

**SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

April 12, 2023

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jerry Drake, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson  
Brad Stamper, and Derrek Tennell

**I. Call to Order**

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

President Tennell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Southwestern Elementary library. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions**

Superintendent Joshua Edwards welcomed everyone in attendance. Principal Beth Hoeing introduced Harper McInerny who was recognised for winning the county wide SCUFFY contest. Her artwork was to be included in the upcoming calendar produced by SCUFFY to bring attention to drug use prevention.

Kathryne Eberhart was recognized for having received a perfect IREAD score as a second grade student taking the third grade testing.

Ms. Ali Fix presented her therapy dog, Remi. She explained the process that had been completed, and what remained to be completed, for Remi to become a therapy dog.

**II. Agenda Modifications**

- Under agenda point VIII, section B, the amount of hours was approved for 10 hours instead of 20 hours.
- Under agenda point VI, section B, policy number C300 would be tabled until a future meeting.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Consent Items and Claims**

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

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0

**V. Business and Financial Reports**

**A. Financial Report**

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

**B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report**

Mr. Tennell informed the board that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in their board packets. Mr. Beck asked about the possibility

of continuing the free breakfast for all students next year. Mr. Edwards explained that this decision was dictated by the state.

## **VI. New Business**

### **A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants**

- Recommend to approve a donation from Beta Phi Psi Iota Xi Sorority in the amount of \$50 for Southwestern Elementary School.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Top Crop Alliance in the amount of \$500 for Southwestern FFA program.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Treva Whitis in the amount of \$50 for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend to approve a donation from Toyota Material Handling Inc. consisting of 21 Varidesks (adjustable standing desks) at a value of \$11,025, 8 large monitors for high school office staff, and a set of adjustable monitor arms at a value \$275.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0

### **B. Recommend the approval of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim.**

Policies numbers include:

- B100
- B125
- ~~C300~~
- D150
- E125
- E150
- G300
- G325
- G350
- H150
- ~~H175~~ C550 as amended to eliminate a portion of the policy concerning ~~student search and seizure~~ questioning of students which is covered by policy ~~C550~~ H175.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0

### **C. Recommend the first reading of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim. Policies numbers include:**

- B150
- B175
- C350
- C375
- D175
- D200
- D225
- E175
- E200
- E225

Mr. Edwards explained that for the first reading of the policies no motion is

required.

- D. Recommend the approval of an out-of-state field trip to King's Island (Cincinnati, OH) for all band and choir students on Saturday, May 20, 2023.**

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

- E. Recommend the approval to purchase (70) Asus Chromebooks and (70) Google management licenses from VIG Solutions in the amount of \$28,525.00.** Ms. Baute explained that these would be used for the incoming first grade students.

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

- F. Recommend the approval to purchase (160) HP Chromebook 11 G9 and (160) Google management consoles along with cases from Riverside Technology in the amount of \$72,260.00.** Ms. Baute explained that each year third, sixth, and ninth grade students receive new chromebooks.

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

- G. Recommend the approval of a corporation mental health counselor position for the 2023-2024 school year.** Mr. Edwards explained that this position would replace the former social worker position.

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

- H. Recommend the approval of the textbook rental fees for the Elementary School for the 2023-2024 school year.**

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0

- I. Recommend the approval of the textbook rental fees for the junior/senior high school for the 2023-2024 school year.**

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

- J. Recommend the approval of an ice cream and donut fundraiser for the high school volleyball team for the 2023 school year.**

Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0

- K. Approval for Joshua Edwards, Bonnie Thopy, and Belinda Head to attend the IASBO annual conference in Ft. Wayne, IN on May 10-12, 2023**

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

- L. Recommend the approval of an out-of-state field trip to King's Island (Cincinnati, OH) for all physics and calculus students on Friday, May 12, 2023.** Mr. Edwards explained that this was a special engineering day hosted at King's Island for students.

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

- M. Other**

None

## **VII. Reports and Presentations**

### **A. Principal Reports**

Mrs. Hoeing informed the board members that the following three weeks at the elementary school would be concentrating on ILEARN testing. She mentioned that preschool roundup would be later that week, and a wait list would need to be formed for anyone else wanting to enroll for preschool. She also mentioned that Kindergarten Roundup would take place the following week. She explained what they had been working on in

preparation for the PLT training principals would attend during the summer break.

Mr. Tindall informed board members that ILEARN testing would take place the following two weeks at the Jr/Sr High School. He reported that the SAT's had been completed the previous month and that the grades should be released to the schools on May 19th. He also mentioned that students would be completing their AP testing for two weeks and then it would be time for finals. Mr. Tindall invited board members to attend the upcoming graduation ceremony.

**B. Facilities Manager Report**

Mr. Travis Oliver explained some of the projects currently in progress. He mentioned the ongoing project of school building doors being completed by Central Indiana Hardware.

Mr. Oliver informed the board that he was taking quotes for some asphalt repairs and projects for this summer. He explained that over summer break his staff would be concentrating on a deep clean for both schools and the athletic compound. They also plan to complete a few projects on the wastewater treatment plant and the bus barn.

**C. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Edwards thanked Mike Steinbarger, Dennis Cochran, and Jeff Gore for Taking time from their day to test drive and check over a bus that Southwestern would be purchasing.

**VIII. Personnel**

**A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

- Recommend to accept the resignation of Sydney Ebersold as a special education teaching assistant at the jr/sr high school effective March 27, 2023.

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

**B. Recommendations to Hire**

- Recommend to approve Rachael Barlow as third grade IREAD3 tutor at \$25/hour, not to exceed 20 10 hours.  
Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend to approve Connie Harper as a full-time second shift custodian at \$14.00/hour, not to exceed 40 hours per week.  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend to approve Carole Ellinghausen as a first grade teacher for the 2023-2024 school year with an annual salary of \$53,000.

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

Mrs. Hoeing introduced Mrs. Ellinghausen to the board members.

- Recommend to approve Ashley Donovan as corporation mental health counselor position for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0  
Ms. Donovan introduced herself to board members and explained she was looking forward to the challenge.
- Recommend to approve Caleb Tennell as volunteer volleyball coach for the jr/sr high school volleyball teams during the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0
- Recommend to approve Zach Cunningham as assistant high school baseball coach for the 2023 season. Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0

**C. Other**  
None

**IX. Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Edwards welcomed Mrs. Ellinghausen and congratulated Ms. Donovan.

**X. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Beck welcomed the new staff members and thanked Mrs. Hoeing for hosting the board meeting at the elementary school.  
Derrek Tennell welcomed Mrs. Ellinghausen and congratulated Ms. Donovan.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Drake made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.  
Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

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