

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

April 9, 2025

Members Present: John Blue, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Derrek Tennell and Daryl Thomas

Member Attending Virtual: Brad Stamper

Member not Present: Dustin Simpson

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 5:30 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.

Students of the Month for February from the Jr/Sr High School were presented to the board members by principal John Tindall. These students included High school students Brady Mitchell and Amari Hansfield, and Jr High student Gianna Tennell.

Students of the month for January and February from the Elementary School were presented by principal Beth Hoeing. These students included:

Charley Routier, Clifton Burbrink, Evelyn Garcia-Hernandez, Madelyn Forrest, Madilynn Burton, Ayverie Jones, Mia Garcia-Hernandez, Rhett Alexander, Jadyn Hamilton, Bailey Gosser, Augustus Johnson, Kameron Fletcher, Madyson Craig, Ryleigh Denton, Alex Kelley, Milo Corwin, Isaiah Tucker.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comments

None

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Deater moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded for both items A and B. Carried 6-0.

V. Business and Financial Reports

A. Financial and Cafeteria Reports

B. Extracurricular Account Report

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

VI. 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 Knauf Fiberglass in the amount of \$500 for School Corporation.
- c. Donation from Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in the amount of \$300 for the Spartan Food Pantry.
- d. Donation from Varner and Treva Whitis in the amount of \$50 for the Spartan Cupboard.
- e. Donation from Miller Pipeline by David Hudson in the amount of \$500 for the Elementary Backpack Program.
- f. Donation from Top Crop Alliance in the amount of \$500 for Southwestern FFA.

Mr. Blue moved and Mr. Thomas seconded. Carried 6-0.

B. Recommend approval to purchase the Mcgraw Hill Elementary Math Curriculum in the amount of \$11,948.12.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 6-0.

C. Recommend approval to purchase the Mcgraw Hill Elementary English Language Curriculum In the amount of \$138,117.58.

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0.

D. Recommend approval to accept the bid from Big Ben roofing Company in the amount of \$668,000.

Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Blue seconded. Carried 6-0.

E. Recommend approval of People Driven Technology for Network and Wireless Project in the amount of \$38,963.81 over the next 3 years, for a total of \$116,891.44

Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0.

F. Other

- Overtime report

VII. Reports and Presentations

A. Bond construction presentation given by Tecton, Primary Engineering, and Moake Park

Handouts were provided by representatives from Tecton and Primary Engineering. These provided information about which project they felt were most important to be completed with funds from the GO bond and upcoming lease bond. Items discussed included roofing and HVAC mechanical replacement as the primary areas of concern.

B. Principal Report-John Tindall

Mr. Tindall spoke with board members about preliminary numbers for the SAT testing at the Jr/Sr High School. Overall he reported that English

Language Arts scores were strong with 93% of college bound students meeting the state benchmark scores. He also informed the board that math scores were an area of targeted improvement with 29% of college bound students meeting the state benchmark scores, and that overall scores had increased by 11 points over the previous year. Mr. Tindall explained to the board that the benchmark scores for math were higher than those for ELA.

VIII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- a. Termination of Ryan Gierman as Speech Assistant as of 3/24/25.
 - b. Resignation of Kylee Rehmer as SWE teacher at the end of her 24/25 school year contract.
 - c. Resignation of Kylee Rehmer as Head High School Volleyball coach after 24/25 school year.
- Mr. Deater moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.

B. Recommendations to Hire

None

IX. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Wilkins provided board members with a presentation of information received at a recent meeting with a representative from Baker Tilly concerning the state of Southwestern's Education and Operation fund for the calendar year of 2024. He brought to the attention of of board members the increased amounts spent on salaries and transportation and the effects these amounts had on the funds.

X. Board Member Comments

Mrs. Newkirk asked that the high school Academic Team be recognized for their recent accomplishments. She also reminded everyone of the upcoming play later that week put on by the drama department. Mrs. Newkirk also mentioned that prom would be held that weekend and hoped everyone had fun but they were careful.

Mr. Deater asked for a listing of the six year curriculum rotation showing which curriculum would need to be approved each year.

Mr. Tennell thanked everyone for attending and those who had watched virtually.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

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