

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
October 11, 2023

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

Members Absent: Dustin Simpson

**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 7:58pm in the Southwestern Consolidated Administration building. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions**

Superintendent Edwards welcomed everyone in attendance.

**II. Agenda Modifications**

None

**III. Public Comments**

None

**IV. Consent Items and Claims**

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Jerry Drake moved and Mr. Travis Beck seconded, Carried 6-0.

**V. Business and Financial Reports**

**A. Financial Report**

**B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report**

**VI. New Business**

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

- Donation from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in the amount of \$300 to the Spartan Cupboard.
- Donation from The Arc of Shelby County in the amount of \$160 to the Southwestern Schools special education department.
- Donation from Mt. Auburn Christian Church in the amount of \$50 to the Spartan Cupboard.
- Donation from Evangelical United Church of Christ in the amount of \$200 to the corporation to purchase cleaning supplies.
- Donation from Angela Denison for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Donation to Southwestern Elementary School from the Estate of Gary Roupp in the amount of \$24,561.00

Mr. Travis Beck moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded, Carried 6-0.

**B. Recommend the approval of First Reading of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim. Policies numbers:**

- C125 Admission to the Corporation (Legal Settlement)
- H250 School Library Material Removal Request Procedure
  - H250-E School Library Material Removal Request Form
- 2023 Annual Notices, School Website Requirements, and Required Trainings

Recommended/Optional Policy Updates and Adoptions:

- F125 Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets
- F225 Fundraising and Crowdfunding
- F300 Time and Effort
  - F300-E1 Certification for Salaries & Wages Charged to Grants
  - F300-E2 Semi-Annual Certification for Salaries & Wages Charged to Federal Grants
- F325 Debt Management Policy
- F350 Reserve and Liquidity Policy

No motion necessary as it is just the first reading.

**C. Recommend the Memorandum of Understanding with the Boys and Girls Club of Shelbyville to provide before and after school care on our campus**

Mr. Brad Stamper moved and Mr. Travis Beck seconded, Carried 6-0.

**D. Recommend the approval to increase to \$60 per hour for the School Resource Officers while working on campus.**

Mr. Travis Beck moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded, Carried 6-0.

**E. Recommend the approval to adopt the 2024 Bus Replacement Plan Resolution**

Mrs. Blake Newkirk moved and Mr. Travis Beck seconded, Carried 6-0.

**F. Recommend the approval to adopt the 2024-2026 Capital Projects Plan Resolution**

Mr. Isaac Pile moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0

**G. Recommend the approval to adopt the Present Year Budget Reduction Resolution**

Mr. Travis Beck moved and Mr. Isaac Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

**H. Recommend the approval to adopt the 2024 Transfer Resolution**

Mr. Isaac Pile moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0

**I. Recommend the approval to adopt the 2024 Resolution to Transfer Money**

Mr. Travis Beck moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0.

**J. Recommend the approval to adopt the 2024 DLGF Form 4 Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates**

Mr. Travis Beck moved and Mrs. Blake Newkirk seconded. Carried 6-0.

**L. Other**

The number of activity buses was brought up. We are currently limited on the number of activity buses that we have. They are used on a daily basis and are getting several thousand miles on them. It was discussed that it is hard to purchase a new bus because they are being purchased as quickly as they are available. Mr. Jerry Drake moved to give Mr. Edwards the authority to order and purchase two activity buses by selecting the best bid from companies.

Mr. Jerry Drake moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0

**VII. Reports and Presentations**

**A. Superintendent Report**

None

**VIII. Personnel**

**A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

- **Recommending to approve the resignation of Marianne Oliver as an hourly bus driver for the corporation effective September 01, 2023.**
- **Recommending to approve the resignation of Gretchen Miller as a part-time custodian effective September 15, 2023.**
- **Recommending to approve the resignation of Donna Bentz as a CARE Club employee effective September 15, 2023.**
- **Recommending to approve the resignation of Jami Mason as a full-time custodian effective September 21, 2023.**
- **Recommending the approval of FMLA for Travis Oliver beginning August 11, 2023.**
- **Recommending to approve the resignation of Connie Harper as a full-time second shift custodian effective October 02, 2023.**

Mr. Isaac Pile moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0.

**B. Recommendations to Hire**

- **Recommending the approval to hire Ben Caffee as a full-time 40 hours per week custodian/facilities maintenance employee at an hourly rate of \$20/hour.**

- **Recommending the approval to hire Leslie Parker as a full-time 40 hours per week day shift custodian at a rate of \$13.50/hour.**
  - **Recommending the approval to hire Valentina Richardson as a part-time custodian at a rate of \$13.50/hour not to exceed 29 hours per week.**
  - **Recommending the approval to hire Anna Ramsey as a part-time custodian at a rate of \$13.50/hour not to exceed 29 hours per week.**
  - **Recommending the approval to hire Randy Schmidt as varsity wrestling coach for the Jr./Sr. High School**
- Mr. Isaac Pile moved and Mr. Brad Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0.

**C. Other**  
None

**IX. Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Edwards commented that he hoped everyone was enjoying their Fall Break.

**X. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Travis Beck asked when the school board would approve the 2024-2025 school calendar. Mr. Edwards informed the board that the plan is to present the board with the 2024-2025 school calendar at the November meeting.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 8:28pm.
