

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Special Work Session

September 4, 2025

Members Present: John Blue, Blake Newkirk, Brad Stamper, Derrek Tennell, and Daryl Thomas

Members Not Present: Jonathan Deater and Dustin Simpson

I. Call to Order

President Derrek Tennell called the Special Work Session to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County.

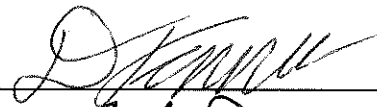
II. Discussion of School Finances and District Goals


The board discussed these items in an open public forum:


- a. Board members received a copy of the current cash flow statement and Dr. Wilkins reviewed year to date financial trends.
- b. Dr. Wilkins discussed the changes being made by the IDOE to how test scores are proposed to be used in the future. He also let board members know that many changes were still being made, and that schools would be receiving a grade from the state in the future.


III. Adjournment

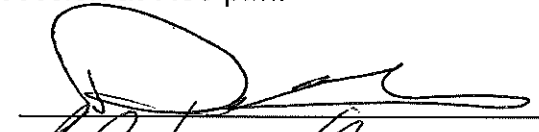
Mr. Tennell adjourned the special work session at 7:30 p.m.




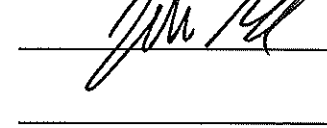












SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
PUBLIC HEARING
September 10, 2025

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

I. Call to Order

President Tennell called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

II. Budget Presentation

Dr. Wilkins presented the budget plan for 2026 to the board members and members of the community. He discussed the CPF and bus replacement plans as posted online. Dr. Wilkins also discussed the budget calendar, budget history and ADM history.

III. New Business

A. Public comments on the 2025 Budget and Levies


None


B. Public comments on the CPF and Bus Replacement Plans.

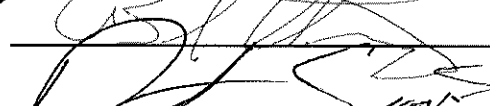
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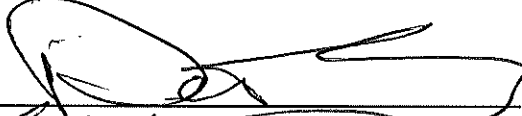
Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 5:48 p.m.




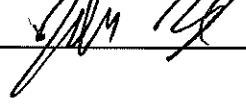












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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
September 10, 2025

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 5:49 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 August from the Jr/Sr High School were presented to the board members by principal John Tindall. These students included High school student John Patrick Haynes, and Jr High student Makenna Waltz. Mr Tindall also recognized Corbon McQueary as student of the month from Blue River Career Center.

II. Agenda Modifications

None

III. Public Comments

Paul Baute congratulated Taylor Meredith on his 100th win as the varsity soccer coach. He also mentioned a recent interaction with a student and wanted to express how important the recognitions such as the Elementary Spartan Way awards were to the students. Mr. Baute also noted that notices posted on the school website were not always easy to find and asked that notices be placed on social media as well.

IV. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

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

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Deater 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 Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in the amount of \$1,866.00 for HS FCA.
- c. Donation from Wilkins Home Improvement in the amount of \$547.00 for Varsity Soccer warm ups.
- d. Donation from Shelby County Farm Bureau in the amount of \$250 for FFA.
- e. Donation from anonymous donor in the amount of \$226 for FFA.
- f. Donation from Varner & Treva Whitis in the amount of \$50 for the Spartan Food Pantry.
- g. Donation from Runnebohm Construction in the amount of \$200 for Southwestern Athletics.
- h. Donation from Chris and Kylee King in the amount of \$200 for Southwestern Athletics
- i. Donation from Surge Development in the amount of \$200 for Southwestern Athletics.
- j. Donation from Flat Rock Ag Supply in the amount of \$300 for Southwestern Athletics.

It was noted that donations g through j were for the upcoming pink-out night for athletics.

- k. Donation of an ice cream machine to the cafeteria valued at \$1500 from Isaac Pile

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

B. Recommend approval for all of 4th grade to go to Flat Rock YMCA Camp in St. Paul, IN overnight from 4/1/26 to 4/2/26.

A partial participation option would also be available.

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

C. Approval to post Additional Appropriation Publication.

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

D. Approval of 25/26 School Year Fundraisers.

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

E. Approve payment to Big Ben Builders in the amount of \$33,102.41 for the roofing project.

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

F. Appoint Board Members for Bargaining of Master Agreement.

Mrs. Newkirk and Mr. Thomas were nominated.

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

G. Other

None

VII. Reports and Presentations

None

VIII. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- a. Resignation of Danielle Helton from spell bowl coach for 25/26 school year.
- b. Resignation of Anna Ramsey as elementary part time custodian as of 9/9/25.

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

B. Recommendations to Hire

- a. Recommend to hire Cloe Phares as a long term substitute for Aubrey Woolery's FMLA starting 9/29/25. Pay will be \$100 for the first 15 days and \$252.72 for the remainder of leave. Obtaining emergency license.
- b. Recommend to hire Kasey Nicholson as SPED instructional assistant at \$13.75 per hour not to exceed 29 hours per week.
- c. Recommend approval of Nicole Mays maternity leave starting 8/25/25. Mrs. Newkirk moved and Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

IX. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Wilkins congratulated Taylor Meredith on his 100th win as varsity soccer coach. He mentioned that many former athletes from the team were at the match to show their support for Mr. Meredith. Dr. Wilkins mentioned that at a work session the prior week that district learning goals had been set for the next three years. He explained that the ILEARN and ELA goal was set at a rate of 48%, and the math goal had been set for 45%. He explained that the current results had been 46.3% in ELA and 42.7% in math.

Dr. Wilkins invited the public to attend the upcoming pink-out athletic events on 9/27. These would include a silent auction, a dunk tank, and athletic games. He also invited everyone to attend the annual Community Night on 9/19.





X. Board Member Comments



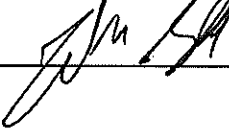
Mrs. Newkirk thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She also thanked everyone who made a donation for the Pink Out Night.

Mr. Tennell thanked everyone for attending, and congratulated Mr. Meredith on his 100th win as varsity soccer coach. Mr. Tennell also thanked the elementary for putting together the fourth grade field trip.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Public Hearing
September 19, 2025

I. Call to Order

Superintendent Dr. Wilkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County.

II. New Business

Public Comment on the 2025-2026 Master Contract with the Southwestern Consolidated Classroom Teachers Association.

Mr. Paul Baute commented that the contract should contain a sufficient salary and benefit package to keep Southwestern competitive with surrounding school districts. He also stated that the contract should take into consideration the cost of living and being able to retain and attract qualified staff. Mr. Baute commented that the contract should also include provisions to address underperforming staff members.

III. Adjournment

Dr. Wilkins adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.



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