

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
May 17, 2023

Members Present: Jerry Drake, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper, and Derrek Tennell
Member not present: Travis Beck

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 7:00 p.m. in the Southwestern High School library. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions

Superintendent Edwards welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting with amended policy

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0

V. Business and Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

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

B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report

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

VI. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants

- Recommend to approve two (2) donations from Mt. Auburn Christian Church in the amount of \$50 each for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Flat Rock Christian Church in the amount of \$100 for the Spartan Cupboard.

- Recommend to approve a donation from Treva Whitis in the amount of \$50 for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Angela Denison for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Flat Rock United Methodist Church in the amount of \$710 for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Shelby Farm Supply in the amount of \$100 for the FFA.
- Recommend to approve a donation from The Uvalde Foundation for Kids in the amount of \$500.

Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-0

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

Policies numbers include:

- B150 Organizational Meeting, Board of Finance, and Committees
- B175 Functions
- C350 Student Discipline
- C375 Suspension and Expulsion of Students
- D175 Board-Staff Communications
- D200 Standard of Care and Supervision of Students
- D225 Employee Ethics
- E175 Student Records
- E200 Credit for Religious Education
- E225 College and University Programs
- F125 Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0

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

- B200 Membership
- B225 Meetings
- F100 Internal Controls and Reporting Losses, Shortages, Variances, or Thefts
- F150 Use of Credit Cards Rule (AG)
- F175 Collection and Forgiveness of Debt (Bad Debt)
- F200 Investment Income
- G225 Vehicles Idling
- G250 Pest Control
- H100 School Visitors and Parent-Family Engagement

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

D. Recommend the approval of an overnight field trip for FFA to attend Purdue University during the FFA State Convention on June 20-June 22, 2023.

Mr. Simpson moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Recommend the approval of an overnight field trip for FFA to attend

the FFA Leadership Center on July 24-25, 2023.

Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-0

- F. Recommend the approval to purchase a 2019, 72 passenger school bus in the amount \$86,320.00.**

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

- G. Recommend the approval of Shalee Bradley to attend the Ag Teacher Workshop sponsored by the Indiana Association of Agricultural Educators.**

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

- H. Recommend the approval to accept the 3 year contract from Edmentum Core Courseware for \$34,134.75**

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

- I. Recommend the approval to renew registration contract from PowerSchool for \$11,700.70**

Mr. Simpson moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-0

- J. Recommend the approval of EMC Insurance premiums for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$78,372.00.**

Mr. Stamper moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-0

- K. Other**

None

VII. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mrs. Hoeing informed the board members that the elementary staff had been busy with end of the year activities. These included muffins with moms, an art show, and field day. Mrs. Hoeing explained that the end of the year testing had been occurring during that time and that data from earlier had started coming in. She discussed the planning process for the upcoming school year, including implementation of leadership teams.

Mr. Tindall informed board members that data from testing was starting to come in. He invited all board members to attend the upcoming graduation. Mr. Tindall let board members know that finals would be held soon. He explained that end of the year activities would include a field day and that students that had good attendance this year would be attending an Indianapolis Indians baseball game. Mr. Tindall explained that the 6th grade students had been given a tour of the Jr/Sr High School in preparation for next year.

B. Food Service Director Report

Mrs. Brisha Dunbar reported on some of the successes of the food service staff from the current school year. This included passing several different state audits. She explained that all students had been offered free breakfast for this school year, and that offer would also be extended the following year. She reported that new tables were being purchased for the elementary cafeteria and that both school cafeterias would be painted during this summer break.

C. Superintendent Report

Mr. Edwards informed the board members that Ms. Fivecoat has been working with all of the data being collected from testing. He also mentioned that he had gotten a lot of information at the recent IASBO conference. This included upcoming changes to the curriculum requirements and also some legislative changes.

VIII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend to accept the resignation of Lacie Eversole as junior/senior high school special education assistant effective June 01, 2023.
- Recommend to accept the resignation of Don Wesseling as junior/senior high school math teacher effective July 01, 2023.
- Recommend to accept the resignation of Kassie Utley as girls junior varsity volleyball coach effective May 10, 2023.
- Recommend to accept the resignation of Anne Prosser as an elementary school teacher effective June 30, 2023.

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommend to approve Ali Fix as junior varsity volleyball coach for the 2023-2024 season.
Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0
- Recommend to approve Emma Arcand as a kindergarten teacher for the 2023-2024 school year with an annual salary of \$40,000 pending background checks.
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0
- Recommend to approve Abigail Denton as a fourth grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year with an annual salary of \$42,500 pending background checks.
Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0
- Recommend to approve Lucille Cook Haus as a music teacher at the elementary school for the 2023-2024 school year with an annual salary of \$42,000 pending background checks.
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0
- Recommend to approve Mackenzie Riffey as a sixth grade math teacher at the elementary school for the 2023-2024 school year with an annual salary of \$42,000 pending background checks.
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0
- Recommend to approve summer technology assistance in the amount of \$20.00/hr not to exceed 50 total hours.
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

- Recommend to hire Jessica Blackwell as Administrative Assistant for 260 days each year at an hourly rate of \$20.00. Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Other
None

IX. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Edwards welcomed the new staff members.

X. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Newkirk and Mr. Tennell congratulated and welcomed the new staff members.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

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