

Minutes
Annual Board of School Trustees Retreat
Rendezvous Meeting Center ~ Shelbyville, Indiana
6:00 PM Monday, October 4, 2010

After a wonderful meal provided by the Rendezvous, the meeting was convened at 6:00 PM by President Jerry Drake.

Dr. Sargent reported that enrollment so far this year is down and the board discussed the possible impacts of continued lower enrollments. He has asked the principals to work with him in identifying those students who have not returned in 2010-11 beyond those listed on our transfer inventory. He will contact all parents at their last known addresses to try and determine why they chose to send their children elsewhere. Dr. Sargent provided a statement of the current financial status of the corporation from Mrs. Rooks, District Treasurer. It was an optimistic report, but discussion ensued regarding the ramifications of additional cuts in revenue from the state

Transportation: Our bus contracts are in their second year. Bus 18 is the new activity bus and is accumulating miles quickly due to the transportation we are providing to a student to attend Damar Services. Bus 17 is the older activity bus and now has 30,683 miles. Bus 16 is the newer full-size handicap bus and has 35,271 miles. Bus 15 is our oldest vehicle with 132,774 miles. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of trading Bus 15 next year.

Personnel: Discussion was held regarding substitute teachers, the new substitute teacher handbook, and the upcoming substitute training sessions.

Facilities: The new front doors at SWHS have been ordered. The new security systems for both schools will be installed in February or March 2011. EMCOR and RQAW are currently evaluating the engineering and costs of replacing the HVAC system at SWE. Both firms will be offering quotes.

Technology: Mrs. Neville submitted a report on current and future projects.

Curriculum: Both revised school improvement plans were reviewed. Dr. Sargent asked that board members contact him with any questions.

Dual Credit and AP Offerings: It was reported that dual credit and AP courses have doubled over the past four years primarily due to the efforts of Mrs. Blake. There was discussion over the differences and merits of dual credit courses versus AP courses.

Dr. Sargent reported that our new partnership with Special Services Johnson County has gone well thus far, with no major problems. There was extensive discussion regarding Blue River Career Programs and our future association with the cooperative.

School & Community: Dr. Sargent reported on the frequent and fruitful meetings between the four Shelby County School Superintendents, and some of the benefits that have resulted from these discussions.

The board agreed that beginning with the November 2010 regular board meeting, the board with begin the review of all Southwestern Consolidated Schools policies.

Dr. Sargent gave a brief overview of the board evaluation process and the superintendent's evaluation process. It was agreed that a review would be conducted in executive session on October 13, 2010.

Dr. Sargent explained the purpose and importance of our mission statement, vision statement, and belief statements. It was agreed that all should be reviewed and revised as needed through the strategic planning process. Ideas were discussed regarding the possibility of changing our belief statements to core value statements. Mrs. Yeend provided core belief statement examples from Ft. Wayne Schools. He distributed copies of our current mission statement, belief statements and the 2009-10 board goals. He asked that board members review our current goals and offer any suggestions for revision in the near future.

Dr. Sargent explained the format and structure of the strategic planning process and his plan to begin the process over the next two months. The process will eventually involve all stakeholders in Southwestern Schools including administrators, teachers, students, parents, board members, support staff, and members of the school community. He noted that we will be receiving direction in this important process with the assistance of Dr. Emmett Lippe, strategic planning expert and retired school superintendent from Novi, Michigan

After a brief review of the board calendar, the retreat adjourned at 9:30 PM

<u>Jerry Deeb</u>	<u>Misty Kanel</u>
<u>Linda Segrigg</u>	<u>Jerry</u>
<u>Janna Yeend</u>	<u>_____</u>
<u>David Rusk</u>	<u>_____</u>