

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
May 18, 2022

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jerry Drake, Jim Emerick, Isaac Pile, Linda Isgrigg, Susan Smith, and Derrek Tennell

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. Mr. Edwards recognized that Emma Stamper would be competing in the upcoming National Braille Challenge competition. Mr. Edwards introduced Ms. Fivecoat and Ms. Baute who recognized students who had received perfect scores on their IREAD3 testing. These students included Paris Buis and Dexter Sipes, who were given certificate of achievements. Mr. Edwards also explained that this was the first year that second graders were allowed to take IREAD3. Delilah Creek was recognized as a second grader who received a perfect score on the testing.

II. Public Comment

None

III. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Drake moved and Mr. Beck seconded for both items A & B.
Carried 7-0

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 reports.

V. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants:

- Recommend the acceptance of a donation for the Spartan Cupboard from Treva Whitis in the amount of \$25.
- Recommend the acceptance of a donation for the Spartan Cupboard from Mt. Auburn Christian Church in the amount of \$50.
- Recommend the acceptance of a donation to the Southwestern Band & Choir from Doug Gaking consisting of several items in the estimated amount of \$725.

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommend the approval to renew contract with PowerSchool in the amount of \$10, 935.23

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Tennell seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Recommend the approval to hire services for camera installation from Matrix Integration in the amount of \$11,628.00.

Mr. Tennell moved and Mr. Pile seconded. Carried 7-0

D. Recommend the approval for Pam Meyer to teach supervised agricultural experience during the summer pending enrollment.

Mr. Pile moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Other

Recommend approval of the Unfair Labor Practice Settlement from mediation held on 5/17/2022

Mrs. Isgrigg moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

VI. Reports and Presentations

A. Principal Reports

Mr. Tindall was absent, no report given.

B. Facilities Director Report

Mr. Oliver thanked the board members for the approval to purchase a new lawn mower. He also reflected on some of the larger projects that had been completed including the digital sign, drainage at the wastewater treatment plant, roof replacement almost complete on both schools, high school water heater, and elementary door frames. Mr. Oliver reported to the board on the upcoming projects to be completed during the summer break. These projects included installing new windows in the athletic complex, deep cleaning both schools, upgrading the fire panel at the high school, and adding mulch to the playground among other things.

C. Food Service Director Report

Mrs. Dunbar reported that the cafeteria staff had worked together as a team to accomplish what was needed during the past year including issues caused by the pandemic. She also thanked everyone who pitched in to help during these trying times. Mrs. Dunbar updated board members on some upgraded items for the cafeterias including two new refrigerators, a new milk cooler, new salad bars for each school, an air curtain cooler, and new tables. She also let them know that she had been getting quotes for painting and flooring for the cafeterias. Mrs. Dunbar also explained

that at that time it seemed the waivers that were in place during the pandemic would be dropped for next school year.

D. Superintendent Report

Mr. Edwards spoke about the last few days of the current school year. He stated that it was good to see parents back on campus and that everyone had been looking forward to holding field days again. He pointed out that Mr. Guidi had done an excellent job of setting everything up and that parents are being allowed to attend and participate in field day events. Mr. Edwards also spoke of the upcoming high school graduation, and how hard everyone had worked to get things ready for the commencement ceremony. Mr. Beck asked if there was a plan to re-evaluate the policy to allow parents and grandparents back into the school for the upcoming year. Mr. Edwards agreed that it was time to reverse the policy.

VII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- Recommend the resignation of Gary Muldoon as head coach of the boys golf team effective at the conclusion of the 2022 season.
- Recommend the resignation of Matt Campbell as Academic Team Coordinator/English Coach for the 2022-2023 school year.
- Recommend the acceptance of Susan Neville's intent to retire effective August 01, 2022.
- Recommend the resignation of Sabrina Carver as JH girls track coach.
- Recommend the resignation of Melanie Smith as assistant varsity cheerleading coach.

Mr. Beck moved and Mr. Tennell seconded. Carried 7-0

B. Recommendations to Hire

Recommend to hire Nathaniel Juniper as a volunteer high school volleyball coach for the 2022 season.

Mr. Tennell moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0

C. Other

Recommend to hire Kaitlin Wallis as a teacher at Southwestern Elementary School at the salary of \$40,000 as of August 01, 2022 pending approved background check. Ms. Wallis was introduced to the board members.

Recommend to hire Marty Robinson as a teacher at Southwestern Elementary School at the salary of \$44,000 as of August 01, 2022 pending approved background check. Mr. Robinson was unable to attend the meeting.

Recommend to hire Rachel Barlow as a teacher at Southwestern Elementary School at the salary of \$52,500 as of August 01, 2022 pending approved background check. Mrs. Barlow was introduced to the board members.

Mr. Drake moved and Mrs. Isgrigg seconded. Carried 7-0

VIII. Superintendent Comments

Mr. Edwards mentioned:

- Congratulations to the Jr/Sr High School Student Council for their recent Gold Level rating achievement
- Thank you for the Spartan representation from students Kennedy Pile and Bryn Pfanschmidt as delegates for the Central East Region of Student Council. Congratulations to Garrett Elliott on his recent nomination to represent Southwestern Schools.
- Thank you to the SW Booster Club for the sign addition to our weight room.
- Congratulations to Carter Snepp, Dane Kissell, Ryan Griffin, Koty Claiborne, Lilly Rooks, and Alison Muck on their conference track championships in their respective events.

IX. Board Member Comments

Mr. Beck mentioned that the sixth grade graduation would be held Thursday, May 19th.

Mrs. Isgrigg mentioned she was looking forward to the graduation ceremony.

Mrs. Smith welcomed the new staff members.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Emerick adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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