

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
August 12, 2015

Members Present: Mike Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Jerry Erwin, Linda Isgrigg, and David Rush

Member Absent: Susan Smith

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. She led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings with correction. Carried 6-0

It was mentioned that there was a grammatical error where the Treasurer spoke about the bank account. It was crossed through and corrected on the minutes on the website.

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

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

Business & Financial Report

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the financial report was in their packet.

New Business

- A. Approval of FFA field trip to the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, IL on 8-31 through 9-1-15.** Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0
- B. Appointment of board member to serve as Southwestern's delegate at the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference on September 28 and 29th.** No board members volunteered.
(Note: The next two items were taken out of order.)
- D. Other**
Approval of four additional field trips for the FFA: 1. National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on October 28-30th 2. State Crops and Forestry Convention at Purdue University on December 11-12th 3. Core Leadership Camp October 9-11 4. Rescheduled camping trip to Turkey Run State Park on September 4-6. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded.
Carried 6-0
- C. Recommend adoption of a resolution to shift a portion of contracted bus costs to the Bus Replacement Fund.** Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Edwards told the board that it was a smooth start for the 2015-16 school year at the elementary. Mrs. Nash and Mrs. Chase have been working together to post video announcements online using an app. Each morning the class watches the videos in their classrooms and they are also available on Southwestern's website.

Mr. Chase said that a few of the goals that the high school will work on this year are: creating an identity and getting out to the public the great things that are happening here. The high school has started weekly video announcements. They are also incorporating reading and writing across the curriculum. Additionally, he noted that the new writing acronym "SWAG" was being implemented district-wide.

B. Nurse Report

Mrs. Hancock explained some of her duties to the board. She worked with Mrs. Kohrman, Speech Therapist, to complete vision assessments. Mrs. Kohrman completes the assessment and Mrs. Hancock does the required reporting to the Department of Education. Mrs. Hancock did visual screenings on 52% of the student population at the elementary and 40% of the students population at the high school. Immunizations are 98 to 99% compliant; some students have either a religious exemption or a medical condition which require them to not be immunized. She also educates students, staff and parents and is a part of the wellness committee. She pitches in wherever she is needed.

Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Mrs. Hancock for the great job she is doing.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maurer echoed the same sentiment that Mr. Edwards did regarding the smooth start to this school year. She also mentioned that we have 52 transfer students which is approximately 8% of our population. The current enrollment is 337 students at the high school and 278 students at the elementary. The total student count is 615 students and more are still coming in.

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Mike DeArmitt – 6th grade boys' basketball coach
 - Brett Andrews – Assistant/JV girls' basketball coach
 - Teresa Cochran – transfer from lead cook to regular cook at SWE
- Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Mike DeArmitt – 5th grade boys' basketball coach. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0
- Curt Correll – 5th grade girls' basketball coach. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 4-2
- Logan Whitehouse – band volunteer. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0
- Nicole Syester – cheerleading – 1st assistant. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

- Tiffany Hensley – lead cook at SWE. Mr. Emerick moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0
- Ashley Brown – part-time cook. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0. Mr. Rush asked if she had been brought to the board before. Dr. Maurer said that she had last month as a substitute.
- Cam Elliott-6th grade girls' basketball coach. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0
- Randee Taylor-volunteer varsity cross country coach. Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0
- Genie Parmer and Emma Dickey co-sponsors Jr. High student council. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 6-0

C. Other

Mr. Drake asked if Southwestern had hired a softball coach. Dr. Maurer said that we had and it was the same person that had been doing it. He asked why we are not using our softball field for home games. Dr. Maurer explained that a few years ago Mr. Tarplee did some checking on this and had someone come out and try to move the cement that is out there but it was too large for them to move. Since softball is a spring sport, Mr. Drake felt like something should be done this Fall to have the diamond ready for the team in the Spring. Dr. Maurer said that Mr. Days and Mr. Hancock were working together to get this done. Mr. Rush said that he remembers the measurements being off a little bit. Dr. Maurer thought that there were electric or gas lines in the way. Mr. Drake asked that this be made a priority.

Superintendent Comments

None

Board Member Comments

Mr. Burbrink asked for an update on the wastewater treatment facility. He also mentioned that he had received several complaints that the online student registration process was difficult. Mr. Chase said that it took him 12 minutes to register both of his children. Mr. Emerick said that he tried to register his children and it kept giving him an error message. Dr. Maurer said that parent surveys are going to be sent out and this item could be on the survey.

Mrs. Isgrigg read a thank you note from the family of Tom Woods. Mr. Emerick thanked everyone for the flowers, cards and prayers that he received on his Father's passing.

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.













