

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

Members Present: Jerry Drake, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, Joanna Yeend, Mike Burbrink, David Rush, Susan Smith

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. He led the pledge to the United States flag and welcomed guests. The meeting was held in the Media Center of Southwestern Jr./Sr. High School.

Fall athletic teams were recognized. The teams included girls' junior-high volleyball with a 14-4 record coached by Mrs. Kessler; undefeated boys' junior-high cross country coached by Mr. Tatlock; and girls' varsity cross country coached by Mr. Taylor.

2011-12 exchange students were presented and commented on why they enjoy classes at Southwestern. Some of the comments were that they enjoyed the small size and the classes available.

One representative from a core group of organizers discussed a new community initiative they are founding, called Spartners, or Southwestern Partners in Education. Information on the Spartners can be found at www.spartner.org.

Mr. Steve Gardner, instructor of the 3-D animation class, spoke about his class and how it is helping the students of Southwestern learn skills that are important in today's world. His goal is to create a film about Southwestern.

Public Comment

Mr. Drake congratulated Mr. Tom DeBaun, the new mayor of Shelbyville and a Southwestern graduate.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 7-0

Business & Financial Report

Mr. Drake informed the board that the financial report was placed in front of them.

Extracurricular & Cafeteria Report

It was stated the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in the board packet. There was a concern with the high school cafe balance. State money had not been received.

New Business

- A. Request approval for shared special education bussing with Edinburgh.**
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- B. Request approval of American Red Cross use of facilities as Mass Care Shelter Agreement.** Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0
- C. Request approval of fuel contract with Shelby County Co-op.**
There was some discussion. Jerry Erwin motioned and Dave Rush seconded. The vote was 3-4. Motioned failed do to no majority. Mr. Burbrink asked that we table this request.
- D. Request approval of resolution regarding Education Jobs Fund Program.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0
- E. Johnson County Special Services requested a policy be written for an assistance animal to attend school and be transported by school transportation (first reading).**
Some discussion was held by board members. This will be voted on at a later date.
- F. Physical Restraint and Seclusion Policy (first reading)** Mr. Burbrink mentioned that staff are trained on Crisis Prevention Intervention. This policy will be voted on at a later date.
- G. Field Trip Policy (first reading)** Mrs. Maurer asked that board members only approve out of state or overnight field trips. This policy will be voted on at a later date.
- H. Request approval for the H.S. Choir, Show Choir, and Jr. High Choir to perform at Christmas at the Zoo on 12-15-11.** Mrs. Yeend motioned and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

Other Business

- A. Request approval that 3% interest be paid on the 2009-10 Valic match.**
Mr. Burbrink motioned and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- B. Request approval of having a 5th/6th grade dance with proceeds going to the Swift Family.**
Mrs. Smith motioned and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0
- C. Request approval of prewritten bus contracts for 2 hourly drivers.** Mrs. Yeend motioned and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0
- D. Request approval to include stipends for high ability coordinator for three stipends of \$2,000.00 each.** Mrs. Yeend motioned and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

Reports & Presentations

The board heard from high school principal Suzanne Blake and elementary principal Heather Noesges, both of whom reported above 96% attendance so far this year. The junior-senior high school has 315 students and the elementary has 351 students.

Personnel

A. Staff Resignations

Mrs. Maurer informed the board of the following resignations:

1. Brad Guidi, Head Varsity Baseball Coach
2. Janie Kessler, 1st Asstant Softball Coach

Mr. Burbrink motioned and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

Mrs. Maurer recommended to hire:

1. Ken Wilson – moving from JV 1st Assistant to Varsity Baseball Coach
2. Misty Weaver for Head Softball Coach
3. Sarah Milner for 1st Assistant Softball Coach
4. Holly Blake for 7th/8th grade Cheerleading Coach
5. Emily Barkus to fill the 6th grade maternity leave position.

Mr. Burbrink motioned and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 7-0

Public Comment

It was mentioned that the student council went to the Indianapolis Convention Center for Leadership Convention and all the students represented Southwestern in an exceptional way.

Mr. Ralston informed everyone of the girls basketball game on Saturday.

Superintendent’s Comments

Mrs. Maurer congratulated the fall sports teams. She also mentioned that the special education teachers were 100% compliant on state report. She is also very excited about the Spartners.

Board Member Comments

Mr. Rush commented on his daughter Megan’s current job and how Southwestern played a big part in her career path.

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

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