

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
January 13, 2021

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Linda Isgrigg, and Isaac Pile
Member Present by Zoom: Michael Burbrink, and Susan Smith

I. Call to Order

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

President Jim Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions

President Jim Emerick welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Public Comment

A. Oath of Office

Mr. Harrold administered the oaths of office to Mr. Beck, Mr. Drake and Mr. Pile during the Board of Finance meeting

B. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Drake nominated Mr. Emerick as board president, Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0-1 Mr. Emerick abstained

Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Isgrigg as board vice-president, Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0-1, Mrs. Isgrigg abstained

Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Smith as board secretary, Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0-1, Mrs. Smith abstained

C. Appointment of Blue River Career Program Representative

Mrs. Isgrigg nominated Mr. Beck as the representative to Blue River Career Programs. Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0-1, Mr. Beck abstained. Mr. Beck nominated Mrs. Isgrigg as an alternate, Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0-1, Mrs. Isgrigg abstained.

D. Appointment of School Attorney, Board Executive Secretary, District Treasurer, Deputy Treasurer, High School and Elementary ECA Treasurers

Mr. Beck recommend Attorney-Dennis Harrold, Board Executive Secretary & District Treasurer-Bonnie Thopy, Deputy Treasurer-Belinda Head, H.S. ECA Treasurer-Christi Pappano, and SWE ECA Treasurer-Brisha Dunbar. Mrs. Isgrigg seconded, carried 7-0

E. Set Board & Board Secretary Salaries

Mr. Drake moved that the 2021 rates remain as \$1,500 per year for board members and \$45 per meeting for the secretary. Mr. Beck seconded, carried 7-0

F. Adoption of Annual Board Calendar and Location of Meetings

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

III. Public Comments

Mr. David Knight made a proposal to the board to erect a monument and flag pole outside the new fieldhouse in memory of Jeremy Wright as a donation from the Green Beret Foundation. Mr. Knight informed board members that any additional funds raised would be donated to the Jeremy Wright Scholarship fund. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Pile seconded a motion to allow the construction of the memorial. Carried 7-0

Mr Eddie Layton of Schmidt Associates gave an update on the fieldhouse construction.

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

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

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

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

V. Business and Financial Reports

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

B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report

Mr. Emerick informed the board that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in their packets.

VI. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants

- Recommend the acceptance of \$200 donation from Elizabeth Snapp for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$200 donation from T. Aaron Winterrowd for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$250 from Andrea Goldyn for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$50 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$150 from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for the Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$75 from Phyllis Chrisman for FFA in memory of Corny Gossett
- Recommend the acceptance of \$50,000 grant from the Indiana Department of Homeland Security for Secured School Safety
- Recommend the acceptance of \$10,000 grant from State of Indiana for Title IV
- Recommend the acceptance of \$87,375.83 grant from the State of Indiana for Title I

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

- B. ~~Recommend the approval of raising substitute cafeteria workers hourly wage to \$10.00.~~**
Mr. Burbrink moved to table discussion on this matter. Mr. Beck seconded.
Carried 7-0

- C. Recommend approval of Conflict of Interest Disclosure**
Recommend approval of Conflict of Interest for Mr. Beck and Mrs. Pappano.
Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 6-0-, Mr. Beck abstained

- D. Recommend approval to cancel outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank within two years of the date of issue.**
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

- E. Other**
Recommend approval to move monies from cafeteria funds 3054 and 3055 to cafeteria fund 3050. Both funds 3054 and 3055 are no longer being used yet contained balances.
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
Recommend approval of Memorandum of Understanding with the SWCCTA to amend the 2020-2021 contract agreement.
This agreement will allow for a change to section V of the agreement concerning leaves of absence.
Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
Recommend approval of the resolution on continuation of the Expanded Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) through the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

VI. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal's Report

Mr. Tindall wished all board members a happy new year and stated that he was glad that in person school had been able to resume on time after the break. Mr. Tindall spoke of the good attendance rate that the Jr/Sr High school had been experiencing since the break had ended. He also updated the board members on upcoming spring testing for students and hoped that the in person learning would be reflected in the testing scores.

Mr. Edwards stated that kindergarten roundup would be held on March 11, 2021. Mr. Edwards told the board members that he had been working on plans for preschool for the next school year.

B. Facilities Maintenance Director Report

Mr. Cooper informed the board members that the custodial and maintenance staff were putting forth a massive effort to keep everything disinfected. He informed the board that the school corporation had received an inspection from IDEM and that all had gone well. Mr. Cooper made the board members aware that the tree trimming that had occurred on campus was being done by the electric utility company.

C. Superintendent Report

Mr. Edwards stated that he was glad that everyone was able to come back to in person learning.

VII. Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend approval of the resignation from Cole Oliver as High School Social Studies teacher and Varsity track coach effective 12/31/2020
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend approval of resignation from Katelyn Clark as a Title I assistant, effective 12/18/2020
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend approval of leave for Pam Meyer, Tori Rockenbaugh, Brandy Evans, Belinda Head, Cathy Macaluso
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend approval of resignation from Charlie Taylor as Varsity Track Coach
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
Recommend FMLA intermittent leave for Genie Emminger effective 1/20/2021
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommend the approval of Caleb Tennell as Title I instructional assistant, effective 01/04/2021
Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Amber Fiesbeck as Title I instructional assistant, effective 01/04/2021
Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Justin Meredith as High School Social Studies teacher at \$37,500 annually and Varsity track coach effective January 4, 2021
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval Brice Meisenholder as part time cafeteria worker effective 01/11/2021
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend the approval of Ashley Jessie as substitute cafeteria worker (pending completed background check)
Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Other

None

VIII. Superintendent Comments

None

IX. Board Member Comments

Mr. Emerick thanked everyone for all of their hard work and congratulated everyone newly approved for hire.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

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