

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Public Hearing

May 15, 2022

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

**I. Call to Order**

President Derrek Tennell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County.

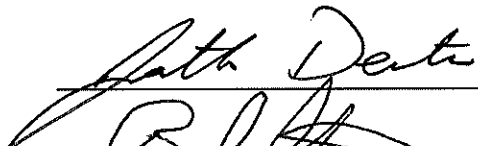
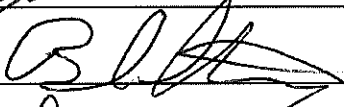
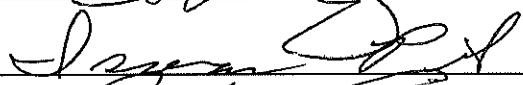
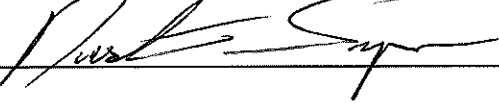
**II. Public Comment**


**A. Public comment on the Superintendent Contract**

Mr. Paul Baute asked the board if questions could be asked throughout the public hearing. School attorney, Amy Mathews, explained that the board would not be discussing the contract since it had already been posted. She explained that this was the time for any public comment on the contract as posted.

**III. Adjournment**

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

  
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May 15, 2024

Members Present: Travis Beck (late arrival), Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson, and Derrek Tennell  
Member attending electronically: Brad Stamper

**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 7:45 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. He expressed condolences to the family of Mike Steinbarger on behalf of the board members and staff of Southwestern School District.

Mr. Tindall stated that he would present the winners from the Jr/Sr High school at next month's meeting.

Mrs. Hoeing recognized Mr. Caleb Tennell for having received the teacher of the year award at the elementary school. She read several nominations she had received for him explaining why he deserved the award.

Mrs. Hoeing also recognized Mrs. Candy Hudson as support staff of the year for the elementary school including several nominations as well. Mrs. Hudson was unable to attend the meeting.

**II. Agenda Modifications**

None

**III. Public Comments**

Mr. Paul Baute mentioned to the board members that he noticed they were not using the microphones that had been purchased for the board room and stated that he felt the sound quality of the recordings of the board meetings were not as good as in the past. Mr. Baute also asked the board members about ESSER funds that were used for salaries and their plans to fund any positions that were being paid from them. He also congratulated the employees that had been recognized.

**IV. Consent Items and Claims**

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

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

**V. Business and Financial Reports**

**A. Financial Report**

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

**B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report**

Dr. Bourke 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**

- a. Donation of \$50.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard
- b. Donation of \$50.00 from Treva Whitis for the Spartan Cupboard
- c. Donation of \$400.00 from Flat Rock United Methodist Church for the Spartan Cupboard

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

**B. Recommend to approve Kevin Robertson & Band to go to the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music on May 17,2024**

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 6-0.

**C. Recommend to approve Kevin Robertson & band to go to King's Island on May 29,2024**

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0.

**D. Recommend to approve MOU with Flat Rock Hawcreek for Occupational Therapist Services**

Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 6-0.

**E. Recommend to adopt Shelby County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 6-0.

**F. Recommend to approve purchase of Yoga Chromebooks from Roeing IT Solutions in the amount of \$ 72,450.00**

Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-0.

**G. Recommend to approve cancellation of contract with Lucidia/EPIC IO and payment of the cancellation fee of \$41,095.80**

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

**VII. Reports and Presentations**

**A. Title Grants Committee Update**

Ms. Ashley Fivecoat gave an update to board members concerning the federal title grants for Southwestern School District. She explained that a Title Grants Committee had been formed to help Southwestern be more efficient with title grant monies and to provide checks and balances for the grant funds. She explained the purpose of this committee was to create a system of checks and balances in terms of how our title grant money gets spent by taking input from various perspectives and determining the best use of these funds to support all of our Spartans in the best way possible. Ms. Fivecoat provided a short explanation of title funds received and how they could be used. She informed the board that the goal as the Title Grants committee is to ensure that the Title grant funds are used to support all of our Spartans and continually support the improvement of our corporation as a whole.

## **B. Athletics Updates**

Mr. Scott Shepherd provided the board members with some highlights of the year from the athletic department including:

### **FALL SEASON**

Zero academic suspensions – 100% of student-athletes were academically eligible

Soccer:

14 wins

- o MHC Champions (undefeated in conference)
- o 3 All-Conference Selections (4 Honorable Mentions)
- o Sectional Runner-Up
- o Tucker Simmons – Shelby County Player of the Year

oVolleyball:

o Shenandoah Invitational Runner-Up

Riley Engel & Tanna Tatlock earned All-Tournament Team honors

o 3 Academic All-State Award Winners

Haley Casey, Riley Engel, Ella Rice

o Riley Engel – ICGSA Volleyball Scholarship Award Winner for Indiana

Girls Golf:

o MHC Champions

o Shelby County Champions

Sydney Griffin – County Medalist

Boys Tennis:

o Carter Snapp – Academic All-State

### **WINTER SEASON**

Zero academic suspensions – 100% of student-athletes were academically eligible

Girls Basketball:

o Tanna Tatlock – MHC All-Conference Selection

Boys Basketball:

o Carter Snapp – IBCA Academic All-State

o Benjamin Kahler – MHC All-Conference Selection

o Carter Snapp – MHC Honorable Mention

### **SPRING SEASON \*\*still underway**

Baseball:

o Shelby County Runner-Up

Track & Field:

o Jackson Bentz – Shelby County 3200m Champion

Mr. Shepherd also updated board members on current facility updates needed or in the works.

## **VIII. Personnel**

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

None

### **B. Recommendations to Hire**

- Recommend hiring Grace Laker for 5th grade teacher at elementary school for 2024-2025 school year at a salary of \$46,000.00  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0.
- Recommend hiring Adrienne Pope as summer feed and read program not to exceed 29 hours per week at \$13.75 per hour
- Recommend hiring Keeziah Taylor as summer feed and read program not to exceed 29 hours per week at \$13.75 per hour
- Recommend hiring Brandy Evans as summer feed and read program not to exceed 29 hours per week at \$13.75 per hour  
Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 7-0.
- Recommend hiring Ashley Fivecoat for summer technology assistant not to exceed 40 hrs per week at \$22.50 per hour
- Recommend hiring Jed Relleke for summer technology assistant not to exceed 40 hrs per week at \$22.50 per hour  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0.
- Recommend hiring Haley Baatz as Special Education Assistant at high school not to exceed 29 hours per week at \$15.00 per hour  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0.

### **C. Other**

None

## **IX. Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Bourke thanked everyone for their contributions to the school district. He thanked Mrs. Hoeing for bringing her employees of the year to the board for recognition. He thanked Ms. Fivecoat and Mr. Shepherd for their respective reports. He thanked the board members for the opportunity to serve at Southwestern School District.

## **X. Board Member Comments**

Derrek Tennell announced that Dr. Jamie Wilkins had been chosen to fill the superintendent position and that he would be approved at a special meeting on May 30th. Mr. Beck expressed his condolences to the Steinbarger family. Mrs. Newkirk, Mr. Stamper, and Mr. Deater reiterated the comments made by Dr. Bourke and Mr. Beck. Derrek Tennell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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*B. H.*  
*J. Dett*  
*W. S.*

*Tennell*  
*B. H.*

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 15, 2024  
6:30 pm

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson, and Derrek Tennell  
Member attending electronically: Brad Stamper

The board met in executive session before the regular board meeting. The only items discussed were as advertised.

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*Isaac Pile*  
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*Dustin Simpson*  
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