

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
July 10, 2019

Members Present: Travis Beck, Michael Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Linda Isgrigg, Isaac Pile, and Susan Smith

Member not Present: Jim Emerick

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**

Vice-President Linda Isgrigg called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County. She led the pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions**

Vice-President Linda Isgrigg welcomed everyone in attendance.

**II. Public Comment**

None

**III. Consent Items & Claims**

**A. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting**

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

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

**IV. Business & Financial Report**

**A. Financial Report**

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the financial report was in their packets. No questions were asked regarding the report.

**B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report**

Mrs. Isgrigg informed the board that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in their packets. No questions were asked regarding the reports.

**V. *Project Hearing and Second Preliminary Determination Hearing***

**A. Statement of purpose of hearing**

Mrs. Isgrigg explained that the board would hold a second preliminary hearing on the proposed construction project. She announced that if anyone was interested in speaking at the hearing, they would need to have signed in. She noted that

after a presentation by the administration and its advisor, there will be an opportunity for the public to make comments about the project. Mrs. Isgrigg informed the public that notice of this Preliminary Determination Hearing had been published as legally required on May 24, 2019 in the Shelbyville News and that the first preliminary hearing had been held on June 12, 2019. Mr. Dennis Harrold school attorney, explained the purpose and the legal process of the hearing. Mr. Harrold explained that the numbers presented would be the maximum amount and could not be exceeded for the bond project.

**B. Education need for project**

Dr. Maurer explained the process of determining the need for the project. She explained that Southwestern had many teams that need to use the two existing floors. To accommodate all team practices, students currently use the existing floors from 6:00 am until 9:00 pm. Dr. Maurer also explained that many other departments, including drama, choral, and band need to be able to use the current spaces.

**C. Overview of project to meet the education needs, cost & timing**

Dr. Maurer explained the process of determining how to best meet the needs of students and the community from this project. Dr. Maurer presented a drawing of the projected building and explained how each area could be used. Dr. Maurer also presented a timeline for the project.

**D. Financial impact of project**

Dr. Maurer presented how the project would be financed, as provided by Baker-Tilley. She also explained the expected impact to a typical taxpayer in Southwestern's school district.

**E. Hearing opened to the public for comment**

Mrs. Isgrigg invited the persons who had signed in to make any public comments. Ms. Megan Rush voiced her concerns about the project in a district where enrollment is not growing and a need for two additional courts in the fieldhouse. She also questioned the proposed location and how it would affect existing utilities in that area. Mr. David Rush stated his concerns about the HVAC system that would be installed and the ongoing extra cost of utilities.

**F. Board consideration of Project Resolution**

Mr. Harrold explained that the board had found it in the best interest of the students and school corporation to proceed with the proposed project and the proposed manner of financing the project. Mr. Harrold recommended adoption of the Project Resolution.

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

**G. Board consideration of Preliminary Determination Resolution**

Mr. Harrold explained that this resolution had established the maximum amount

of \$5,225,000.00, to be paid off within the next 22 years. Mr. Harrold recommended adoption of the Preliminary Determination Resolution. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**H. Board consideration of Resolution Determining Need for Project**

Mr. Harrold explained the need for the project had been presented by Dr. Maurer, and that it was in the best interest of the students and community to proceed with the project. Mr. Harrold recommended adoption of the Resolution Determining Need for Project.

Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 6-0

**I. Board consideration of Reimbursement Resolution**

Mr. Harrold explained that there would be a cost associated with the bond and design processes. He explained that this resolution would allow for the school corporation to be reimbursed for these costs once the bond had been issued. Mr. Harrold recommended adoption of the Reimbursement Resolution.

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

**VI. New Business**

**A. Second reading of NEOLA policies Volume 31, No. 2**

Dr. Maurer recommended adoption of the NEOLA policies Volume 31, No. 2. Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

**B. Recommend the acceptance of donations**

- \$86,418.20 from the Title I grant
  - \$65,123.29 from the 2018 & 2019 Secured School Safety Grants
  - \$10,000 from SWE PTO from the Blue River Foundation for playground equipment
  - \$20.00 from the FRCC Benevolent Fund for the Spartan Cupboard
  - \$150 from the Flat Rock Christian Fideless Class for the Spartan Cupboard
- Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

**C. Recommend approval to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southwestern Consolidated Classroom Teachers' Association and file that MOU with IEERB to enter into insurance negotiations prior to September 15<sup>th</sup>**

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

**D. Other**

None

**VII. Reports and Presentations**

**A. Principal's Report**

Mr. Chase provided board members with a handout that showed the AP scores for the previous five years. Mr. Chase explained the advantages of dual credit

courses, but noted that colleges put more emphasis on AP test scores because they are a nationally scored test. Mr. Chase also explained that ILEARN test could be retaken but there was a chance that the score could actually be lower the second time.

Mr. Edwards informed the board that IREAD scores were currently embargoed until 8/6/2019. Mr. Edwards thanked the Blue River Foundation for the \$10,000 grant given to the school for playground equipment.

## **B. Superintendent Report**

Dr. Maurer updated the board members on items that had passed in the 2019 general assembly. She noted that from the over 200 education bills that were submitted 53 had been passed. Dr. Maurer shared the following approved bills and explained how they would affect Southwestern:

- HB1001 increased funding from the state for the 2020 and 2021 school years, some areas affected were the teacher retirement fund and the teacher appreciation grant.
- HB1003 tracked the amounts that schools transfer from the educational fund to the operations fund.
- HB1004 included that the matching amount for the School Safety Grant had changed and that student counts would be considered in determining the match amount.
- SEA 2 covered school bus safety for those who live on state roads or U.S. highways. Under the new law, students these students could only enter or exit a school bus on the right hand side of the road unless approved by the school board. Dr. Maurer assured the board members that she had been working to update all affected routes. She also explained that under this new law, if a bus equipped with a camera is passed, the fines collected as a result of the camera could be collected from the county council if the board chooses to.
- SEA 606 covered how teacher increases could be determined. Previously years of experience and level of education could only account for 33% of a raise, this has now been increased to 50%.
- SB390 required a public hearing before annual bargaining can begin. A second hearing must be held at least 72 hours before the board votes on the new master agreement.

## **VIII. Personnel**

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

- Resignation of Brady Meier as math teacher at the jr./sr. high
  - Resignation of Heidi Kearns as elementary teacher
  - Emma Korkhouse as the jr. high student council advisor
- Mr. Burbrink moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0

### **B. Recommendations to hire**

- Erica Bryan as Spanish teacher at \$40,000
- Jason West as secondary math teacher at \$43,000  
Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 6-0
  
- Annie Coy as 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball coach
- Keifer Cameron as jr. high soccer
- Renewal of the following non-certified coaches
  - Chris Clark – varsity cross country
  - Lori Coffman – jr. high cross country
  - Noah Kelley - varsity soccer assistant
  - Aiden Sample – volunteer soccer assistant
  - Gary Muldoon – varsity girls golf
  - Teri Muldoon – volunteer girls golf assistant
 Mr. Burbrink move and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

**C. Other**  
None

**VIII. Superintendent Comments**

**IX. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Beck noted that “Spartan Pride” was considered in all aspects of the new fieldhouse

**X. Adjournment**

Mrs. Isgrigg adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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