

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
December 16, 2021

Members Present: Travis Beck, Michael Burbrink, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Linda Isgrigg, Susan Smith
Member not present: 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 7:10 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. Beck seconded. Carried 6-0

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

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

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 \$260 from Mt. Auburn Christian Church for the Spartan Cupboard.
- Recommend the acceptance of \$340.96 from Joshua Vise through the United Way for Southwestern Elementary School.

- Recommend the acceptance of \$200 from Karl and Teresa Nading for the Spartan Cupboard.

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Burbrink seconded. Carried 6-0

- B.** Recommend the approval of the Spartan Nation Plan. The floor was opened for any public comments about the Spartan Nation Plan. There were no comments made.

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

- C.** Recommend the first reading of the NEOLA Corporation Wellness Policy
No vote required for first reading.

- D.** Other

- Recommend the approval to add \$1.50 an hour to the PLATO Lab Facilitator position effective 8/2/2021

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

- Recommend the approval for the superintendent to have the authority to hire staff as needed with candidates to be presented at the January board meeting.

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

- Recommend the approval to continue the Expanded Paid Sick Leave Act (EPSLA) through 5/31/2021 that was approved at the school board meeting on October 13, 2021.

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

- Recommend approval for the superintendent to get two appraisals for two acres of commercial ground on the east side of the current corporation property.

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

VI. Reports and Presentations

A.

Principal Reports

Mr. Edwards informed the board members that the elementary students had completed the first round of the ClearSite assessment, and the staff was working to analyze the data obtained through this testing. Mr. Edwards stated that the data from these assessments would be used to drive instruction to improve student testing scores.

Mr. Tindall provided board members with a handout containing testing results data. This information included SAT and PSAT scores for the high school students. He explained that overall Southwestern students were above the state average in the language arts areas and lower than the state average in the math areas. Mr. Tindall explained that in January the

staff will begin a pilot program with IXL learning in an effort to find ways to raise the scores. He explained that this program is based on skills based learning.

B. Superintendent Report

Mr. Chase updated the board members on the guest speakers who had signed up to come speak with Southwestern students, this was from the program initiated by Mrs. Carver presented at the November meeting. He also shared with board members the out of district survey he planned to send to parents of current out of district students. This survey asked those parents for feedback about the strengths and weaknesses of Southwestern and their decision to send their children here.

VII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend the resignation of April Mangrum as elementary library aide as of 11/26/2021.

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

B. Recommendations to Hire

- Recommend the approval of Nick Harrison as volunteer boys 6th grade basketball coach.

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

- Recommend the approval of Blake Dunbar as a volunteer Spartan Wrestling Club coach.

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

- Recommend the approval of Jordan Kipfer as a volunteer Spartan Wrestling Club coach.

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

- Recommend the approval of Tasha Norvell as elementary library aide starting 1/1/2022.

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

- Recommend the approval of Ali Fix as 7th grade girls basketball coach

Mr. Beck moved and Mrs. Smith seconded. Carried 5-1

C. Other

None

VIII. Superintendent Comments

None

IX. Board Member Comments

Mr. Beck wished everyone a merry christmas.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.
