

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
October 9, 2013

Members Present: Jerry Drake, Linda Isgrigg, Joanna Yeend, David Rush, Mike Burbrink and Susan Smith.

Absent: Jerry Erwin

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. in the library of the high school. He led the pledge to the United States flag.

**Public Comments**

None

**Consent Items and Claims**

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Carried 6-0

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 6-0

**Business & Financial Report**

Mr. Drake informed the board that the financial report was in their packet. No questions were asked regarding the report.

**Extracurricular & Cafeteria**

It was stated that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in the board packet.

**New Business**

- A. Recommended adoption of 2014 Budget, 2014-2025 Bus Replacement, and 2014-2016 CPF Plan.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion to approve the 2014 Budget, 2014-2025 Bus Replacement, and 2014-2016 CPF Plan. Carried 6-0
- B. Recommended an approval of Resolution to Reduce line 2 in the General Fund Budget, if needed.** Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion. Carried 6-0
- C. Recommended approval of Resolution of Tax Neutrality.** Joanna Yeend moved and Susan Smith seconded. Carried 6-0
- D. Recommended approval of 2013-2014 Goals for Expenditure Categories.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion. Carried 6-0
- E. Recommended acceptance of the donation of a piano from Deborah Cook.**

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion. Carried 6-0

**F. Recommended approval to apply for a CVS Caremark Community Grant for clinic/safety/wellness supplies and equipment.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**G. Recommended approval to apply for the state funded High Ability Grant.** Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

**H. Requested approval of semi-annual fundraising lists.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion. Carried 6-0

I. Other

Requested approval of the May 16, 2014 6<sup>th</sup> grade trip to Chicago. Mrs. Isgrigg asked if students are fundraising. They are starting to raise money. There is a sponsor and volunteer. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

Requested approval to apply for the Title IIA grant due 10-31-13. This is what we pay our professional development out of. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

Mrs. Maurer requested approval to take Friday, October 18, 2013 off. She will be taking exams to go into a doctorate program. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**Reports & Presentations**

Mr. Chase spoke about his plans to identify and address seventh and eighth grade students who are receiving average grades on the ISTEP. He is using data to see where the students are and to give them the additional help that they need. Mr. Chase will meet with those students' teachers in the next two weeks to develop a plan to identify their particular weaknesses and a strategy to help them succeed.

Mr. Oswald, language arts teacher at the high school, also shared with the board his plans to utilize technology and old-school methods to enhance student learning and interest. He set up an interactive classroom through Google combined with an interactive notebook and a reading log. This is what they do their notes and homework in. Mr. Oswald chose the Google classroom to enhance student-teacher communication, provide a wider venue for learning and communicating and increase access to students' progress by parents and teachers.

Mr. Edwards said that he sat down with Mrs. Maurer and broke down the ISTEP data. He compared ISTEP and Acuity. He is going to improve his RTI time. He also looked at the curriculum map to determine what should be taught the first 9 weeks. What direction should we be going and what are the standards that need to be mastered. He thanked the teachers for all their hard work.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Maurer attended the ISBA/APSS Conference and was encouraged that Southwestern staff believe that our kids can reach amazing goals. Our staff chose to say yes to taking the challenge. Many wonderful things are happening for kids as Mr. Chase and Mrs. Edwards mentioned.

Mrs. Maurer also attended a School Safety Conference and is going to work on creating a plan that will bring students and parents together.

She also believes that Southwestern is moving in the right direction with Advance Education certification. The team will come early next year to let us know how we are doing.

## **Personnel**

### **Resignations/Leave:**

**A.** Rande Taylor as ECA Treasurer effective 10-11-13 at the Jr./Sr. High and as outdoor concession sponsor at the end of the fall sports season. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

### **Recommendations to Hire:**

**B.** Tori Nash – 6<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor volunteer.  
Janie Kessler – 6<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor volunteer.  
Whitney Thomas – 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach.  
Brooke Hommel – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach.  
Stephanie Parmer – Junior High Student Council Advisor.  
Emma Dickey & Stephanie Parmer – Drama Club advisors.  
Erika Swanson & Sherri Sweet – volunteer Spartanette advisors (pending background checks) Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

### **C.** Other

Mrs. Maurer recommended the transfer of Lyvonne Rowe currently the Deputy Treasurer to Extra Curricular Treasurer at the high school. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 6-0

Charlie Taylor asked to do the concessions for girls basketball at the elementary for \$50.00 per game. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

## **Public Comments**

Cortnee Hancock thanked the board for approving her grant application.

## **Superintendent Comments**

Mrs. Maurer congratulated Mr. Chase on the presentation that he made to the Advanced Education Fall Conference. The audience really enjoyed his presentation.

Mrs. Maurer also thanked Lyvonne Rowe for her many years of service as Deputy Treasurer.

**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Yeend thanked Randee Taylor for her years of service here. She also wished Lyvonne Rowe good luck at the high school.

Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Randee Taylor for her years of service here. She also mentioned that she is glad to see the Spartanette program start up again.

**Adjournment**

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

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