

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
April 12, 2017

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Jerry Erwin,  
Linda Isgrigg, Isaac Pile and Susan Smith

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States**

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County. She led the pledge to the United States flag.

**B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions**

President Linda Isgrigg welcomed everyone in attendance.

**II. Public Comments**

None

**III. Consent Items and Claims**

**A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Carried 7-0

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Bedwell informed the board that EMC has paid claims on a lightning strike that occurred on March 1, 2017. She also stated that First Financial Bank had not paid back interest that was due but will make the payment before the next board meeting.

**IV. Business & Financial Report**

**A. Financial Report**

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the financial report was in their packets. No questions were asked regarding the report.

**B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Account Report**

Mrs. Isgrigg stated that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in their packets.

## **V. New Business**

### **A. Recommend acceptance of the following donations**

- \$164.50 from the Athletic Boosters for winter athletic awards
- \$50.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard
- \$100.00 from Mike and Paula Cochran for the FFA.

Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

### **B. Recommend the acceptance of grants**

- \$500.00 from the Southwestern Hometown Community Fund for the C.A.R.E. Club

Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

### **C. Recommend approval of out-of-state and/or overnight field trips**

- Grades 6-12 bands and choirs to King's Island in Mason, Ohio on May 13, 2017

Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

### **D. Recommend approval of out-of-state and/or overnight professional development**

- Mrs. Bedwell and Mrs. Thopy to IASBO Annual Conference in Ft. Wayne, IN on May 11 & 12, 2017
- Dr. Maurer to South Central Study Council in Nashville Indiana on June 21-23.

Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

### **E. Recommend approval of the 2017-18 lunch prices**

Dr. Maurer recommended the approval of the 2017-18 lunch prices at Southwestern Elementary \$2.80 and Southwestern High School \$2.90.

Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

There was some discussion about the procedures for students that do not have lunch money. Dr. Maurer stated that Southwestern will let the student charge a regular lunch. Mrs. Elliott will speak to the parent if the account continues to have a deficit. Then the Principal and Dr. Maurer become involved if the account continues to be at a deficit. Dr. Maurer stated that textbook rental works the same way; if the textbook money isn't paid after the principal becomes involved, then the charge is taken to small claims court.

Mr. Beck asked if Mrs. Elliott had moved to the new cafeteria software system and Dr. Maurer said that she had but would not fully move everything over until the summer.

**F. Recommend approval of fundraisers**

Proposed fundraisers were presented to the school board.

Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

Mrs. Isgrigg asked about selling food fundraisers at school. Dr. Maurer said that food fundraisers must meet specific guidelines to be sold during school hours but can only be sold after the school day is over.

**G. Other**

**Recommend approval to post an IREAD-3 Remediation Position**

Dr. Maurer asked that the board approve the posting of an IREAD-3 remediation position for a total of 10 hours (8 hours of instruction and 2 hours of plan time) at \$20.00 per hour.

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

**VI. Reports & Presentations**

**A. Principal Reports**

Mr. Chase informed the board that Mr. Fortune has been working on his administrative license and that he was required to put a high school accountability project together. Mr. Fortune's accountability project was the development of a career fair. Mr. Chase also said that students from the Landscaping Class presented ideas for campus improvement. He said they had done their research and knew the cost of the project and were very well prepared. Mr. Chase said that he would like to see projects like these be part of the school grade. Then, Mr. Chase shared with the board a portion of Kendall Mangrum's essay, "What it Means to be a Spartan".

Mr. Edwards told the board that 37 future kindergarten students signed up during Preschool/Kindergarten Roundup. He said that was a slide show presentation for parents with a question and answer time. He also stated that students were given backpacks and t-shirts. Mr. Edwards said that the teachers made a great impression.

Mr. Edwards also stated that ISTEP begins on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> through May 4<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Edwards also informed the board that on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Sparnival will be held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **C. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Maurer mentioned that the Landscaping class was going to put pavers around the flagpole. She was impressed with their presentation and the pride they had in having their school look good. Dr. Maurer also informed the board that tomorrow afternoon a group of our teachers and administrators will meet to identify high ability students. Dr. Maurer informed the board of the Scholarship Cook-off at The Strand on Friday evening where two of the four participants would be Southwestern students.

## **B. Facilities/Maintenance Director Report**

Mr. Cooper, Facilities Director, asked the board for help to determine what steps should be taken to resurface the parking lot. One option was for Commonwealth to take core samples at the cost of \$19,200.00 to decide what the best direction would be to resurface the parking lot. Mr. Cooper was given a quote of \$720,000.00 to resurface the beginning of the drive to the north end by another company. The board did not believe that core samples needed to be done. It was decided that a committee be formed to investigate options and bring a recommendation back to the board. Mr. Beck and Mr. Pile volunteered to be on the committee along with Mr. Cooper.

Mr. Cooper also informed the board that the elementary playground mulch is currently at 4 inches deep and it should be at least 12 inches deep. He has received one quote of \$9,000.00 for the mulch and \$5,000.00 for delivery.

Mr. Cooper said that Rush Shelby Energy has given schools an opportunity to upgrade to LED lighting using rebates. Mr. Cooper would like to shop for bids for parking lot lights and change fixtures and bulbs over summer break. Mr. Cooper will get quotes together for new parking lot lights showing the return on investment.

Mr. Cooper said that the old wastewater treatment plant's electrical and water have been relocated. He also stated that new outlets and hydrants have been installed. The softball dugouts are almost completely finished.

## **VII. Personnel**

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

- Resignation of Chad Pace as a custodian effective at the end of the day on 3-17-17
- Resignation of Adam Grannan as 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball coach
- Resignation of Karissa Lory as an elementary teacher at the end of the 2016-17 school year
- Resignation of Annie Nasby as Jr. High cheer coach.

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

**FMLA Requests**

- Lyvonne Rowe
- Leanne Dellapenna
- Jonnie Willey

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

**Retirement**

- Marsha Tobias as an instructional assistant.

Mr. Emerick moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

**Custodial Position**

Mr. Beck asked how the search was going for a custodian. Mr. Cooper said that we had three applicants that he has interviewed over the phone and hopefully in the next few weeks he will be conducting live interviews.

**B. Recommendations to Hire:**

- Brittanie Wallace as varsity volleyball coach
- Nikki Snearly as a volunteer track coach

Mr. Emerick moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

**C. Other**

None

**VIII. Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Maurer congratulated Mr. Chase on his graduation from the Indiana Principal Leadership Institute.

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Smith thanked the principals and Mr. Cooper for all the information.

Mrs. Isgrigg read a sympathy card from the family of Kenneth Pile.

**X. Adjournment**

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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