

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 8, 2010

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

President Jerry Drake called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Public Comments

None

Consent Items & Claims

A. Minutes of previous meetings

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written. Carried 7-0

B. Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

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

C. Southwestern Elementary School Improvement Plan, 2010-13

Paula Maurer, Elementary Principal said that her staff worked hard to update their improvement plan and feels comfortable with what they have come up with. Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve the SWE School Improvement Plan for 2010-13 as presented. (Attachment A) Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Rush seconded as presented. Carried 7-0

D. High Ability Grant

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve the 2010-11 High Ability Grant application. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

Business & Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

Mrs. Rooks updated the board on the current financial status.

B. Extra Curricular & Cafeteria Account Reports

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

Consideration of Old Business

A. SWHS Softball Program

Discussion was held regarding the SWHS Softball program and what direction Mr. Ralston should take regarding this program. Mr. Burbrink questioned if Mr. Ralston had estimates on the tile work that would be required. Mr. Ralston explained no because of a comment made by Coach Griffey. Mr. Burbrink feels we need a professional cost estimate on the tile drainage project. Mr. Ralston stated that he has asked Shelby County Parks Department if we could use their facilities. Coach Griffey is willing to do the work for the tile install. Dr. Sargent said if Mr. Griffey does the work voluntarily he would still have to have advice from Mike Steinbarger prior to doing the work. Mr. Drake asked about possibly doing the work now and deferring the billing later. The trenching work would come from athletic funds. There would only be costs of the tile as labor would be free also. Mr. Drake stated that a professional is necessary for this job in order to make sure the tile is in properly. Following additional conversation Mrs. Yeend moved to go ahead with getting bids and moving forward with the drainage work with the condition in the bids that payment for the work would be after January 2011.

Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

Mr. Ralston is to get the estimates from professionals.

Mr. Erwin moved to extend the program as is with away games only and Mr. Burbrink seconded.
Carried 7-0

Mr. Ralston informed the Board that Shelby Materials said there is no brick dust available at this time.

New Business

A. Request for approval of FFA to attend the National FFA Convention, October 20-22 in Indianapolis

Dr. Sargent explained that since this is an overnight trip it does require the Board's approval. Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Rush seconded to approve the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention as presented. Carried 7-0

Reports & Presentations

A. Annual Report on Southwestern Campus Safety

Mr. Ralston updated the Board on the Southwestern Schools Safety Plan and different things that we are doing to keep Southwestern Schools a safe environment for our students and staff. He feels that our students feel safe in our buildings. A parent in the audience asked if the City/County Swat Team would be able to conduct practices in our buildings. Dr. Sargent said it would be fine as long as students were not in the buildings at the time and to have the contact person call and talk with Mr. Ralston or Dr. Sargent. Mr. Ralston said he attends county safety meetings monthly with everyone and it is a great place to share ideas. He noted that Southwestern would be offering CPR training again and all coaches will be trained in CPR. Mr. Drake asked if the Jr. High Coaches would also be trained and feels that they need to be. Both Dr. Sargent and Mr. Ralston praised the assistance and help given by Director, Mike Schantz of Shelby County Emergency Management.

Personnel

A. Professional Staff

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve maternity leave for Kimberly Williams beginning August 30 through Thanksgiving with possibility of it being through Christmas Break. He asked for approval to hire Claire Williamson to replace Kimberly Williams while on her leave. He asked the Board to approve Angie Hamilton and Michael Bunton, SWE Science Co-Coordinators, Ann VanNess, 5th Grade Chairperson, Beth Green and Michael Bunton, SWE Math Bowl Co-Coordinators and FMLA leave for two staff members.

B. Support Staff

Dr. Sargent asked the Board to approve Hailey Guidi, SWHS Varsity Cheer Coach, Janie Kessler, SWE 6th Grade Sponsor (Volunteer), Karie Muldoon, SWE Cheer Coach, Mandy Coy, 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, Curt Correll, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach and Mike DeArmitt, 6th Grade Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant pending the results of expanded criminal history check. Mr. Burbrink moved to approve all of the personnel items as presented and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Sargent informed the Board that September 20th will be the meeting for budget approval. He complimented our elementary student body, staff members from the elementary and high school, Mrs. Maurer and Mrs. Blake for how they handled the water issue at the elementary. A tremendous job by everyone involved was noted. He complimented Mrs. Neville, Technology Coordinator on the new website. He noted that it is a work in progress but it is up and running and looks tremendous. He noted that the elementary disciplines have dropped significantly this year and they are not really sure why. They have begun a new departmentalization process at the elementary upper grade levels. He thanked the High School Staff, Elementary Staff, teachers, administrators, support staff and bus drivers for a tremendous start of school year. He thanked Salli Rooks and Lyvonne Rowe for their hard work on the budget, they manage to make things work with the monies we are given and we are getting things done.

Board Comments

Mr. Rush asked for an update on the Gifted and Talented Program and asked if there was a program in both buildings. Dr. Sargent answered yes. Mrs. Yeend let everyone know that she was very proud of our Cross Country kids. This is a great group of kids and the high school kids are there to encourage the junior high kids. The boys and girls cheer each other on and they are currently undefeated.

Mr. Drake adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

<u>Jerry Drake</u>	<u>Misty Jennell</u>
<u>Linda Isgrigg</u>	<u>Jerry</u>
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<u>David Rush</u>	<u>_____</u>