkirk asked if students who received perfect IREAD scores would be presented at the next board meeting. Mrs. Hoeing assured her they would request that they be at the meeting. Mr. Simpson asked about the percentage of out of district preschool and kindergarten students enrolled for the upcoming school year. Mrs. Hoeing stated that she would have that information available at the next meeting. Mr. Stamper asked about any efforts that had been made to market out of district transfers to Southwestern. Mrs. Hoeing replied that she believed it was mostly word of mouth about the things that were happening in the district. Mrs. Hoeing explained some of the creative placement movements that were being considered to accommodate larger enrollment numbers.

Mr. Tindall informed board members that the SAT testing had been completed and they were awaiting the results. He explained that the next testing would be ILEARN which was scheduled to begin in April. Mr. Tindall stated that they were working to build the leadership team within the building, and that these personnel would collaborate with the leadership team at the elementary level as well as be mentors for new teachers. Mr. Tindall spoke to the board about the recruitment day that he, Mrs. Hoeing, and Mr. Caleb Tennell had attended that day at Indiana University. He reported on some of the differences of the larger school corporations to the smaller school districts.

B. Superintendent Report

Mr. Edwards commented on the administrative level leadership and their roll in the updating of the strategic plan for the school district. He explained some of the things such as a vision and mission statements and the manner in which they need to be included. He stated that the items included need to be looked at from different perspectives including how they are viewed by the board, administrators, and parents. Mr. Beck

commented that everyone would need to look at where the school district came from, where we are now, and where we strive to be in the future.

VIII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend the acceptance of resignation of Brandy Hendrix as elementary music teacher and junior high cheerleading coach effective February 22, 2023.

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

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommend approval of Jon Farnsley for the position of teaching assistant at SWE. He will work a 4 hour day in special education. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend approval of John Tindall as boys' varsity golf coach for the 2023 season. Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Brett Andrews to be Varsity Boys/Girls Track Coach for the 2023 season. Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Kendall Mangrum to be varsity assistant Boys/Girls Track Coach for the 2023 season. Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Brooklyn Creek to be a CARE Club employee for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year. Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Kylee Rehmer as the Varsity Girls' Volleyball Coach. Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Abby Muck as the Junior High School Track Coach pending background check. Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Other

- Recommend the approval of the Transfer Student Admission Form and Transfer Student Admission Policy Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0
- Mr. Drake moved that the superintendent and the treasurer have the authority to purchase a school bus and present for approval at the next meeting. Mr. Beck seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

IX. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Edwards stated that he was excited to hear about the plans for the leadership teams and about the recent recruitment event. He thanked the employees who had attended on behalf of the school district.

X. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Newkirk explained that she and Mr. Tennell had attended the ISBA legislative day on February 21, 2023. She explained that pending bills pertaining to schools were discussed that day and that those topics were still under discussion and changes were still being made. She stated that they were able to spend a portion of their day with local representative, Robb Greene. Mr. Tennell thanked those who attended the meeting, stating that the level of community engagement was appreciated. The more people involved the greater the benefit to the school district.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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