

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
February 15, 2011

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

Members absent: Michael Burbrink

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m. He led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

None

Consent Items & Claims

A. Minutes of previous meetings

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 6-0

Business & Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

Mrs. Rooks updated the Board on the current financial status. She informed everyone that the transition to First Financial Bank is underway. They have met with the bank representatives and opened the new accounts for each building. Signature cards will be brought to the schools for them to sign. This process will take a little while to get all the check forms ordered and the accounts all switched over. It will be in the best interest of the school district at this time to do this with the interest we will earn and no longer being charged fees from the bank for regular banking needs. She updated them on the interest that has been earned for the past month and the fees that PNC charged. Carried 6-0

B. Extra Curricular & Cafeteria Account Reports

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

Consideration of Old Business

A. Discussion of SWE HVAC Project & appointment of individuals to the Common Wage Committee was held by Dennis Harrold, School Attorney. He asked for Board approval to have Salli Rooks and Tom Lux serve on the Common Wage Committee. Dr. Sargent also asked the Board to approve adding the replacing the air handlers to the project costs along with the additional engineering fee as presented. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Erwin seconded with approving the recommendations for committee members and adding the air handlers to the project and the costs involved as presented. 6-0

New Business

A. Policy Review: Dr. Sargent went over the policies for School Board Legal Status, Board Member Authority & Responsibilities, Duties of the Board, Board Member Qualifications, Board Member Resignation and School Board Ethics. Mrs. Yeend asked about staggering the election process. Mr. Harrold said that we would be required to send a letter to the Department of Education and get their position on the issue. He stated it would be beneficial to restructure the process. There was also discussion regarding the language in the Board Member Resignation policy. In the third sentence it should read "shall by majority vote" and not "shall be majority vote". Following discussion Mrs. Yeend moved to approve the policies with the one correction in Board Member Resignation policy and Mrs. Tennell seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Request for approval to amend the 2010-11 master calendar. Dr. Sargent informed every one of the days that we have currently had to cancel school due to weather and/or road conditions. He showed the corresponding make-up days that are currently in place. Right now this means our 3rd and 4th grading period dates will need adjusted also. As the calendar reads now the final make up date would fall after the currently scheduled graduation date. He is asking the Board for permission to move the graduation date back to one week later moving the date from May 27 to June 3. Dr. Sargent said that he is working on asking for a waiver for the 3 days that our county was under official travel warning. Mrs. Blake informed them that the high school has spoken with Jostens and they are willing to work with them on providing an insert for the graduation announcements and updating the diplomas. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Rush seconded to move the graduation date to June 3rd as presented. Carried 6-0

C. Request for approval of Southwestern High School Band trip to Disney World on March 23-29, 2011. Dr. Sargent recommended that the Board approve the band trip as presented. Mrs. Blake noted that both she and Mrs. Peterson had thought this trip was already approved so they were sorry for the late notice. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

Reports & Presentations

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.

Personnel

A. Professional Staff

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to accept his resignation effective July 1, 2011, the resignation of Basem Shammass, SWHS Tennis Coach and Tony Isaac, 8th grade Girl's Basketball Coach. He also asked their permission to hire Janie Kessler as the 8th grade Girl's Basketball Coach. Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded to approve the personnel recommendations as presented. Carried 6-0

Superintendent's Comments

Dr. Sargent asked everyone to keep Ashley Buis and Martin Eberhart in their thoughts and prayers as both of them recently lost their fathers. He noted that he is moving forward with the strategic planning process and the first meeting is scheduled. He thanked everyone involved with the basketball programs at both the high school and the elementary. He noted that the girls represented Southwestern very well in their season.

Board Comments

Mrs. Yeend noted that we will be housing a Jump Start Program here again this year. The program will be here for 3 weeks from 9a.m. to 12 noon. Fifteen students will be able to participate in the program again at Southwestern. Mr. Drake stated that Mrs. Neville was putting a survey on the district website for people to put their comments regarding the superintendent search and Mrs. Parmer was also distributing a survey to the teachers to get their comments and input on the superintendent search.

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

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