

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
March 9, 2011

Members present: Michael Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, Misty Tennell,
David Rush and Joanna Yeend

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

Jerry Drake updated everyone on the Superintendent search.

Consent Items & Claims

A. Minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carried 7-0

B. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Tennell seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 7-0

Business & Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

Mrs. Rooks updated the Board on the current financial status.

B. Extra Curricular & Cafeteria Account Reports

Dr. Sargent informed the Board that the reports were in their packets.

Consideration of Old Business

- A. Adopt resolution adopting preliminary plans, form of amendment to lease and authorizing publication of notice of lease hearing.
- B. Adopt reimbursement resolution
- C. Adopt resolution reapproving formation of Building Corporation
- D. Approve construction documents

Dennis Harrold, School Attorney explained how the bonds will be financed. He explained what each of the resolutions was for and the need for them in the project. He informed everyone of the role of the Building Corporation and the financing being done through bond sale. Colette Irwin-Knott and Dan Barlow from Umbaugh and Associates were available to explain the preliminary amortization schedules for the project. They also went through the summary of estimated sources and the uses of the funds. The estimated use of the funds would be \$1,140,345 and the source would be from First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2011. The estimated tax impact and estimated homeowner and agricultural tax impact were also discussed. Mr. Drake had concerns with the schedule of payback in how the interest is being paid up front. There was discussion regarding the impact now versus extending the lease out. Mrs. Irwin-Knott explained that when the group met to decide what the best financing option would be for the school district it was agreed upon that this was the best for the district and its tax payers. She explained that with this formula the amount in interest that would be due would be near \$300,000. If the loan is extended then depending on the number of years out it would add additional interest making the total interest cost \$600,000 or \$900,000 depending on how far it was extended. Mr. Burbrink asked about the interest rate that was used for these formulas. She explained that these are maximums not necessarily what the final rate will be. Terry Lancer, RQAW, was available to answer questions as well. He noted that this would provide energy savings for the district. Mrs. Yeend asked what exactly are we doing. Mr. Lancer went over the itemized sheet that the Board was given at the January Board Meeting and noted that the only two additional items were the air handlers which were requested at the January meeting and also the keyless entry project for both buildings. Mr. Rush asked if we were changing duct work or just air handlers. Scott Latimer, RQAW explained. Mr. Drake asked about cleaning the duct work. Scott Latimer, RQAW, explained that this was water sealing. He explained

that he does not feel that our duct work is in that bad of condition. He did state that it would be cleaned prior to sealing though. Mr. Drake wanted to know what type product would be used. Mr. Latimer stated it would be a spray on epoxy for water proofing. Following the discussion regarding the project; Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded to approve Exhibits A, B & C as presented. The motion carried 6-1 with Mr. Drake opposing.

New Business

A. Policy Review: Dr. Sargent went over the policies for Board Committees, Board Attorney, Board Meetings, Quorum/Voting, Board Policy Development, Administration in Policy Absence, Board Member Development Opportunities, School Board Memberships and Evaluation of Board Operations & Presentations. Revisions to the Board Meetings policy will be made to state "The superintendent shall provide written notices of all Meetings in accordance with the Open Door Law." This is the second sentence in this policy. The policy currently titled "Administration in Policy Absence" will be updated to read "Administration in Absence of Policy". The policy for Board Member Development Opportunities will have grammatical corrections in the fifth paragraph "expensed" will be corrected to read "expenses" and in the sixth paragraph there is a typo that will be corrected between the words involve and warrant. The last sentence for the policy for Evaluation of Board Operation Procedures will now read "This evaluation should occur annually." Following the review of the policies, Mr. Burbrink moved to approve the policies with revisions as stated. Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Request for approval to exercise reduction-in-force procedures as needed.
Dr. Sargent requested that the Board allow him to proceed with the master contract RIF procedures. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Request for approval of Summer Driver's Education Program
Dr. Sargent noted that the Board had the proposal in their packet from Larry Phares for the Summer Driver's Education Program. He stated that it is a self supported program and if enough students are enrolled in the program then they will have it. He asked the Board to approve the self supported program if enough students enrolled in it as presented. If there are not enough students then the program will not happen. Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Tennell seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Other

Mr. Burbrink asked where things stand regarding an elementary counselor and having someone working in that building. Dr. Sargent noted that we have applied for a grant two times in the past for an elementary counselor and have not been awarded those funds. He noted that we are not meeting the needs of our elementary kids and the state obligation for elementary guidance. Mr. Burbrink asked about the job descriptions that were approved for the counselor positions. Dr. Sargent noted that the Board had approved 3 job descriptions for the district. Mr. Drake asked which one of the three is currently being used. Mrs. Yeend asked if job descriptions can change. Dr. Sargent noted yes because this is a change in job requirements not working conditions. Discussion involved having someone doing social work versus someone counseling and if we would be able to have someone as social worker at the elementary level. Mr. Harrold stated that Shelbyville Central hired a social worker for their elementary.

Reports & Presentations

Dr. Sargent gave a brief update on the Strategic Planning Committee organizational meeting.

Mrs. Blake and Mrs. Maurer updated everyone on the events going on in their buildings. They also updated everyone on the professional development that is going on in their respective buildings. Mr. Ralston updated everyone on the First Boy's Sectional Win since 2003 and congratulated the team and their coaches. He gave information regarding the regional game coming up this weekend and informed them that a fan bus would be going as well. He also stated that there was a community member willing to cover the cost of tickets of students that could not afford to go. He asked if anyone knew of anyone to please let him know.

Personnel

A. Professional Staff and Support Staff

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve Child Care Leave for Nikki Lower, SWE 6th Grade Teacher beginning March 14th through June 2nd or the last teacher day of this school year. He asked the Board to approve extending the temporary contract of Laura Slight for Mrs. Lower's leave. He asked the Board to approve the resignation of P.J. O'Malley as Varsity Girl's Basketball and JV Volleyball Coach. Mr. Drake asked when the Basketball position would be posted. Dr. Sargent noted right away. Dr. Sargent also recommended they hire John Pratt as the Girl's Varsity Tennis Coach. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Carried 7-0 Mr. Ralston thanked the Board for hiring Mr. Pratt. The girls are very excited and looking forward to a great year.

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Sargent congratulated the Boy's Basketball Team on their Sectional win. He thanked the Board for their extra time they are putting in with the superintendent selection. He publicly thanked the strategic planning team for working on this committee and the sacrifices they have made. He gave condolences to Mike Burbrink for the loss of his father and to Pam Meyer for the loss of her mother.

Board Comments

Mrs. Tennell commended our kids fan base at the ball games. Mrs. Yeend noted that our players are good role models for the younger students. Mr. Burbrink thanked everyone for their condolences during the recent death of his father.

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

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