

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
December 13, 2023

Members Present: Travis Beck, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Brad Stamper, Dustin Simpson, 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 7:37 p.m. in the Southwestern Consolidated Administration building. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions

Derrek Tennell welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comments

Michelle Taggart asked the board members what the process would be for hiring a new superintendent and whether an outside agency to help with that search. Board President Tennell answered that they would utilize services to help in the search for the new superintendent.

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Beck seconded for both items A and B.
Carried 6-0

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 packets. No questions were asked regarding the report.

VI. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants

- Donation from Mt. Auburn Christian Church in the amount of \$50 to the Spartan Cupboard.
- Donation from Angela Dennison in the amount of \$1.50 to the Spartan Cupboard
- Donation from 5th Grade in the amount of \$110 for the Spartan Cupboard

- Donation from Major Hospital for \$2000 to Spartan Athletics, this is installment number two of ten based on the agreement.
 - Donation from Kyle and Casey Pruitt in the amount of \$400 to the Angel Fund.
 - Donation from Major Health Partners in the amount of \$5000 to sponsor the Shelby County Basketball tournament.
- Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Stamper seconded, Carried 6-0.

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

- G 125 Criminal Organization Activity
 - H 200 Relations with Special Interest Groups
- Mrs. Newkirk mentioned that the board would still need to revisit policy F 350 in the near future.

Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stamper seconded, Carried 6-0.

C. Recommend the approval of Central Indiana Hardware Invoice in the amount of \$92,090.53 for doors, locks, keying. This will be paid using the Title IV grant and Construction Fund.

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded, Carried 6-0.

D. Recommend the approval of the Earlywood Dissolution Agreement, Post-Dissolution Service Agreement, and the Resolution on Dissolution Services Agreement.

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded, Carried 6-0.

E. Recommend the approval of the 2024-2025 School Calendar

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded, Carried 6-0.

F. Recommend the approval of the amended 2023 Blue River Career Programs Operating Agreement.

Mrs. Newkirk mentioned that the only change was the school count day and payment due dates.

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Simpson seconded, Carried 6-0.

G. Other

Recommend appointment of a new board member for the empty Jackson Township seat.

Mrs. Newkirk thanked the candidates for applying for the open position, she stated that their responses to the question "What makes Southwestern special?" during their interviews showed their interest in the school district. Mr. Beck commented that each applicant had attributes that would work well for the position.

Mr. Simpson made a nomination for Mr. Jonathan Deater to fill the vacated seat, Mr. Pile seconded the motion.

Mr. Stamper made a nomination for Mr. John Blue to fill the vacated seat, Mrs. Newkirk seconded.

When the vote was taken, Mr. Deater received four votes to Mr. Blue's two votes. Mr. Deater accepted the position of Jackson Township board member.

VII. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mrs. Hoeing provided board members with a handout showing current test scores and growth in those areas at the elementary level. She also informed the board members about three goals that were set for the first semester. These included implementing the PLC model from the conference she attended, restructuring RTI time so students would receive teacher led interventions, and using data to data for all grade levels. Mrs. Hoeing stated that goals for the second semester included revamping the existing report cards, focusing on high ability services, and focusing on special education services. Mrs. Hoeing explained to board members how the NWEA testing worked and how the data showed beginning and ending scores for each individual.

Mr. Tindall explained that the goals from the elementary work well for transitioning students to the Jr/Sr High School. He informed the board members that senior Ellie Gosser had won the Lilly Endowment scholarship, which includes a full tuition support for four years at any Indiana college she chose. He pointed out that Ms. Gosser had been the 6th student from Southwestern to win this scholarship. Mr. Tindall pointed out that finals would be held the following week. Mr. Tindall let board members know that Homecoming would have been the upcoming weekend and invited board members to attend. He also let them know that the tickets they received were for the county tourney that would be held in January.

VIII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommending to approve the resignation of Britney Taylor as Care Club Director, effective December 22, 2023.
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Beck seconded, Carried 6-0.
- Recommending to approve the resignation of Travis Oliver as Facilities/Maintenance Director effective, November 27, 2023
Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Pile seconded, Carried 6-0.
- Recommending to approve the resignation of Josh Edwards as Superintendent effective December 13, 2023.
Mr. Stamper moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded, Carried 6-0.

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommending the approval to hire Danielle Helton as Care Club Director for the Second Semester.
 - Recommending the approval to hire Shawn-Douglas Roberts as full-time second shift custodian at Southwestern Elementary at \$16 per hour not to exceed 40 hours per week.
 - Recommending the approval to hire Mike Sorrell as Boys Varsity Golf Coach for the 2024 season pending a criminal history background check.
 - Recommend the hire of Whitney Thomas a Jr. High Girls Basketball Coach.
 - Recommend the hire of Kyle Barlow as volunteer coach for Jr. High Girls Basketball
- Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded, Carried 6-0.

IX. Superintendent Comments

None

X. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Newkirk thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
Mr. Stamper thanked the applicants for their interest in the vacant board seat and for their commitment to the community.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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