

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Minutes of
Regular Meeting of the
Board of Education at the
Lifetime Education Center
321 So Fifth St.
Rockport, IN 47635
July 13, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Board President,
Mr. Jeff Roberts at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL: Mr. Jeff Roberts, President Present
Mr. Chris Brown, Vice President Present
Mr. David Hemmer, Secretary Present
Mr. Jim Boyer, Member Present
Mrs. Jane Whitney, Member Present
Mr. H. Mike Robinson, Superintendent Present
Dr. Lee Gold, Assistant Superintendent Present
Mr. Eric Ayer, Attorney Present

NEWS MEDIA: Journal Democrat Present
Spencer County Leader Present

2009-114 **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order and everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2009-115 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the July 13, 2009 regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved with Consent Items insert #9.

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Jane Whitney
Vote: 5-0

2009-116 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 8, 2009 Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes of the Board were approved as presented.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: David Hemmer
Vote: 5-0

2009-117 **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Robinson welcomed everyone and thanked them for their interest in South Spencer County Schools. Congratulations were extended to Shirley Jones and his crew of Ron Carpenter, Meredith Shelton, Tammy Small, David Malone, Calvin Malone, Cody Niles and Shelly Meredith for their successful efforts in preparation for the DOT annual bus inspection. All busses passed inspection again this year as they have for the past 25+ years.

Mr. Robinson reminded everyone of the upcoming dates and events:

- July 20th – SSHS Band Camp begins.
- July 27th – Summer School Jumpstart begins.
- Aug. 5th – Kids First Festival will be held at Rockport Elem. this year.
- Aug. 11th – staff development day for the new school year.
- Aug. 12th – 1st day for students.

2009-118 **RECOGNITIONS**

- Mr. Robinson recognized SSHS as An Official Lincoln Bicentennial School.
- Lee Gold recognized the accomplishment of the bus inspection as well as updated the board on some of the maintenance projects that are taking place this summer.

2009-119 **PRESENTATIONS**

- Karin Richert of Proliance Energy presented to the board, a natural gas transportation analysis for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008 as well as projections for 2008/2009. A motion was made to continue service with Proliance Energy for the 2009/2010 year.

Motion: David Hemmer
 Second: Jim Boyer
 Vote: 5-0

- Angela Burton presented to the board an update on the Facilities Management System as well as an Updated Punch List for Rockport and Luce Construction projects.

2009-120 **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

2009-121 **STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD**

- Jeff Roberts voiced concern regarding the difference between the Elementary Schools grading system and that of the Middle School and High School. He suggested that the corporation have a corporation wide uniform grading scale. A motion was made to make this effective with the 2009-10 school year.

Motion: Chris Brown
 Second: Jane Whitney
 Vote: 4-0-1 (Jim Boyer)

2009-122 **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approved the payroll claim docket and claims numbered 862 - 1052.
2. Approved the Treasurer's Financial Report.
3. Approved the revised job description for Skilled Maintenance Assistant/HVAC/Electrical as presented and post the position.
4. Accepted the resignation of Lisa Epley from the position of Special Needs Teaching Assistant at South Spencer Middle School, effective July 1st, 2009.
5. Approved to allow J. Wilson to spend \$219.00 to pay for an Institutional Membership with the National Middle School Association (2009/10) and to spend \$198.00 to pay for an Institutional Subscription with the International Reading Association, both from the South Spencer Middle School's investment interest account.
6. Approved the lease agreement for Room #2 of the A.H. Kennedy LEC, between South Spencer County School Corporation and Vincennes University Jasper Campus as presented.
7. Accepted the resignation of Lori Kenney, from the position of Destination Imagination Co-Sponsor, effective immediately.
8. Accepted the resignation of Cheri Shulte, from the position of Destination Imagination Co-Sponsor, effective immediately, and post as one full position.
9. Accepted the resignation of Amanda Tucker from the position of Title I teacher at Rockport Elementary and post the position.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Jim Boyer

Vote: 5-0

2009-123 **OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

2009-124 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- The 2009-2010 Student transfer requests between Rockport and Luce Elementary Schools were discussed.
- The request for a South Spencer Swim Team – Sponsored by Newburgh Sea Creatures was delayed due to the pool drains being repaired. The completion of that project is indefinite.
- Discussed construction of a room to conduct training for Reading Recovery Grant – Teacher Leader Program.
- The state mandated expanded criminal history check was discussed and a motion was made to approve First Advantage Enterprise

Screening Corporation, dba The Safe Schools Project as the primary vendor for processing these background checks.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: David Hemmer
Vote: 5-0

2009-125

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Tamara Haley as a regular bus route driver, to cover the route vacated by Pam Crowe, effective Aug. 12, 2009.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: David Hemmer
Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to increase the days worked by the South Spencer Middle School Secretary/Treasurer by 48 hours, for a total of 206 days per year.

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Chris Brown
Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Abbie Lawalin for the position of Student Council Sponsor for South Spencer Middle School.

Motion: Jane Whitney
Second: Jim Boyer
Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the following band assistants, pending criminal background check completion:
 - Ryan Bray – Assistant Guard Instructor
 - Jordan Frederick – Brass Instructor

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Jim Boyer
Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Judy Stokes for the position of Special Needs Teaching Assistant for South Spencer Middle School, effective August 11, 2009.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Jane Whitney
Vote: 5-0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Jillian Morrison for the position of Special Education Family Support Youth Services Coordinator for South Spencer Schools, effective August 2009, to be paid with funding from the two year stimulus program.

Motion: Jane Whitney
Second: David Hemmer
Vote: 5-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Beau Fulk for the position of Title I Intervention Support Coordinator for South Spencer Elementary Schools, effective August 2009, to be paid with funding from the two year stimulus program.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Jane Whitney
Vote: 5-0

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to post a position for a health aide, 35 hours per week, at Luce Elementary.

Motion: Jim Boyer
Second: David Hemmer
Vote: 5-0

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to post the position of a half-time Special Education Teacher at Rockport Elementary.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: David Hemmer
Vote: 5-0

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to post two full-time Special Needs Teaching Assistant positions at Rockport Elementary School.

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Jane Whitney
Vote: 5-0

2009-126

NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved updates and changes to the Luce Elementary School 2009-10 Student/Parent Handbook as presented.

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Jim Boyer
Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to accept the firm bid of \$0.197 for 1% milk and \$0.197 for skim milk submitted by Prairie Farms Dairy on June 19, 2009.

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Jim Boyer
Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to declare 11 TV's, 117 computers, 132 monitors and 6 file servers as obsolete equipment, to be recycled or donated to another eligible recipient.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Jane Whitney
Vote: 4-0-1 (Jim Boyer)

B. OTHER

2009-127

INFORMATION ITEMS

These were written reports to the Board.

1. Technology Report
2. Web Log Report
3. Food Service Report
4. Maintenance Report
5. Transportation Report

2009-128 **MISCELLANEOUS**

None

2009-129 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, August 10, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the A. H. Kennedy Lifetime Education Center.

2009-130 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: David Hemmer
Second: Chris Brown
Vote: 5-0
Time: 8:28 PM

2009-131 **DOCUMENT SIGNING**

Note: There will be an executive session at 6:00 PM in the corporation conference room of the superintendent's office, 321 S. 5th St. prior to the regular meeting. The purpose of the executive session is in accordance with the I.C.5-14-1.5-6 (b) (1).