

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
October 13, 2010

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

Members absent: Michael Burbrink

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

Public Comments

None

Reports & Presentations

Mr. Ralston introduced the High School Cross Country Coach, Charlie Taylor. Coach Taylor introduced his team and gave their accomplishments for the year. The girls' team won the Mid-Hoosier Athletic Conference this year and this is the first team at Southwestern to do this. He also thanked Mt. Gilead for allowing them to use their property to run on this year. Mr. Ralston introduced High School Boys Tennis Team Coach, Chris Lakes. He thanked Mr. Ralston and the School Board for having the courts resurfaced this year. He introduced his team and gave their accomplishments to include winning the county championship this year. Mr. Ralston noted that the 8th grade Junior High Volleyball Coach, Vickie Beach was unable to be here this evening. He had the team introduce themselves and he gave their accomplishments for the year. Mr. Ralston introduced the Junior High Boys Cross Country Coach, Mark Tatlock. Coach Tatlock introduced his team and gave their accomplishments. He thanked the Board, Mt. Gilead, Coach Taylor and Mr. Ralston. Mr. Ralston noted that the Awards Night will be in the High School Gym on Monday, November 1st at 6 p.m. Dr. Sargent stated that we had outstanding coaches and he thanked them and the kids for their hard work. They make Southwestern shine through their hard work.

Mrs. Blake introduced Genie Parmer, Teacher, to update the Board on the new SIC program at the high school. Mrs. Parmer started by thanking the Board for approving the Student Council Leadership field trip. This is very beneficial for our students. The SIC program is Students Improving Comprehension which is a reading program. They had shirts made up to support the program. This gets our students involved with community projects and is a great learning opportunity for them. While learning about our community, all of the state standards are covered. The students will have a better understanding of how to serve and support their community. Mrs. Blake presented a PowerPoint presentation from Frau Hottell and Mrs. Beach for the Culture Club. Mrs. Blake introduced the exchange students who were at the meeting. They introduced themselves and which country they were from. Then they told something interesting that they have found since they have come here. David, Scotland said that he has felt welcome from the moment he came here. He noted that it is very hard to be a vegetarian while living here. Mathis, Germany, said he has felt very welcome here and he is getting used to our school. Misaki, Japan, said she has made friends and it is nice and awesome here. Her English class and US History are the toughest things she is dealing with. Mariko, Japan, said everyone here is kind and helpful. English is hard for her. She thanked everyone for allowing her to be here. Jesus, Mexico, said his first host family did not work out and they were not friendly so it was hard. Now that he is here he can be himself. Everyone is friendly and happy. He is very happy with host family now. The Board members welcomed them to Southwestern. Mrs. Blake updated the Board on the ERC program. She said we have had 6 students graduate due to the program. She has received a thank you from a student there now. The alternative school has given students a way to achieve success. The program is working and helping our students get their diplomas. Mrs. Dennison, Library, informed the Board that they are having a Book Fair at the moment and the students have been working and it has been very nice. She invited everyone to check it out. Mrs. Blake updated everyone on the High School Professional Development schedule. Some of the upcoming things include: Ruby Payne training, Student Apathy, School Safety Training, technology training, Curricuplan and more. The FFA is busy getting ready for parent teacher conferences. They are making chili for everyone. The chemistry class

would like to have the IU instructor that is working with them to come and present to the Board some of the things they are doing.

Consent Items & Claims

A. Minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 6-0

C. Addendum to Master Contract regarding proposed SWHS Credit Recovery Program

Dr. Sargent presented the addendum to the contract which was approved by the Southwestern Consolidated Classroom Teachers Association for the high school credit recovery program. (Attachment A) Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded as presented. Carried 6-0

D. Resolutions for Pension liability for Southwestern Jr/Sr High and Southwestern Cons. Schools

Mrs. Rooks explained this is a formality with the PERF program and needed to be updated. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

E. Request for approval of bonding of District Treasurer

Mrs. Rooks asked the Board to approve the bond for her position. Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

Business & Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

Mrs. Rooks updated the board on the current financial status. She has moved some of the money from PNC bank into Trust Indiana's savings program and has earned interest in the few days that it was there. She is also planning to move some into First Financial and possibly another bank. PNC no longer will offer interest to the schools account and have begun to assess hefty bank fees. After attending the Public Funds Seminar and speaking with other area treasurers it will be in the best interest of the districts funds to diversify where the money is at. There is a possibility that we will change banks in the near future.

B. Extra Curricular & Cafeteria Account Reports

Dr. Sargent informed the Board that the reports were in front of them for their review.

New Business

A. Coca Cola Contract Proposal

Mrs. Blake presented the Board with information regarding the Coca Cola Contract that Mr. Days has worked hard on negotiating for the High School. Mrs. Isgrigg moved that we approve the proposal following legal approval from the district's attorney. Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Semi-Annual Fundraising Lists

Dr. Sargent informed the Board that they had the lists for the semi-annual fundraising approval in front of them. He asked for them to approve the lists as presented by Mrs. Maurer and Mrs. Blake. (Attachment B) Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Southwestern Jr.-Sr. School Improvement Plan, 2010-13

Dr. Sargent explained that a copy of the improvement plan is in their packet. (Attachment C) He thinks it is an excellent plan and would ask the Board to approve it. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

D. Field trip request from SWHS Student Council

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve the field trip request from the Student Council to attend the State Leadership Conference in Garrett Indiana on November 13-14, 2010. Thirteen students will be accompanied by Mrs. Parmer and Mr. Starost. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 6-0

Other Business

Dr. Sargent informed the Board that Tammy Newman would like to purchase a newer bus. Her sister currently drives for Shelbyville Central and next year will be purchasing a new bus. Tammy would like to purchase her sisters current bus which is a 1995 Ford that is two years newer than the one Tammy is currently driving. Tammy would like to make this purchase and begin driving it with the 2011 school year. Mr. Erwin moved to allow her to update her contract and purchase the newer bus and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

Reports & Presentations

Mrs. Maurer gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the High Ability Program.

Personnel

A. Professional Staff

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve maternity leave for Nikki Lower beginning November 25 through March 14, 2011. The dates are tentative and may change due to actual delivery. He also recommended hiring Darron Dancler, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Doyle Swanson, 5th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Keri Muldoon, Elementary Cheerleading Coach, Kori Gabbard, SWHS JV Cheerleading Coach. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Tennell seconded. Carried 6-0

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve Jeff Tennell as 6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach. Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 5-1 with Mrs. Tennell abstaining

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve hiring Charlie Taylor as part time special education assistant at the high school. Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 6-0

Public Comments

April Mangrum, parent thanked the Board for approving the Middle School Soccer Team for this year.

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Sargent thanked everyone for coming out tonight for the meeting. He thanked Mrs. Blake and the High School Staff for providing our students with great programs. He also thanked them for the extra time they put in after school hours. He thanked the Board for their time in supporting the district and attending the meetings.

Board Comments

Mrs. Tennell thanked everyone for the extra time they put in coaching, club leaders, and all the extra things they do outside of the regular school day. Mrs. Yeend thanked everyone for their presentations. Mr. Drake also thanked everyone.

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

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