
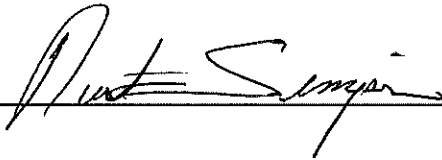
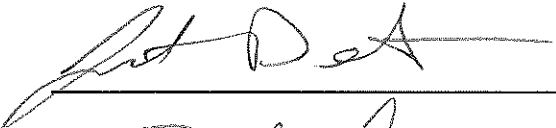

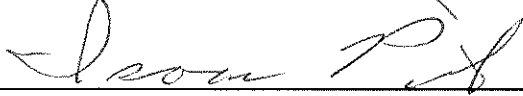


SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
October 16, 2024
6:00 pm

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper, and Derrek Tennell

The board met in executive session before the regular board meeting. The only items discussed were as advertised.

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SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Special Work Session

October 16, 2024

Members Present: Travis Beck, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper, and Derrek Tennell

Call to Order

Board President Derrek Tennell called the Special Work Session to order at 6:32 p.m. in the Southwestern Administration Building.

I. New Business

A. Presentation from Tecton for bond construction

Stacy Abernathy from Tecton Construction Management provided board members with a handout that outlined the process that Tecton would follow to complete the bond project. He explained that the bond project was currently in the conceptual phase of the budget. Mr. Abernathy explained that the school district would want to create a feasibility master plan for help in prioritizing the needs to be met with each step of the project. He mentioned that Tecton would help them with this process.

B. Discussion of Assessed Values and Southwestern District taxes

Dr. Wilkins explained to the board members and the community members about an error that had occurred with the certified net assessed values. The error that had been made by the county auditor when reporting assessed values to the state. He explained how this in turn would affect the tax rate for the upcoming bond project. Mrs. Newkirk thanked Derrek Tennell for his time in finding the error and helping to get a correction made in a timely manner. Mr. Derrek Tennell presented an overview explaining school finance and how each fund receives funding. He also explained how these funds could be spent.

Mr. Paul Baute thanked the board for hosting the public meeting and sharing the information and providing handouts. He commented about the cost for issuing bonds and wanted to know if there was another way to use finances than paying for issuing bonds. Mrs. Newkirk responded that one alternative to bonds would be a referendum, but there was no time to complete before year end.

Mrs. Charity Mohr asked if there were any guidelines in place to insure, going forward, that the facilities would be maintained on an ongoing basis and not be allowed to reach a state of disrepair. Dr. Wilkins assured her that one of the goals they were working on was a new strategic plan to include more long range planning for the district. He also stated this would include facilities along with other guidance for the district.

III. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the special work session at 7:35 p.m.

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I. Call to Order

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

President Tennell called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m. in the Southwestern Consolidated Administration building. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions

Dr. Wilkins welcomed everyone in attendance.

Student of the Month from the Jr High School were presented to the board members by assistant principal Taylor Meredith. These students included: Chris Dyke from the high school and Alamea Freese from the middle school.

Students of the month from the Elementary School were presented by Beth Hoeing. These students included: Rhett Fortune, Hudson Scott, Jantzen Pierce, Cameron Simpson, Molly Pruitt, Giselle Thomas, Scarlett Stevens, Charlotte Waltz, Ellison Spangler, Karlene Muldoon, Draven Alcorn, Glenn Conover, Julianna Schell, Ian Houston, Anneliese Whitehouse, Nolan Barger, and Madison Higgins.

Mrs Hoeing also recognized first graders who had passed the Fry Word List, including Korbin McKenney and Huxley Rush. She also recognized Avery Butterfield for receiving a Spartan Shout Out.

Dr. Wilkins thanked the students and the parents for all of their hard work and for making time to attend the board meeting.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comments

Mr. Doug Swift thanked the board members for all of their hard work on the bond issuance. He stated that he believed it was the right thing to do at this time to address pressing needs. He also asked if any board member not voting in favor of the bond, if they could explain their reasoning.

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Stamper moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded for both items A and B.
Carried 7-0.

V. Business and Financial Reports

A. Financial Report

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

B. Extracurricular and Cafeteria Report

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

VI. Public Hearing on Bond Discussion

A. Additional Appropriation Hearing

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Southwestern Consolidated

School District (the "School Corporation") was held at 3406 W 600 South, Shelbyville, IN 46176, Shelbyville, Indiana, on October 16, 2024, at the hour of 7:30 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given to all members of the Board in accordance with Indiana Code § 5141.5 and the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board, and the minutes of the meeting were recorded by the Secretary of the Board.

On call of the roll the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as

follows:

Present: Travis Beck, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Isaac Pile, Dustin Simpson, Derrek Tennell, and Brad Stamper

Absent: None

The attorney for the School Corporation, was also present at said meeting. (Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following):

The Secretary presented to the Board proof of publication of the notice of the hearing to be held at this meeting on the matter of the additional appropriation proposed to be made on account of the renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including

site and athletic improvements and the purchase of equipment, buses and technology (the "Project"), which proof of publication shows that the notice was published in the Shelbyville News on September 19, 2024.

On motion duly made, seconded and carried, the proof of publication was ordered approved and made a part of the records of this Board.

The President of the Board then stated that the Board was ready to hear all taxpayers desiring to be heard in respect to the matter of the additional appropriation in the amount of \$2,545,000, plus investment earnings thereon, proposed to be made on account of the Project.

After hearing all taxpayers present who desired to be heard relative to the additional appropriation, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the resolution attached hereto as Exhibit A was adopted.

It was next stated that the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis, Indiana, had been consulted relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. The Board was then presented with a form of resolution for adoption to authorize the issuance of bonds.

After due consideration of the final bond resolution, on motion duly made, seconded and carried, the same was adopted and is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

Upon motion made and seconded the meeting adjourned.

B. Additional Appropriation Resolution

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-1.

C. Adopt Final Bond Resolution

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 6-1.

VII. New Business

A. Recommend the acceptance of donations and grants

a. Donation from Mt. Auburn Christian Church in the amount of \$50 for the Spartan Food Pantry.

b. Donation from The Arc of Shelby County in the amount of \$250 for the Mayors Walk.

Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

B. Recommend to approve Resolution to Transfer amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

C. Recommend to approve Resolution to adopt a School Bus Replacement Plan. (2025-2029)

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.

D. Recommend to approve Resolution to adopt a Capital Projects Fund Plan. (2025-2027)

Mr. Stamper moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0

E. Recommend to approve Present Year Budget Reduction Resolution.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

F. Recommend to approve Transfer Resolution.

Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

G. Recommend to approve CPF Plan.

H. Recommend to approve School Bus Replacement Plan for the years 2025-2029

I. Recommend to approve Budget Form 4.

Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Simpson seconded items G through I.
Carried 7-0.

J. Recommend to approve Contract for Orientation and Mobility Services.

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 7-0.

K. Recommend the first reading of policies.

Policy numbers:

- A275-R (School Wellness)
- C175 (Student Attendance, Academic Engagement and Truancy Prevention)
- C125-R (Student Admission/Enrollment)
- C275 (Test Security Provisions for Statewide Assessments)
- C275-R (Test Security Provisions for Statewide Assessments)
- C525 (Medical Needs)
- E125-E (Appeal Request Form)
- E125-R (Retention Appeal Procedure)
- F125 (Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets)
- G350 (Audio, Video and Digital Recording on School Property and of School Meetings)

L. Recommend to approve 2025-2026 School Calendar, with the correction to April as discussed.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

M. Other.

Overtime Report was presented to staff members

VIII. Reports and Presentations

Facilities Director Report

Mr. John Fix wanted to recognize the facilities/custodial staff for all of their hard work. This included Lisa Park, Keeziah Taylor, and Sean Roberts as the high school staff and Leslie Parker, Anna Ramsey as the elementary staff. He also mentioned Cory Brand and Adrienne Pope who work in maintenance to help keep everything running. He also mentioned that they were looking to hire a part time evening custodian for the elementary school. He let board members know that he was looking forward to the work to be completed from the bond, stating that the current HVAC system is in constant need of repairs.

IX. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- a. Accept resignation from Rachel Swift for cafeteria online monitoring as of 09/23/2024.
- b. Accept resignation from Valentina Richardson as custodian as of 10/8/2024.

Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

B. Recommendations to Hire

- a. Approval to hire Jordan Bledsoe as cafeteria online monitoring as of 09/23/2024.
- b. Approval to hire Lisa Robertson as FFA Sponsor for the 24/25 school year with a stipend of \$7360 for the year.
- c. Approval to hire Randy Toloday as Technology Data Manager
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Beck seconded. Carried 7-0.

X. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Wilkins offered his condolences to the family of John Pile, who had been a Southwestern school bus driver for 42 years. He stated that this was a loss for the district as well as his family. Dr. Wilkins updated board members about the student count day from October 1st, stating the student membership had grown by 13 students for a total of 616 students in kindergarten through 12th grade. He also reported that we also had 53 preschool students. Dr. Wilkins reminded board members of the upcoming donkey basketball tournament that would be held on November 14th. Dr. Wilkins reported on the fall athletic season stating that the volleyball team would play their first sectional game the following night. He also discussed Community Night and what a great turn out of people who attended. He also reported that he had attended the Southwestern Alumni luncheon and met several alumni.

XI. Board Member Comments

Mr. Beck asked about the school attorneys attending the board meetings. He stated that he thought it would be helpful to have someone there to answer questions. He congratulated and welcomed Lisa Robertson as the new FFA advisor. Mr. Beck addressed Mr. Swift and Mrs. Mohr from their comments earlier stating that the board had huge goals going forward for strategic planning and facilities upkeep and maintenance.

Mr. Pile responded to Mr. Swift and Mrs. Mohr stating that he had voted against the bond issue due to the lack of having a strategic/master plan in place. He also felt it would have been prudent to issue one bond for the total amount instead of issuing two separate bonds as planned. He invited anyone from the community that had any questions to please reach out to him.

Mrs. Newkirk stated that she had voted in favor of the bond issue because she felt the schools would soon become unsafe or unhealthy for the students. She reiterated that she still believed issuing a referendum would be a viable option in the future. She reminded everyone that being a board member is not always an easy position to be in and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Stamper stated that he appreciated everyone who had attended the meeting and addressed Mrs. Mohr's comment about holding people accountable. He stated that there had been a lot of changes and improvements.

Mr. Tennell offered condolences to the family of John Pile. He also welcomed Lisa Robertson. Mr. Tennell reported that he felt they had presented best plan in some time and that this was the time to make needed changes. Mr. Tennell offered for anyone with questions to reach out to him.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.









