

SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE SESSION
January 8, 2025

Members Present: John Blue, Jonathan Deater, Dustin Simpson, Brad Stamper,
Jonathan Deater and Derrek Tennell
Member Attending Electronically: Blake Newkirk

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

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SOUTHWESTERN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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BOARD OF FINANCE-ANNUAL MEETING

January 08, 2025

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

Members attending electronically: Blake Newkirk

I. Call to Order

Board President Derrek Tennell called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 7:27 p.m. in the Administration Office of Southwestern CSD of Shelby County.

II. Reorganization of the Board of Finance

A. Mr. Deater nominated Mr. Tennell as President for the board of finance. Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0.

Mr. Tennell nominated Mr. Simpson as Secretary for the board of finance. Mr. Stamper seconded. Carried 7-0

III. Review of Investment Report

The investment report for Southwestern CSD of Shelby County was presented by the Superintendent, Dr. Wilkins. This presentation included the Southwestern Consolidated School District fiscal indicators released by the DUAB committee as required by law. Dr. Wilkins let the public know that the graphs were available online and a link would be available on the school website. Mr. Stamper moved to approve the reports and Mr. Simpson seconded. Carried 7-0

X. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the board of finance meeting at 7:36 p.m.

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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 7:37 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. He explained that no students would be recognized that evening due to hazardous road conditions.

II. Board Election

A. Swear in Elected Board members

School Attorney, Amy Mathews administered the Oath of Office for recently elected board members, Mr. John Blue, Mr. Jonathan Deater, and Mr. Daryl Thomas.

B. Election of Board Officers

Mr. Deater nominated Mr. Tennell to serve as the board president for 2025. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

Mr. Tennell nominated Mrs. Newkirk to serve as the board vice-president for 2025. Mr. Stamper seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

Mr. Stamper nominated Mr. Simpson to serve as the board secretary for 2025. Mr. Deater seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

C. Appointment of Blue River Career Program Representative

Mr. Tennell nominated Mr. Stamper as the board representative to BRCP. Mr. Deater seconded the motion. Carried 7-0

D. Appointment of School positions:

Attorney: Church, Church, Hittle, and Antrim,

Board Executive Secretary & Business Manager: Bonnie Thopy

HR Specialist: Jessica Blackwell

Corporation ECA treasurer: Amber Mitchell

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

E. Set the Board and Board Secretary Salaries.

Dr. Wilkins explained that the 2024 rates were \$2000 per year for board members and \$60 per meeting for the board secretary.

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

F. Adoption of Annual Board Calendar and Location of Meetings.

Dr. Wilkins informed the board that the listing included in the board packet

had a mistake on the date for the February meeting, it should be listed as February 12th.

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

III. Agenda Modifications

Dr. Wilkins added new business item D for approval for the FFA students to attend an overnight trip to a leadership development workshop.

IV. Public Comments

Mr. Paul Baute welcomed the newly elected board members.

V. Consent Items and Claims

A. Approval of minutes of the previous meeting

B. Approval of accounts payable vouchers

Mr. Stamper moved and Mr. Simpson seconded for both items A and B. Carried 7-0.

VI. Business and Financial Reports

A. Financial 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 Ben Hirschauer in the amount of \$2000 for the Angel Fund.
- c. Donation from Margaret Jones in the amount of \$100 for the Angel Fund
- d. Donation from Rebecca & Scott McInerny in the amount of \$50 for the Backpack Program.
- e. Donation from Kappa Delta Phi Sorority in the amount of \$8.80 for Elementary Library.
- f. Approve to accept grant from IDOE FY 25 special ed grant 611 in the amount of \$160,858.00.
- g. Approve to accept grant from IDOE FY 25 Preschool grant 619 in the amount of \$8,831.00.

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

B. Recommend Amendment to the Master Service Agreement for the Speech Language Pathologist.

Dr. Wilkins explained that this was to add additional hours of service to an already existing agreement.

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

C. Recommend the first reading of policies submitted by Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim.

Policy number: C125 Admission to the corporation.

Dr. Wilkins explained that this policy addressed out of district transfer students. First readings do not require a vote.

- D. Recommend to approve FFA students for an overnight trip to Leadership Development Workshop at the Indiana FFA Center in Trafalgar, IN on Friday 1/31/2025**

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

E. Other

Overtime Report was presented to board members.

VIII. Reports and Presentations

No reports given.

IX. Personnel

A. Leaves/Resignations/Terminations

- a. Recommend the resignation of Mary Justice as Preschool Assistant as of 12/20/2024.

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

B. Recommendations to Hire

Recommend to hire Britney Taylor as Elementary Cheer Coach for the 24-25 School year for \$920.

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

X. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Wilkins welcomed Mr. Blue and Mr. Thomas to the board and stated that he appreciated their service to the school district and that he looked forward to working with them. Dr. Wilkins explained that a school district is allowed to use three elearning days each year and that so far two had been used at Southwestern. He also stated that the third elearning day for the year was already built into the school calendar. Any additional school cancellations would result in using snow make up days. Dr. Wilkins thanked everyone for their patience during the last two elearning days.

XI. Board Member Comments

Mr. Thomas stated that he was excited to learn his role on the school board and was looking forward to working together with this group.

Mr. Simpson welcomed the new board members and that he looked forward to working with them.

Mr. Blue thanked everyone for the welcome and that he was excited to get started.

Mrs. Newkirk welcomed the new board members and thanked Paul Baute for his attendance.

Mr. Stamper welcomed the new board members and stated that he is looking forward to the upcoming year and changes as they work together.

Mr. Deater congratulated the new board members and stated that he was looking forward to working with them.

Mr. Tennell welcomed the new members and thanked everyone for having confidence in him to take the role of board president once again.

XI. Adjournment

Mr. Tennell adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.
