

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 20, 2023

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jon Deater, 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 Derrek Tennell called the meeting to order at 8:28 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 Derrek Tennell welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comment

Mr. Paul Baute commented he was glad that the boys 2003 boys high school team had been recognized. He also suggested that perhaps a plaque could be placed somewhere in the gym recognizing all members of the Southwestern sports hall of fame. He also mentioned that Southwestern Schools had been named beneficiary of Blue River Foundation funds that had been donated by the Stroup family to benefit the Spartanettes and the Education Fund as had been reported in that day's Shelbyville News.

IV. New Business

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommending to approve the resignation of Brittany Holt as fifth grade teacher and bus driver, effective 12/16/2023
- Recommending to approve the resignation of Claire Cherry as girls tennis coach.

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Simpson seconded, Carried 7-0.

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommending the approval to hire Ashley Verseman as a fifth grade teacher at an annual salary of \$55,000.
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Beck seconded, Carried 7-0.
- Recommend the approval to hire John Fix as Facilities Director at an annual salary of \$60,000, pending completion of a background check.

- Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded, Carried 7-0.
- Recommend the approval to hire Brian Ebersold as girls tennis coach.
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded, Carried 7-0.
- Recommend to hire Mr. Wally Bourke as interim superintendent pending completion of a background check.
Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded, Carried 7-0.

Mr. Bourke introduced himself to board members and public attendees. He explained what he thought his role would include during his time as interim superintendent.

Mr. Tennell reminded everyone in attendance that the board would utilize all resources available to them for the process of finding qualified superintendent candidates.

V. Board Member Comments

All board members welcomed Mr. Bourke to Southwestern.

Mr. Tennell announced that the January board meeting would be held on January 11, 2024.

VII. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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