

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 8, 2021

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

Members not present: Travis Beck and Isaac Pile

I. Call to Order

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

President Jim Emerick called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County. ~~He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.~~

B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions

President Jim Emerick welcomed everyone in attendance.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

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

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0

IV. Business and Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

Mr. Emerick informed the board that the financial reports were in their packets. No questions were asked regarding the report.

B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report

Mr. Emerick informed the board that the extracurricular and cafeteria reports were in their packets. No questions were asked regarding the report.

V. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants

- Recommend the acceptance of 100 \$25 Gift Certificates from Applebee's for the Corporation Reward Program.
- Recommend the acceptance of \$50 from the Fralich family for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend the acceptance of \$150 from the Nading family for the Spartan Cupboard.

- Recommend the acceptance of \$1,176 from Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church for the FCA.
- Recommend the acceptance of \$50 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard

Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0

- B. Recommend the first reading of the policy of the Southwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County addressing House Enrollment Act 1437 on electronic participation of board members.**
No action required for first reading.
- C. Recommend the approval for the FFA overnight field trip for a soils contest to Jasper from October 15, 2021 to October 16, 2021.**
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0
- D. Recommend the approval for the FFA overnight field trip to the state convention from October 27, 2021 to October 30, 2021.**
Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 5-0
- E. Recommend the approval for the FFA overnight field trip to state crops, forestry, and entomology contest at Purdue from December 10, 2021 to December 11, 2021.**
Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 5-0
- F. Recommend the approval of the updated roof project at \$439,800 for Quality Roofing Specialists**
Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0
- G. Recommend the approval of the minutes from the Pre-Formal Bargaining joint public hearing**
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0
- H. Other**
Recommend approval of the McKinney-Vinto Act plan for Southwestern School District.
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0
Recommend approval for Mrs. Thopy and Mrs. Head to attend IASBO annual conference in Fort Wayne, IN on November 17, 2021 through November 19,2021.
Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Drake seconded. Carried 5-0
Mr. Burbrink moved to add a year to the superintendent's contract
Mrs. Smith Seconded. Carried 5-0

VI. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Edwards informed the board members he was glad to be back to work following his illness. He wanted to thank all the staff who helped during his absence. He explained that the sixth grade would be divided into three classes instead of two to help with class sizes and social distancing in the classrooms and cafeteria. He also wanted to thank all teachers, aides and parents for their help and flexibility in navigating through these times. He

reported that the elementary was ready to start Clearsite testing for the formative assessment.

Mr. Tindall let board members know that the high school was working to make sure social distancing could be implemented wherever possible including changes to the cafeteria and lunch hours. Mr. Tindall let board members know that some testing had begun in the Jr/Sr High school and the next month PSAT's would begin for 9th and 10th graders, and SAT's for 12th graders. He informed the board that this is the last year for ISTEP 10+ and that next year 11th graders would take SAT's as well.

B. Superintendent Report

Mr. Chase spoke of the current COVID data within the school district. He stated that less than one percent of students were absent due to COVID and that 2.3% were quarantining for close contact. He let board members know that there were no cases proven to be transmitted during school hours.

VII. Personnel

A. Staff Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend the resignation of Ashley Verseman as junior varsity volleyball coach as of 8/13/2021
- Recommend the resignation of Brisha Dunbar as C.A.R.E. Club Director as of 8/20/2021
- Recommend the resignation of Courtney Messer as volunteer volleyball coach
- Recommend intermittent FMLA for Denise Mitchell as of 9/3/2021
Mr. Burbrink moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommend the approval of Ashley Fivecoat as School Wide Title I Leader
- Recommend the approval of Belinda Head as Elementary Concessions Manager for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Recommend the approval of Taylor Cloud as elementary aide as of 8/16/2021.
- Recommend the approval of Caleb Tennell as C.A.R.E. Club Director as of 8/23/2021.
- Recommend the approval of Amber Fiesbeck as an elementary teacher for the 2021-22 school year
- Recommend the approval of Ali Fix as junior varsity volleyball coach
- Recommend the approval of Travis Oliver as Director Facilities and Maintenance at \$60,000
Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carrie 5-0

C. Other
None

VIII. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Chase thanked the board members for the extension on his contract.

IX. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Smith stated she was glad to hear of the current low COVID numbers.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

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