

MINUTES

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

JAN. 11, 2010

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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  
January 11, 2010

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

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD – JANUARY 11, 2010- 7:00 PM. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE A.H. KENNEDY LIFETIME EDUCATION CENTER.

2010-001     **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2010-002     **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the January 11, 2010 regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented with inserts #13, #14 Consent.

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

2010-003     **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Dec. 14, 2009 Regular Meeting and Executive Session minutes of the Board were approved as presented.

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

2010-004     **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Robinson welcomed everyone and thanked them for their interest in South Spencer County School Corporation. Mr. Robinson personally thanked the Board members for their service to the students, staff, community and corporation of South Spencer this past year.

The following items were reported:

- Monday January 18, we will celebrate Martin Luther King Day
- Snow makeup days will be Monday, Feb. 15 and Friday April 30 for Days Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> missed.
- South Spencer County Schools had a very successful year in 2009.
- 2010 will be facing challenges, as State Tuition Support will be reduced as much as 4.5% this calendar year. A list of cost savings considerations will be shared with all our staff for input.
- On a positive note, graduation rate for 08-09 increased to 93.6% which puts us in the top 27% in the state. Part of this is due to the alternative schools increased involvement at the high school.
- The State Board of Education voted last week to advance new teacher licensing regulations that ensure new teachers will be experts in subjects they teach.

2010-005

**ELECTION OF BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE  
OFFICERS AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES  
FOR YEAR 2010**

1. President: Chris Brown  
  
Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Jane Whitney  
Vote: 4-0-1
  
2. Vice President: Jane Whitney  
  
Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Chris Brown  
Vote: 5-0
  
3. Secretary: David Hemmer  
  
Motion: Chris Brown  
Second: Jim Boyer  
Vote: 5-0
  
4. Corporation Treasurer – Diane Parsley  
  
Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Jane Whitney  
Vote: 5-0
  
5. Corporation Deputy Treasurer - Melissa Davis  
  
Motion: Chris Brown  
Second: Jane Whitney  
Vote: 5-0
  
6. Corporation Attorney – Eric Ayer  
  
Motion: Jim Boyer  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 5-0
  
7. Legislative Liaison for ISBA: Chris Brown  
  
Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Jim Boyer  
Vote: 5-0
  
8. Victor Moore Scholarship Committee: Jim Boyer

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

2010-006 **RECOGNIZE THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEE OFFICERS FOR THE 2009 YEAR AND SEAT THE 2010 PRESIDENT**

2010-007 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to  
**ESTABLISH MEETING DATES**

Second Monday of each month for Regular Board Meetings:

January 11	May 10	September 13
February 8	June 14	October 11
March 8	July 12	November 8
April 19	August 9	December 13
*3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday		January 10, 2011

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

2010-008 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to  
**ESTABLISH MEETING TIME**

Regular Meeting time is 7:00 PM.

Motion: Jeff Roberts  
Second: Jim Boyer  
Vote: 5-0

2010-009 Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the  
**BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS**

Usually the same as officers of the Board of School Trustees.

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

2010-010     **RECOGNITONS**

**SSHS as one of the State's 2009 ' Best Buy ' High Schools**

The Study examined 357 Indiana public high schools with the appropriate available data. Using ISTEP+Pass+rates, graduation rates, SAT Participation rates and average composite scores, and Advanced Placement (AP) passing scores, the Indiana Chamber developed a total school performance index for each school. This index is called the school's quality index.

For 2009, 135 public schools were designated as a "best buy" for giving taxpayers the most value for their money. The school was named a best buy if it had quality index above the state median and revenues below the statewide median of \$10,179 per student.

All of the Best Buy schools are getting the utmost out of their taxpayer dollars by, in turn, delivering high-quality education for their students.

2010-011     **PRESENTATIONS**

2010-012     **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

2010-013     **STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD**

2010-014     **CONSENT ITEMS**

1.    Approved the Dec. 2009 payroll claim docket and claims numbered 1984-2068 and the Jan. 2010 payroll claim docket.
2.    Approved the Treasurer's Financial Report.
3.    Accepted the resignation of Meredith Shelton from 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl's Track Coach at South Spencer County Middle School effective Dec. 8, 2009.
4.    Approved the retirement of Susan Reagan from the position of Principal at Luce Elementary effective June 30, 2010 and post the position.
5.    Approved the retirement of Bob Combs from the position of Principal at South Spencer High School effective June 30, 2010 and post the position.
6.    Approved the retirement of Willis McClure from the position of Athletic Director and P.E. Teacher at South Spencer High School effective June 30, 2010.
7.    Approved the retirement of Barbara DeWeese from the position of 8<sup>th</sup> grade Math Teacher at South Spencer Middle School effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year and post the position.
8.    Approved the list of volunteers as presented.
9.    Approved to rescind disapproval of volunteer #312 as presented.
10.  Approved the lease agreement for Room #6 and office space B, located at the A.H. Kennedy Lifetime Education Center to Lincoln Hills Development Corporation for \$500.00 per month, from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011.

11. Approved the lease agreement of Room #12, located at the A.H. Kennedy Lifetime Education Center to Peerless Pottery Sales for \$375.00 per month, from February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011.
12. Approved the position of Special Needs Assistant at Rockport Elementary.
13. Approved the January 2010 claims numbered 1 through 59.
14. Approved the overnight trip to Indianapolis for students to participate in the All-State Jazz Vocal Group on Jan. 20, 2010 through Jan. 22, 2010.

Motion: David Hemmer

Second: Jeff Roberts

Vote: 5-0

2010-015 **OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Facility Maintenance Management Program Implementation and Retro-Commissioning for South Spencer Middle School, as presented by the Steftenagel group.

Motion: Jeff Roberts

Second: Jim Boyer

Vote: 5-0

2010-016 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2010 Budget Mandated Reduction by IDOE will be approximately 4.5% on about \$391,500 to South Spencer. A variety of cost reduction measures will be examined including reductions from:

- Non- Instructional Areas
- Curriculum Limitations or Reductions
- Salaries and/ and or Fringe Benefits

Input is solicited and requested as reductions of this magnitude will not be painless.

2010-017 **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to non-renew Bob Harmon as 7<sup>th</sup> grade Football Coach and post the position.

Motion: David Hemmer

Second: Jeff Roberts

Vote: 5-0

**NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. First reading of NEOLA Bylaws and Policies Volume 22, Number 1 October 2009

**Policies****NEW**

- 7440.01- Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring
- 7542- Network Access from Personally owned Computers
- 7543- Remote Access to the Corporations Network
- 8315- Information Management (Operations)
- 8351- Security Breach of Confidential Databases (Operations)

**REVISED**

- 2221- Mandatory Curriculum
- 2700- Annual Performance Report
- 3430.01- Family & Medical Leaves of Absence (Profess. Staff)
- 3437- Military Service (Professional Staff)
- 4430.01- Family & Medical Leaves Of Absence (Support Staff)
- 4437 Military Service (Support Staff)
- 7440- Facility Security
- 7540.03- Student Network & Internet Acceptable Use & Safety
- 7540.04- Staff Network & Internet Acceptable Use & Safety
- 8330- Student Records (Operations)
- 8600- Transportation (Operations)

**REVISED – SPECIAL UPDATE, JULY 2009**

- 1521- Personal Background Check (Administration)
- 3121- Personal Background Check (Professional Staff)
- 4121- Personal Background Check (Support Staff)
- 8121- Personal Background Check- Contracted Services

**REPLACEMENTS**

- 5136V1 Wireless Communication Devices (Students)

2. Approved the annual End of Year Transfer of Appropriations from one account to another within the General funds and Capital Projects fund, as attached

Motion: Jane Whitney

Second: Jim Boyer

Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Corporation Board of Finance to designate the following public depositories for corporation funds: Integra Bank, German American Bank, Spencer County Bank, Freedom Bank and Old National Bank.



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

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the (MOU) Memorandum of Understanding required for the initial grant application to the IDOE for the Race to the Top Federal Grant Program.

Motion: Jeff Roberts  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the retainer for Michael Elaman, CPA, PC at a cost of \$300.00 per year to assist the school corporation with reporting retirement, post-retirement, severance benefits to employees of the school corporation or other payroll or tax related questions.

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

6. Approved the annual Copier Maintenance Agreement with Hoosier Business Machines, Inc. as presented.

Motion: Jim Boyer  
Second: Jeff Roberts  
Vote: 5-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the South Spencer County School Corporation 2010-2011 calendar as presented, with Jan. 17 being changed as a Snow make-up day.

Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Jeff Roberts  
Vote: 5-0

## **B. OTHER**

1. Approved the Board of Trustees to attend the annual NSBA conference to be held in Chicago, IL, April 9 through April 13, 2010.

Motion: Jeff Roberts

Second: David Hemmer

Vote: 5-0

2010-019 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

These were written reports to the Board.

1. Web Log Report
2. Professional Development Report
3. Maintenance Report
4. Transportation Report

2010-020 **MISCELLANEOUS**

- Mr. Hemmer brought up the issue of no ball practice when there is no school
- Angela Burton- Construction case work in Media center at Rockport
- Roof leak at Rockport
- Dumpster trash drain at Luce

2010-021 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, February 8, 2010 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the A. H. Kennedy Lifetime Education Center.

2010-022 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Jeff Roberts

Second: David Hemmer

Vote: 5-0

Time: 7:55

2010-023 **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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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).