

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
November 11, 2015

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

Members Absent: Jerry Erwin and David Rush

President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Administrative Office. She led the pledge to the United States Flag.

Stephanie Parmer, high school student council sponsor, presented the State House Cup to the board. The students competed at the Indiana Association of Student Council's state convention. The competition featured schools from all over the state and lasted two days. The theme was, "The Magic of Leadership." Southwestern won a first in the video competition, a fourth in the speech competition, a first in the college fair participation and a second in the T-shirt design competition.

Public Comments

None

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Carried 5-0

Approval of Accounts Payable Vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded the motion to approve the accounts payable vouchers as presented. Carried 5-0

Business & Financial Report

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the extracurricular and Cafeteria Account Reports were in their packets.

New Business

A. Recommend appointment to the following new member to the Wellness Committee:

Matt White to replace Kim Williams. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 5-0

B. Recommend acceptance of the following donations/grants:

- Appraisal Fee of \$475.00 from Randy McQueen at Sirkus Appraisals
- \$50.00 monthly for the Spartan Cupboard from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church
- \$969.50 from the Southwestern Athletic Boosters for Fall sports awards
- \$15,000.00 grant from Blue River Community Foundation towards a greenhouse
- \$350.00 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard
- \$35,000.00 matching 2016 Secured School Safety Grant

Mr. Emerick moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 5-0

C. Other
None

Mr. Drake moved that Southwestern proceed with Commonwealth Engineers under the leadership of Toby Church to continue with construction of the new wastewater plant. Mrs. Smith seconded.
Carried 5-0

Mr. Drake asked that the Superintendent continue with the process of issuing new bonds. Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 5-0

Mr. Burbrink asked that Southwestern go with the Design/Build bidding option for the purchase of the new wastewater plant. Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 5-0

Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Edwards thanked the community for their support at the elementary Veterans Day program. He thanked Mr. Swigert and the 4-5-6th graders for the great job that they did in presenting the program.

Mr. Chase also thanked Mrs. Parmer and Student Council for the great job that they did in presenting the high school Veterans Day program. He mentioned that Mr. Taylor is a veteran. He also informed the board that the girls varsity basketball team have two Mid Hoosier basketball wins.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Maurer informed the board that the administrators have prioritized items that they are working on such as high ability, safety, AdvancEd recommendations and technology. Through the use of the eLearning Grant, 5 Star Tech Solutions evaluated Southwestern's use of technology. They identified items that we have done well and items that needed to be improved. The administrators created a goggle document listing goals that have been set for the corporation. The administrators review these goals at their bi-weekly meetings. The goals will help them develop professional development for staff. Also, the administrators are reading a book called, "Leading the Change" that was recommended by AdvancEd.

Mr. Burbrink asked about some of the comments that were given by 5 Star Tech Solutions evaluation. Dr. Maurer read several of the comments: The evaluation noted the professionalism depicted by all teachers was an excellent model for educators across Indiana and that students were well behaved. They also commented that the administrators combined energy and vision for moving the district forward was serving the corporation well and that it is only through clear and decisive leadership that a transition of this magnitude could hope to be successful. The representative from 5 Star also talked about sending different districts to Southwestern so that we could model our tech solutions for them. Dr. Maurer noted that we have some things we need to continue to work on but that the 5 Star evaluation was very complementary.

Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Termination of Wanda Evans as custodian effective November 6, 2015
- Resignation of Courtney Davis as junior high cheerleading coach
- Resignation of Cole Oliver as junior high girls track coach
- Retirement of Marilyn Joseph at the end of the 2015-16 school year
- FMLA for Kimberly Ramseth from approximately December 10, 2015 through February 5, 2016

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 5-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Brian Pappano-6th grade volunteer boys basketball coach
- Bob Hynds-5th grade volunteer boys basketball coach
- Cole Oliver as girls varsity track coach
- Vicki Beach as volunteer girls varsity track coach
- Annette Nasby as junior high cheerleading coach

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Emerick seconded. Carried 5-0

C. Other

None

Superintendent Comments

Dr. Maurer congratulated the student council on their State House Cup Award. She thanked our veterans and complimented the schools for their programs. Dr. Maurer also mentioned that Ms. Emma Dickey is now Mrs. Emma Korkhouse and congratulated her on her marriage. She also congratulated Mr. Edwards and Mrs. Elliott for the elementary's feature on Fox 59 Colts Playback-Sunday. She said that the program was posted on our website.

Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith commented on the great things that are happening at Southwestern. Mrs. Isgrigg read the retirement letter from Mrs. Joseph which stated that she will retire at the end of this school year but has enjoyed her 40 year career here. Mrs. Isgrigg thanked Mrs. Joseph for her service and she also complimented the elementary for their Veteran's Day program.

Mr. Greg Gerline, President of the Blue River Foundation and the Hometown Fund, presented Pam Meyer with a good faith pledge of \$15,000.00 from the Blue River Foundation for the Greenhouse Project.

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.
