

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
August 13, 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 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.

**II. Agenda Modifications**

Added under new business item M. Request to appoint a new board member representative to Blue River Career Program to replace Mr. Stamper.

**III. Public Comments**

None

**IV. Consent Items and Claims**

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

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

**B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers**

Mr. Simpson moved and Mrs. Newkirk 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.**

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

**B. Recommend approval of the Strategic Plan.**

Dr. Wilkins presented the plan to board members. Mrs. Newkirk thanked the community and staff for their input.

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

- C. Recommend approval of payment to Tecton in the amount of \$17,000.00 and Big Ben Builders in the amount of \$32,956.45 for the roofing project.**  
Mr. Deater moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.
- D. Recommend approval of agreement with Blue River Career Programs.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- E. Recommend approval of overnight and out of state field trip for FFA to the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, IL.**  
Mr. Deater moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- F. Recommend approval of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim.**  
Policy numbers:  
  - 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
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Blue seconded. Carried 7-0.
- G. Recommend approval for 6th grade students to attend the Junior-Senior High School during the 2026-27 school year.**  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.
- H. Request permission to post on the DLGF Gateway the Notice of Budget Hearing on September 10, 2025.**  
Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0.
- I. Request permission to post Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan on the district website.**  
Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Blue seconded. Carried 7-0.
- J. Recommend to appoint board members to attend ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference.**  
Mr. Simpson moved and Mrs. Newkirk seconded. Carried 7-0.
- K. Request permission to start informal negotiations in regards to upcoming teachers contracts.**  
Mr. Thomas moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

**L. Recommend approval of Transportation Route Contract Modification Agreement.**

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

**M. Other**

**Recommend appointment of a board member representative to Blue River Career Center.**

Mr. Tennell was appointed as the new board member representative to replace Mr. Stamper due to scheduling conflicts.

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

**VII. Reports and Presentations**

Mrs. Goh from the elementary school gave a presentation to board members on the most recent ILEARN and IREAD results from the previous school year. She also explained the process that was used to create new goals for the current school year.

Mrs. Goh reported that Southwestern Consolidated was one of only three school districts in the state to obtain a 100% passing rate.

Mr. Tindall presented board members with a handout showing the recent ILEARN scores from the Jr/Sr high school. Mr. Tindall stated that the new curriculum would be a great resource for teachers and help to raise test scores.

**VIII. Personnel**

**A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations**

a. Resignation of Gabe Beuning as instructional assistant at SWE

b. Resignation of Haley Baatz as instructional assistant at SWHS

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

**B. Recommendations to Hire**

a. Recommend to hire Jennifer Simpson as instruction assistant at \$13.75 not to exceed 29 hours per week.

Mr. Blue moved and Mr. Deater seconded. Carried 6-0-1.

Mr. Simpson abstained

b. Recommend to hire Amber Fiesbeck as instructional assistant at \$14.75 not to exceed 29 hours per week.

c. Recommend to hire Kimmy Ayers as Virtual Speech Assistant at \$13.50 not to exceed 30 hours per week.

d. Recommend to hire Angela Anspaugh as 3rd grade teacher at \$66,500

e. Recommend to hire Megan Ramsey as 8th grade volleyball coach at \$1628 for the 25/26 school year.

f. Recommend to hire Courtney Dockery as 7th grade volleyball coach at \$1628 for the 25/26 school year.

g. Recommend to hire Devin Raisor as JH Soccer Head Coach at \$814 for the 25/26 school year.

h. Recommend to hire Joel Parker as JH Soccer Assistant at \$814 for the 25/26 school year.

- i. Recommend to hire Natalie Nolting as SWE Counselor at \$51,500.00 for 184 days.
- j. Recommend to hire Matthew Harrison as Maintenance at \$20.00 not to exceed 40 hours a week.  
Mr. Blue moved and Mr. Stamper seconded items b through j.  
Carried 7-0.
- k. The following coaches will be retained in the position from the previous year:
  - i. Taylor Meredith as Varsity Soccer Head Coach at \$4018
  - ii. Kendall Mangrum as Varsity Cross Country Coach at \$2325
  - iii. Derek Suits as JH Cross Country coach at \$1256
  - iv. Gary Muldoon as Girls Varsity Head Coach at \$2697No vote required.
- l. Receive approval of Conflict of Interest forms for Kevin Blackwell and Jennifer Simpson.  
Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 6-0-1.  
Mr. Simpson abstained.

**IX. Superintendent Comments**

Dr. Wilkins informed the board members that he would be speaking at the Shelby County State of Education meeting on August 25th. He let them know that this would be held at the Shelbyville Middle School and invited board members to attend. Dr, Wilkins stated that current enrollment was approximately 607 students and that the official count day would be October 1, 2025.

**X. Board Member Comments**

Mrs. Newkirk thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also announced that she would not be seeking re-election when her term was completed. She stated that she hoped there would be new board member training for anyone who considered running for the board, as this had been very helpful in the past.

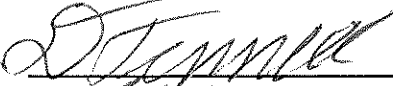



Mr. Stamper thanked everyone who participated in creating the strategic plan. He thanked Dr. Wilkins for the commitment and effort taken to complete the strategic plan.

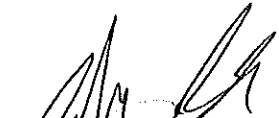

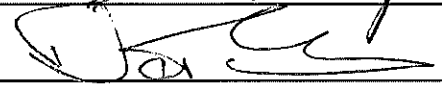
Mr. Deater commented that after hearing the test scores, teachers and administrators should be proud of the results coming in. He also thanked everyone for the effort that had been put into raising the scores.

Mr. Tennell commented that the path Southwestern School District is currently on has improved immensely over the past four years.

**XI. Adjournment**

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

  
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