

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 12, 2014

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

President, Linda Isgrigg, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. She led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Emily Stern, President of the FFA, recognized some of the participants in FFA. The high school dairy team consisting of Emily Stern, Josh Kirby, Caleb Swift, and Mehreen Tahir placed 1st at State. Clay Holder placed 2nd in the dairy foods contest, 1st in area crops and 16th in the State. Cory Kelley and Clay Holder placed first in the exhibit contest. Logan Coffey set a trap in the natural resources demo for 3rd place. Broc Kissell ear notched pigs in the animal science demo for 3rd place. Kenny Coy won the diversified crops proficiency. Mehreen placed second in prepared public speaking-GMOs Can Save the World.

Mrs. Meyer said that she gives the kids ideas and they do their own stuff. She is very proud of all of them because they show before four judges that are experts in agriculture. Mrs. Meyer mentioned that Mehreen did so well on her speech that Julie Walker from the USDA wants to have her come back so they can talk more. The National FFA will be giving Mehreen a jacket to take back to Pakistan.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 7-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 7-0

Business & Financial Report

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the financial report was in their packet.

New Business

A. Approval to apply for the Ag Promotion Committee Grant. Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Approval to accept the Ruth Lily Needs Based Grant. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Approval to accept a donation of \$400.00 for the Spartan Cupboard from Cheryl Seibert. Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Adoption of an Out-of-District Enrollment procedure for the 2014-15 school year.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Adoption of Resolution for Denial of Board Consideration of Student Expulsion Appeals.

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

Other

F. Request approval for a May 10, 2014 field trip to Kings Island for the Music Department.

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

G. Recommend AP Summer Institute through Western Kentucky University from June 22-27 for some of our teachers. This will be paid out of the High Ability Grant.

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

Reports and Presentations

Mr. Chase provided data predictions on ISTEP results for the 7th and 8th grade classes. Teachers are trying to reach the students that are on the edge of passing both Language Arts and Math. His predictions give the high school a B grade for those grades. Mrs. Maurer mentioned that school grades are given for our high school from 7th grade through 12th.

Mr. Edwards mentioned that the 3rd graders have finished taking their ISTEP and preparing next week to take their IREAD. Next week the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders will take ISTEP. Mr. Edwards said that the elementary is utilizing Specials teachers, Title I, and Reading Recovery techniques to help make a connection with the students. The students are in small groups and the teachers focus on what the student needs to learn.

Superintendent Report

Mrs. Maurer explained the changes that are being made to the Strategic Plan. Many visions have been met but the timelines have not all been accomplished. Vision 1 has to do with hiring and retaining highly qualified and motivated staff members. She said that we are still looking at different funding options. A survey will be distributed to teachers for their input on things that affect their retention as employees. Vision 2 has to do with increasing the number of students by 5% each year. She said that more AP classes will be added, dual credit classes, online classes and CTE classes. We need to sell our sense of community. The visions that are closely related will be combined and the plan will be more updated.

Other

None

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

Recommend the acceptance of the retirement of Carolyn McGaha as the secretary at Southwestern Elementary as of June 30, 2014. She has been in that position for 32 years and was a playground aide for 4 years before that.

Recommend the acceptance of the resignation of Steve Dietz as the Girls Varsity first assistant.

Recommend the acceptance of the resignation of Ken Wilson as the Boys Varsity Baseball Coach.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the retirement of Carolyn McGaha and the resignations listed above. Carried 7-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

Recommend the transfer of Kris Fortune from the Jr./Sr. High School math position to 1st grade at the elementary.

Recommend the hiring of Cole Oliver as the Technology/Business teacher at Southwestern Jr./Sr. High School for the 2014-15 school year.

Recommend hiring Seve Beach as the Varsity Track Coach.

Recommend hiring Jennifer Rush as a custodian. She is not to exceed 29 hours per week.

Recommend hiring Chris Ingels as the Boys Varsity Baseball Coach.

Recommend hiring Kris Fortune 1st Assistant Boys Varsity Baseball Coach.

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded the new hires listed above. Carried 7-0

Public Comments

Mr. Chase thanked his staff for stepping up and taking the ECA positions. He mentioned that he has had four meetings with parents that want to see what we are doing at the high school. He is hoping that the new Out-of-District Enrollment Procedures will help numbers.

Superintendent Comments

Mrs. Maurer read a letter that was sent to Mrs. Shakelford and the Southwestern Girls Varsity Basketball Team from Donna Harrell, Executive Director of the Cancer Association of Shelby County. She thanked everyone who participated in the running of the Pink Game. The \$3,100 will be used as they designated for Breast Cancer Patients in Shelby County. Mrs. Harrell said that they were starting to have more requests for money than they had funds to cover. She said that this donation was an answer to prayer. Mrs. Shakelford asked that Jenny Hamner also be recognized for her work in the event.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Yeend enjoyed the FFA presentation.

Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Carolyn McGaha for her many years of service to Southwestern.

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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There was a work session following the board meeting to discuss Neola policies.