

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
BOARD OF FINANCE
January 14, 2015

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

President Linda Isgrigg called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the library at Southwestern Elementary School.

Reorganization of the Board of Finance

A. Election of President of the Board of Finance. Mr. Erwin nominated Mrs. Isgrigg for President and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Mr. Rush closed the nominations.

Carried ~~6-1 Mr. Burbrink abstained~~
7-0

B. Election of Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Erwin nominated Mrs. Smith for Secretary and Mr. Rush seconded. Mr. Burbrink closed the nominations.

Carried ~~6-1 Mr. Rush abstained~~
7-0

Review of Investment Report

A. Review of Investment Report The Business Manager/Treasurer gave the investment report. Questions were asked regarding the bank reconciliation. The Treasurer will give board members more information on this at the next board meeting.

The Board of Finance meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. in the library at Southwestern Elementary Schools. She led the pledge to the United States flag.

Reorganization of the Board of School Trustees

A. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Drake nominated Mrs. Isgrigg for President. Mr. Erwin seconded. Mr. Burbrink closed the nominations. Carried 7-0

Mr. Erwin nominated Mr. Burbrink for Vice President. Mr. Drake closed the nominations. Carried 7-0

Mr. Erwin nominated Mrs. Smith for Secretary. Mr. Rush closed the nominations. Carried 7-0

B. Appointment of Blue River Career Program Representative:

Mrs. Isgrigg nominated Mr. Erwin for Blue River Program Representative. Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 6-1 Mr. Erwin abstained

C. Appointment of School Attorney, Denny Harrold, Board Executive Secretary and District Treasurer, Michele Bedwell, Deputy Treasurer, Bonnie Thopy, High School ECA Treasurer, Lyvonne Rowe and Elementary ECA Treasurer, Leanne Dellapenna. Mr. Rush moved that personnel stay the same. Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Set Board and Board Secretary Salaries.

Mr. Burbrink moved that the board salaries remain at \$1,500.00 per year and the Board secretary continue to receive \$30 per meeting. Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Adoption of Annual Board Calendar and location of Meetings

Mr. Drake moved that the board approve the board calendar and locations of meetings, as presented. Dr. Maurer asked that the May board meeting be held one week earlier due to the IASBO conference. The meeting will be held on May 6th. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

Public Comments

None

Consent Items and Claims

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Rush seconded the motion to approve the minutes of previous meetings. Carried 7-0

Mr. Drake commented that on the December 17th board minutes that legal counsel did not recommend dismissal of the bus driver.

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

Dr. Maurer asked that the board approve the year-end transfers for 2014. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 7-0

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.

New Business

- A. Recommend approval for Lindsay Chase, Laura Donadio, Cathy Macaluso, and Karen Parmer to attend the 2015 National Reading Recovery & K-6 Classroom Literacy Conference in Columbus, Ohio on February 8-10.**
Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0
- B. Recommend approval for Dr. Maurer to be a speaker at the National Sheriff's Conference in Washington, D.C. on January 23, 2015.** Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- C. Recommend that Southwestern request approval from the SSJCSS Board to allow us to provide our own local coordinator and program support services beginning July 1, 2015.** Mr. Erwin moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0
- D. Recommend approval for cancellation of outstanding checks that have not cleared the bank within two years of date of issue.** Mr. Erwin moved and Mr. Rush seconded. Carried 7-0
- E. Recommend approval of the 2015 contract for the school attorney. Mr. Harrold is not asking for an increase.** Mr. Rush moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded.

Carried 7-0

F. Recommend approval of the Conflict of interest Disclosure. Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-1 Mr. Erwin abstained

G. Recommend acceptance of the \$131.00 donation for the food pantry from the Women's Card Club. This topic was tabled for further review.

H. Other

Dr. Maurer asked that the board accept the \$2,500.00 grant from Monsanto for the FFA. It was actually applied for by Dennis Cochran. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

Dr. Maurer asked that the board approve the FFA trip to the 2015 Farm Show in Louisville Kentucky on 2-13-15. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 7-0

Dr. Maurer recommended approval to buy a new truck from the lowest bidder including the trade in of the 1996 van and 2001 truck. This will be purchased out of the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 7-0

Southwestern Elementary Report

Mrs. Oliver, 2nd grade teacher, reported to the board about the changes in ISTEP. She attended the HECC Conference and was informed about the addition of technology enhanced questions, grid questions and drop down box questions. Mrs. Oliver and the other elementary teachers are working on getting the students familiar with these type questions on the ISTEP. She has also used other websites with the students to help them practice.

Principal's Report

Mr. Edwards informed the board that the elementary is getting ready for the ISTEP. Teachers are very confident. He also mentioned that the library has a lot more books displayed. Mrs. Mangrum, library assistant, is doing an awesome job. Mr. Edwards explained that the children use the accelerated reader system in which the students earn points for reading books. Mrs. Nash is working on completing more artwork in the library and hallways with the children's help. Mr. Edwards mentioned RTI (response to intervention) which is 30 minutes of instruction outside of normal class time.

Mr. Chase told the board that the high school is also working on technology enhanced questions. These questions have more than one correct response. Mr. Chase also mentioned that there are currently 10 students in German I and 7 of them are going to take German 2 next year. There are only 5 students signed up for German I for next school year. He is thinking about the possibility of the high school just having one

foreign language class which would be Spanish. There was also talk about ECA testing and how the state is not clear on the testing that should happen in the next few months.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Maurer told the board that this is a biennium year for the legislators. She explained that some constituents including Brian Bosma believe schools should have 65% of their funds used in classrooms. They say that 40% of the budget is going to administrative costs and the schools need to consider using 65% of their budgets towards classroom costs. Schools have six funds-general, debt service, pension debt, capital projects, transportation and bus replacement. The general fund is based on the number of students enrolled. Now we earn approximately \$4,700.00 per student. This is the fund that administrators are paid out of. Mr. Bosma said that 40% of the budget is going to administrative costs. What are administrative costs? The public would think that it is only the cost of administrators. Our current budget is 8 million dollars so if the administrators make 40% of that number they would make \$3,200,000.00. According to DOE, Southwestern is spending 56% of their budget in the classroom and over 80% in the general fund. Either the legislators are purposefully trying to make schools look bad or they do not understand school finance.

Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations:

Resignation of Leanna Browning as custodian effective 11-26-14. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommendations to Hire:

Chastity Kelley as a 29 hour per week custodian as \$12.39 effective January 11, 2015. Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Erwin seconded. Carried 7-0

Mr. Rush asked if we are still using Spartan Staffing. We are but Chastity is not with Spartan Staffing.

Public Comments

Mr. Chase jokingly thanked the board for approving a 3 day "vacation" for his wife while he has to watch 3 children under the age of 7. The board members laughed. (See A under New Business)

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer welcomed Mr. Emerick to the board. She also congratulated the food service department for exceeding their sales goals and earning an incentive bonus. Senate bill 491 has been filed and it deals with best practices in security and how schools can fund it.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith welcomed Mr. Emerick to the board. She also thanked Mrs. Oliver for her report. Mrs. Isgrigg welcomed Mr. Emerick to the board. She also thanked Mrs. Oliver for her report. She sympathized with Mr. Chase.

Adjournment

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 8 p.m.
