

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
December 17, 2014

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

Member Absent: Michael Burbrink

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Office. She led the pledge to the United States flag.

Public Comments

A parent voiced his concerns regarding the unsafe behavior of a bus drivers, and, he supported the termination of the driver's bus contract.

Consent Items and Claims

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Carried 6-0

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Rush 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. No questions were asked regarding the report.

Extracurricular & Cafeteria

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

Reports & Presentations

Wellness Committee

Mrs. Elliott, Food Service Director, presented the revised wellness policy to the board. The biggest change called for food and beverages served during school hours to meet the nutritional recommendations of the U.S. Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Also, food and beverages have to meet requirements in the fat content, sodium, and sugar. Another change to the policy included extending the elementary school lunch period to 20 minutes from the time the student sits down. Mrs. Elliott will inform the principals and staff of the new changes.

Principal's Report

Mr. Chase and Mr. Edwards presented to the board for Technology in Education night. Mr. Turner, from the Shelbyville Police Department, made a social media presentation. He informed his audience about the dangers of posting pictures to social media sites and how people can be tracked and their house could be robbed. His message was to

be careful of what you post; and, watch what your kids are doing on social media sites to keep them safe.

Superintendent's Report

Southwestern has decided to take the next step and receive district accreditation. Dr. Maurer presented an overview to the board of the district's external review report. The report was divided into three categories: Teaching and Learning impact; Leadership Capacity; and Resource Utilization. She stated that going in we knew that there would be certain areas that Southwestern needed to improve but also that there were areas such as data and assessment, as well as, technology that we were very good at. Dr. Maurer mentioned that the AdvancEd team complimented our students for the respect they showed them. The team also praised the way the administration interacted with staff. Dr. Maurer would go more in depth with this report as we set goals and objectives.

Other

Curt Fritch, Hoosier Fund, explained his company to the board. The Hoosier Fund is a local government investment pool like Trust IN that we are currently with but are paying a greater rate of return. The Hoosier Fund is approved by the State Attorney and the State Board of Accounts.

New Business

- A. Recommend approval of the revisions to the Wellness Policy:** The revisions to this policy were made as stated by Mrs. Elliott during her report. Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. Carried 6-0
- B. Recommend adoption of the 2015-2016 calendar.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0
- C. Recommend approval of a resolution to transfer \$100,000.00 from both Transportation and Bus Replacement for a total transfer of \$200,000.00 to the Rainy Day Fund.** Mrs. Rush moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0
- D. Recommend approval to transfer year-end appropriations, make inter-fund transfers and pay year end claims as needed.** Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0
- E. Recommend the acceptance of a donation of the following new equipment from the Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators (HECC).** This equipment (4 Toshiba 7" tablets, 4 tablet cases, 4 Sphero robotic spheres and 4 nubby covers for the spheres) was awarded to each officer's district. Susan Neville is our HECC representative. (E & F were voted on together)

- F. **Recommend the acceptance of a donation of \$1,199.50 from the Southwestern Athletic Booster Club to the Athletic Department for athletic awards.** Mrs. Smith moved and Mrs. Yeend seconded. Carried 6-0
- G. **Recommend a resolution to invest funds which are currently at Trust IN to the Hoosier Fund to increase the return on our investment funds.** Mrs. Smith moved and Mr Rush seconded. Carried 6-0
- H. **Recommend investing the district and high school CDs at First Bank of Shelbyville for higher rates.** Mrs. Yeend moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0
- I. **Recommend the termination of the bus contract for route 9.** Mrs. Yeend made a motion but no one seconded. Motioned died.

Other

Dr. Maurer recommended that sub custodians pay rate increase from \$8.50 to \$10.50 per hour after working 200 hours. Mr. Rush moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations:

Holly Blake resigned as the Jr. High Track Coach. Janet Harvey resigned as custodian effective October 1, 2014. Mr. Drake moved Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Recommendations to Hire:

Matt White as the Jr. High Track Coach. Margaret Jones as a custodian effective 10-27-14. Heather Smock as a custodian effective 12-1-14. Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-0

Public Comments

A parent commented on his dislike of the board's decision to do nothing regarding the termination of the bus driver, even though the legal counsel recommended dismissal. Another driver said that he was very proud of the board's decision.

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer offered thoughts and prayers to the family of Josh Mohr due to an accident in which he was involved. She also thanked Joanna Yeend for her 8 years of service on the board.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Yeend commented that the community should keep their eyes and ears open and be present to make sure this board does their job because she believed they did not tonight.

Adjournment

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

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