

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
May 14, 2025

Members Present: John Blue, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper, Derrek Tennell, and Daryl Thomas

**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 6:30 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 from the Jr/Sr High School were presented to the board members by principal John Tindall. These students included Jr High school student Calan Stickford, High School student Landon Drake, and Blue River Career student, Isaac Bunch.

Also recognized were the members of the Academic team, Mallory McInerney, Maddie Barlow, Kaylee Pike, Tanna Tatlock and Pedro Lima. Team sponsors, Mrs. Marquart, Mr. Rather, Ms. Bohman, Mr. Cunningham, and Mr. Mangrum.

Students of the month for March from the Elementary School were presented by principal Beth Hoeing. These students included: Brooks Spangler, Kinleigh Hopper, Nora Morrow, Beau Carter, Lilly Carter, Ryston Jessee, Quinn Hawley, Cameron Shields, Lincoln Boyce, Reagan Clark, Ellie Weinantz, Aurora Wehner, Thea Fiesbeck, Landon Schmidt, Ryanne Hancock, McKenna Craig, Eastin Stickford.

The first annual tip of the spear award was given to Mrs. Hoeing for her contributions to the school district.

**II. Agenda Modifications**

None

**III. Public Comments**

None

**IV. Consent Items and Claims**

**A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting**

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

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

**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 Beta Phi Psi Iota Xi in the amount of \$50 for Southwestern Elementary literacy.
- c. Donation from Lewis Creek Baptist Church in the amount of \$100.00 for the Spartan Food Pantry.
- d. Donation from Donnie Henderson in the amount of \$60 for the Angel Fund.
- e. Donation from Flat Rock United Methodist Church in the amount of \$440.00 for the Spartan Food Pantry.
- f. Donation from the SWE PTO in the amount of \$6,358 for the school corporation to cover the cost of the gaga ball pit.

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

**B. Recommend to approve Elementary School student handbooks.**

Mr. Stamper moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded, pending updates discussed. Carried 7-0.

**Recommend to approve Junior-Senior High School student Handbooks.** Board members questioned and discussed policies pertaining to the dress code and cell phone usage.

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Deater seconded, pending updates discussed. Carried 7-0.

**C. Southwestern Board of Education Guiding Principles**

These principles were presented and board members agreed to an annual review.

Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Blue seconded. Carried 7-0.

**D. Recommend to approve FCA to go on an overnight field trip to Camp Illiana-Washington, Indiana from July 21-23 2025.**

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

**E. Recommend to approve summer school 2025 course work in the amount of \$13,097.80.**

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

**F. Recommend to approve Resolution Determining need for Project.**

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

**G. Recommend to approve Resolution Approving Form of Lease.**

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

**H. Recommend approval of payment to Big Ben Builders Inc in the amount of \$319,213.30 for the roofs on both buildings.**

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

- I. **Recommend approval of Junior-Senior High School Math curriculum from McGraw Hill in the amount of \$46,523.03.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- J. **Recommend approval of Junior-Senior High School English-Language Arts in the amount of \$43,019.49.**  
Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- K. **Recommend approval of Medical Telehealth Services Agreement to go into effect 8/1/2025.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- L. **Recommend approval of Summer Read and Feed.**  
Mr. Simpson moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.
- M. **Other**  
Board members were notified that the overtime report was included in the board packets.

## **VII. Reports and Presentations**

None

## **VIII. Personnel**

### **A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

- a. Resignation of Scott Shepherd as Athletic Director as of May 30, 2025.
  - b. Resignation of Steve Shaw as Agriculture Teacher as of July 1, 2025.
  - c. Resignation of Riley Jessee as Elementary instructional assistant as of May 23, 2025.
  - d. Resignation of Madelyn Bohman as High School Science teacher as of May 31, 2025.
- Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

### **B. Recommendations to Hire**

- a. Recommend to hire Don Wesseling as volunteer Assistant for FCA for 24/25 school year.
  - b. Recommend to hire Katie Mayer as 2nd grade teacher for the 25/26 school year at \$56,500.
  - c. Recommend to hire Katelyn Clark as third grade teacher for the 25/26 school year at \$50,500.
  - d. Recommend Ashley Versemann as teacher for 2025 Summer School Reading.
  - e. Recommend Steve Shaw as teacher for 2025 Summer SAE Program.
  - f. Recommend Denise Mitchell as teacher for summer school core academic areas for credit recovery.
- Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.

## **IX. Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Wilkins provided an overview of the information from the Community Brainstorming Sessions that had been held.  
The information that was provided was broken down into five categories.

Communication  
Engagement  
Support  
Community Involvement  
Accountability

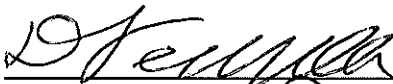


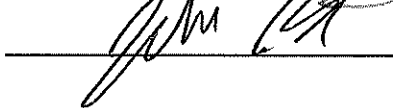
Dr. Wilkins reported that the meetings had been very helpful in learning how the school district was perceived by the community.

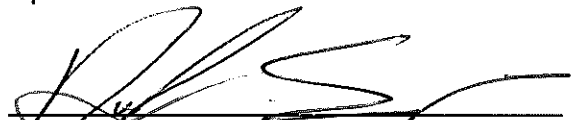


**.X. Board Member Comments**

Mr. Thomas congratulated Mrs. Hoeing on receiving the Tip of the Spear award and the fact that 100% of third graders required to take the IREAD testing had received passing grades. Mr. Blue also congratulated all of the award winners. Mrs. Newkirk also congratulated the award winners and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Mr. Tennell congratulated the award recipients and asked that the guiding principles approved that evening be placed on the school website.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

  
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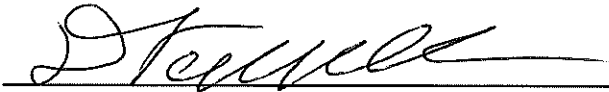
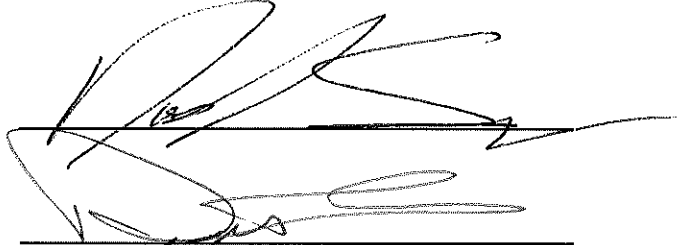
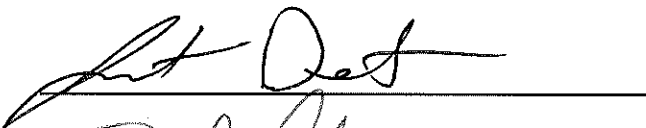
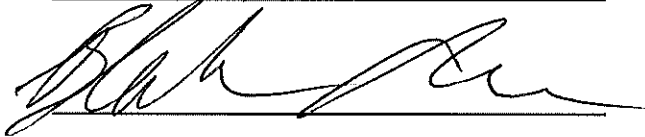



  
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EXECUTIVE SESSION

May 14, 2025  
5:30 pm

Members Present: John Blue, Jonathan Deater, Blake Newkirk, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper, Derrek Tennell, and Daryl Thomas

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

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