

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
December 11, 2013

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

Member Absent: Linda Isgrigg

President, Jerry Drake, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in the board room of the administrative office. He led the pledge to the United States flag.

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls Lady Spartans were undefeated this season. They presented the Shelby County Championship Trophy to the board.

**Public Comments**

None

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 6-0

**Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers**

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

**Business & Financial Report**

Mr. Drake informed the board that the financial report was in their packet. No questions were asked regarding the report.

**Extracurricular & Cafeteria**

It was stated that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in the packet.

**New Business**

**A. Request approval to start a school-based food pantry in partnership with Gleaners to provide food for Southwestern students and their families who are in need.** Mrs. Maurer informed the board that the pantry will be called the Spartan Cupboard. It will be located at the high school and will be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 2:30-3:00 and 5:00-6:30 beginning January 15<sup>th</sup>. Gleaners will provide equipment for the pantry (i.e. freezer, shelves, etc.) Each month we will be allowed to order \$1,000 worth of food at no cost to us. We have volunteers who will be stocking and monitoring the pantry while it is open. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

**B. Request approval to apply for the Innovation Planning Grant through the IDOE.**

This was not acted on because we do not qualify for this grant since Southwestern's technology has surpassed what this grant can provide.

**C. Request approval for the high school Student Council to sell Pampered Chef.**

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

**D. Recommended revision of the employee guidelines for the 9 month non-certified employees.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**E. Recommend adding Bonnie Thopy as a purchasing agent for the district.**

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

**F. Request approval to transfer year-end appropriations, inter-fund transfers, and pay year-end claims.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 6-0

**G. Request approval of a resolution to reduce Transportation and Bus Replacement Fund and also approve a resolution to transfer funds to the Rainy Day Fund.** Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0

**Other**

None

**Reports and Presentations**

**Principals**

Mr. Chase said that the high school is finishing acuity and seeing if the interventions they have done have been helpful. They are also looking at safety. Teachers took a safety quiz and if question were missed he received feedback. Mr. Chase also attended a conference regarding the warning signs of students under the influence of drugs.

He also mentioned that, "Covered Up for the Holidays" (13 staff members growing facial hair) has been a success and 300 items have been collected. They are keeping their beards through January.

Mr. Edwards said that the elementary would breakdown acuity and compare the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounds. The Christmas Program for the elementary will be held on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Jr./Sr. High School. It has been postponed twice because of bad weather. He also mentioned that he had received good feedback from parents on snow days.

**Superintendent's Report**

Mrs. Maurer mentioned the follow items going on currently: 1) Net Talon working hard installing our new security equipment. 2) High ability grant has been approved for \$26,493.00. 3) Free equipment received – Scrolling Sign Cabinet (in packet), 4) Stipend will be paid to teachers who are effective and highly effective this Friday. 5) Bonnie Thopy and Michele Bedwell were trained on Medicaid Reimbursement which Bonnie is handling most of and Midwest Toxicology employer training. 6) The Wellness Committee met on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Members were updated to the committee but no revisions were made. 7) 7 busses that are 12 years old will be inspected on Friday. 8) Charity Elliott, Food Service Director, was chosen to cater the alumni banquet in the spring.

**Other**

None

**Personnel**

**A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

**Resignation – Charles Foga as the Head Boy’s Track Coach.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

**B. Recommendation to Hire**

**Anne Smock on a temporary contract for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in grade 4. Health insurance will be offered to meet the new health care guidelines.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**Public Comments**

None

**Superintendent Comments**

Mrs. Maurer congratulated the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girl’s basketball team on their undefeated season. She thanked the public for their patience during the inclement weather that we have been having.

**Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Yeend congratulated the 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls on their terrific season.

The board meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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There was an work session following the board meeting to discuss Neola policies.