

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

July 9, 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 6:08 p.m. in the Southwestern Consolidated Administration building. He led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

**B. Welcome, introductions and recognitions**

Mr. Tennell welcomed everyone in attendance.

Mr. Tindall recognized Libby Welnantz and Kaden Barlow as recipients of the Citizenship award for the previous school year.

Mr. Tindall recognized Ben Kahler and Tanna Tatlock as Senior Athletes for the previous school year.

**II. Agenda Modifications**

Dr. Wilkins explained that items on the agenda pertaining to the Multi School Corporation and the hearing on the lease bond were moved to the beginning of the agenda. He also explained that Item P, payment to Tecton, had been added. Dr. Wilkins explained that policy D250 that was previously listed would be removed because it was no longer relevant.

**III. Public Comments**

None

**IV. Consent Items and Claims**

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

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Simpson 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. Hearing on Lease**

This hearing was presented by board president, Derrek Tennell, including Items B.-E.

- B. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Execution of Lease.**  
Mr. Stamper moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.
- C. Adopt Resolution Reapproving Formation of Building Corporation.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- D. Adopt Resolution Assigning Contracts to Building Corporation.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 7-0.
- E. Adopt Resolution Approving Supplement to Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.**  
Mr. Blue moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.
- F. 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 Mt. Gilead Baptist Church Deacon's Fund in the amount of \$300 for the Spartan Food Pantry.
- Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- G. Recommend approval of High School Student Athletic - Parent Handbook.**  
Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- H. Recommend approval of High School Coaching Handbook.**  
Mr. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- I. Recommend approval of I Decide For Me curriculum for High School Human Sexuality Course.**  
Mr. Thomas moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.
- J. Recommend approval to renew the HR Specialist, Business Manager, Admin Assistant, and ECA treasurer bonds, along with the position bonds.**  
Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- K. Recommend Superintendent authority to hire staff as needed with candidates to be presented at the August board meeting.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- L. Board Policy Manual reviewed and revised to conform with official Board resolutions as recorded in the Official Minutes Book.**  
Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 7-0.
- M. Recommend to approve FCA field trip on 7/21/25 to Camp Illiana-Washington IN.**  
Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Thomas seconded. Carried 7-0.
- N. Recommend to approve Powerschool Enrollment Registration in the amount of \$13,647.70.**  
Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- O. Recommend the first reading of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim.**
- A100- Non-Discrimination & Anti-Harassment
  - B100-Board Authority and Philosophy
  - B150- Board Organization
  - B200-Membership
  - C125- Legal Settlement - Open Districts
  - C175-Student Attendance, Academic Engagement, and Truancy

Prevention Policy

- C200-Anti-Bullying
- C225-Parental Access to Instructional Materials and Surveys
- D200-Standard of Care and Supervision of Students
- ~~- D250-Teacher Appreciation Grant~~
- D325-Personal Background Checks and Mandatory Reporting
- E200-Religious Release Time and Credit for Religious Education
- F125-Purchasing Procedures and Capital Assets
- G350-Audio, Video and Digital Recording on School Property and of School Meetings
- G360- Data Breach and Protection
- H100- School Visitors and Parent-Family Engagement

No vote required.

**Recommend to remove policy D250 for the Teacher Appreciation Grant that is now obsolete.**

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

- P. Approve payment to Tecton and Big Ben Builders in the amount of \$101,710.45 for roof installation.**

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

- Q. Other**

None

**VII. Reports and Presentations**

None

**VIII. Personnel**

**A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

None

**B. Recommendations to Hire**

- a. Recommend to hire Connor Jewel as JH Soccer Coach in the amount of \$1628 for the season.

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

- b. Recommend to hire Mary Dehart as Essential Skills Teacher at SWHS at \$46,500.00.

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

Carmen Clayborne was introduced by Mr. Tindall. She had been hired at a previous meeting that she had been unable to attend.

**IX. Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Wilkins explained to the board members that federal funding of the Title grants for the upcoming school year could be significantly less than in the past. He explained that Title II was used for staff development and Title IV had been used for various projects. Dr. Wilkins let board members know that in person registration for the upcoming school year would be held 7/23 and 7/24. He mentioned that Parentsqare would be rolled out during the first week of school. Dr. Wilkins stated that 8/4 would be a staff

only day and 8/6 would be the first student day. Dr. Wilkins also mentioned the upcoming golf outing on 8/1 that the athletic department was putting together.

**.X. Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Newkirk thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Stamper thanked everyone and welcomed Mrs. Clayborne to the staff. Mr. Tennell thanked everyone and welcomed new staff members.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.

  
  
  


  
  


