

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

May 12, 2021

Members Present: Travis Beck, Michael Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Linda Isgrigg, Isaac Pile, 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 7:20 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. The board members recognized the following students for perfect IREAD3 scores: Harper McInerney, Calan Stickford, Bonita Clark, Ayden Falor, Cary Goodin, John Patrick Haynes, Aiden Meyaard, and Mia Thomas. The board members also recognized Dayton Morales who was not present at the board meeting for his perfect score.

**II. Public Comment**

None

**III. Consent Items and Claims**

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

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

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

**IV. Business and Financial Reports**

**A. Financial Report**

Mr. Emerick informed the board that the financial reports were 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. Mr. Burbrink wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that there was a maximum amount to be kept in the cafeteria account.

**V. New Business**

**Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants**

- Recommend the acceptance of \$410.00 donation from Flat Rock United Methodist Church for the Spartan Cupboard

- Recommend the acceptance of \$50.00 donation from Treva Whitis for Spartan Cupboard
- Recommend the acceptance of \$50.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard

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

- B. Recommend the approval of Overnight FFA field trip to Larwill Indiana for State Livestock for the dates of May 14-15, 2021**  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- C. Recommend the approval of Overnight field trip for Girls Basketball to Fort Wayne Indiana for the dates of June 25-27, 2021**  
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- D. Recommend the approval for Pam Meyer to teach supervised agricultural experience as a summer school class**  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- E. Recommend the approval of Non-Certified Staff Handbook and eLearning Attendance Guidelines for Employees**  
Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- F. Recommend the approval of Non-Certified Staff Pay Scale and non-certified stipends**  
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- G. Recommend the approval of Elementary Student Handbook**  
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0
- H. Recommend the approval of Jr/Sr High School handbook**  
Mrs. Smith moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- I. Recommend the approval of Elementary Staff Handbook**  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- J. Recommend the approval of Jr/Sr High School Staff Handbook**  
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0
- K. Recommend the approval to purchase ipad Gen 8 Gold for \$17,718.00 from Apple**  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0
- L. Recommend the approval to distribute ESSER 1 Funds to staff members for a total of \$83,257.98**  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0
- M. Recommend the approval to purchase InfoSnap Registration Renewal from PowerSchool for a total of \$10,316.25**  
Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- N. Recommend the approval of student fees and textbook rentals for the upcoming 2021/2022 school year**  
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- O. Other**  
None

## **VI. Reports and Presentations**

### **A. Principal's Report**

Mr. Tindall stated that there were several things occurring at the Jr/Sr High School in preparation for the end of the school year. He informed the board members that the ribbon cutting for the new fieldhouse had gone well, and that the staff members were looking forward to the upcoming Jeremy Wright dedication. Mr. Tindall stated that the 7th and 8th grade ILEARN testing had been completed, and that ILEARN Bio would have been completed that week. He mentioned that with finals approaching the next week that there was a sense of normalcy that compared to a "normal" year. Mr. Tindall stated that graduation would be held in less than two weeks on May 28th, 2021 at 7:00pm and would be held in the gymnasium.

Mr. Edwards thanked the elementary staff who had been involved in the ILEARN and IREAD testing. He stated that he was very proud of the entire staff and how they had handled the entire year throughout the pandemic. Mr. Edwards let the board members know that the sixth grade orientation had been held that day and that it had gone very smoothly. He mentioned that the sixth grade graduation and dance would be held on Thursday, May 20 2021.

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

Mr. Cooper updated the board members on the Jeremy Wright memorial ceremony and informed them that the stones and flag pole had been set. He thanked Mrs. Chase for all of her time and effort helping with this project. Mr. Cooper stated that he was working with Mrs. Nash at the elementary school and Mr. Meredith and Mrs. Rockenbaugh at the high school to complete plans for the graduation ceremonies and rehearsals. Mr. Cooper updated the board members on the progress of the fieldhouse as it nears completion. Mr Cooper talked about some upcoming projects that will occur over summer break including seal coating and striping of the parking lot and painting at the elementary school. Mr. Cooper let the board members know how much help the teachers had been during this year in disinfecting and sanitizing when needed. He thanked the teachers for their patience with his staff as they tried to meet all the extra demands brought on by the pandemic.

#### **C. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Edwards thanked the entire district staff for their hard work and extra efforts that helped to keep our school open for in person learning for the students. He thanked Mr. Cooper and his staff along with the teachers, aides and cafeteria staff for being flexible with their duties and adapting to what needed to be done.

### **VII. Personnel**

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

- Recommend the approval of leave for Ashley Fivecoat for quarantine Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

**B. Recommendations to Hire**

- Recommend the approval of Caleb Tennell as first year kindergarten teacher for 2021/2022 school year. Salary to be \$35,000 yearly  
Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0  
Mr. Tennell thanked the school board members.
- Recommend the approval of Tracy Sipes as preschool teacher for 2021/2022 school year. Salary to be \$44,000 yearly  
Mr. Pile moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0  
Mrs. Sipes thanked the board members.

**C. Other**

- **Recommend approval for requested unpaid leave for Mr. Curtis Chase through May 27, 2021**  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0
- Mrs. Isgrigg spoke for the board members to thank Mr. Edwards for filling in as interim superintendent during Mr. Chase's absence and that they were looking forward to the return of Mr. Chase soon. The board recommended Mr. Joshua Edwards receive a \$10,000 stipend for having filled in as interim superintendent.  
Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

**VIII. Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Edwards thanked the board members for the stipend they had given him and for all of their support during his term as interim superintendent.

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Beck welcomed Mr. Tennell and Mrs. Sipes to Southwestern and thanked everyone for their continued hard work for making it possible for the students to have in person learning all school year. Mr. Burbrink also welcomed the new teachers and thanked everyone for their dedication to Southwestern Schools. Mrs. Smith extended a welcome to the new teachers and stated how thankful she was that Southwestern students were able to attend in person all school year. Mr. Drake and Mr. Emerick welcomed the new teachers and thanked everyone for their hard work.

**X. Adjournment**

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

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