

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
September 17, 2014

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

Member Absent: Jerry Erwin

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.

**Public Comments**

None

**Consent Items and Claims**

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

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

**Business & Financial Report**

Mrs. Isgrigg 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 approval of the following out-of-state professional leave for Charity Elliott to GFS Food Show in Louisville, KY on October 1, 2014.**

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

**B. Recommended acceptance of a \$150.00 donation from the Alumni Association to the Food Service Department for a job well done on catering their event.**

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

Dr. Maurer complimented Mrs. Elliott on the outstanding job that she did catering for the dedication of the security system. She is becoming well known for her catering.

**C. Requested approval of a trial Science Club at the Jr./Sr. High School.**

Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

**D. Recommended approval for the following overnight field trips: FFA to the State Soils Contest in Harrison County, IN on October 17 & 18, 2014; the**

**FFA to the National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY on October 28- November 1, 2014; the FFA to the State Crops & Forestry Contest in West Lafayette, IN on December 12 & 13, 2014; the band and Spartanettes to Walt Disney World in Florida on March 18-24.** Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Carried 6-0

**E. Recommended a resolution to adopt the Bylaws and Policies of the Southwestern School Board and rescind all others.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

**F. Recommended approval to give 29 hour custodial staff paid leave as calculated for other non-certified employees effective September 1, 2014.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Carried 6-0

**G. Recommended approval to have the athletic track repaired and maintained at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00.** Mrs. Smith moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion. Carried 6-0

**H. Other**  
None

### **Reports & Presentations**

Mr. Chase reported that we have been tracking our scope and sequence scores to compare those to the Acuity Readiness 1 test coming up to see if we are headed in the right direction. He also showed how some of the teachers are tracking data to show improvement for their students.

Mr. Edwards shared with the board that there will be a skating party for the children that have perfect attendance.

He also shared that they have Professional Development Thursdays at the elementary. Twice a month the elementary staff will be focusing on “scope and sequence” with above/lower grade levels.

Mr. Edwards mentioned that the end of September will be Acuity Readiness 1 testing.

### **Technology Coordinator’s Report**

Several parents attended the first TIE (Technology in Education) night of the year. The focus was on the portals that parents may use to access grades, attendance, lunch accounts, etc.

Mrs. Neville presented a slideshow on the status of technology past and present in the district. It showed the tremendous growth in the devices being used by students and the increased demand for bandwidth to support those devices. She also showed a

short video on what goes on behind the scenes every day to support ELearning in the district.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Maurer spoke about High Ability. She said the committee meets quarterly. She explained that the evaluation ranking from the previous year are used to write goals for the current year. Grant money is available to the teachers if they would like to take high ability classes or have AP training.

She also mentioned that Southwestern's ADM count was up 8 students. Last year our count at this time was 599 and this year it is 607.

Preliminary grades for the school are looking like:

All As for Corporation, Elementary, Middle School/High School. The final grades for our school corporation should be known in October.

Mr. Burbrink asked about the overall grade. Dr. Maurer said that the elementary and middle school are scored by using the ISTEP data. She also mentioned that we receive bonus points because of our growth data.

### **Other**

Mr. Chase introduced Mr. White, PE Teacher to the board. He graduated from North Decatur and then from Indiana University. He did his student teaching with Mr. Guidi. He is doing a great job.

### **Personnel**

#### **A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

- Resignation of Allene Heck, special education assistant.
- Resignation of Devin Neal, custodian.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

#### **B. Recommendations to Hire**

- Jennifer Sherbak – band volunteer
- Douglass Gaking – academic team coach
- Carey Nigh – high school drama club director
- Whitney Thomas – 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach
- Mike DeArmitt – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball coach
- Rob Snepp – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball volunteer
- ~~Shawn Buckner – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball volunteer~~
- Cam Elliott – 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Other  
None

**Public Comments**

None

**Superintendent Comments**

Special thank you to Lyvonne Rowe for her extra efforts in keeping the high school office running smoothly in Fay's absence.

Special thank you to Tim Hancock for his extra efforts in getting the campus and facilities ready for the ribbon cutting.

Special thank you to Charity for using her skills to earn additional money for our cafeteria fund; She did a fantastic job on the catering for the security system dedication.

**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Yeend welcomed Mr. White to Southwestern.

**Adjournment**

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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