

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 the  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of School Trustees at  
Lifetime Education Center  
321 S. Fifth St.  
Rockport, IN 47635  
April 10, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Scott Richard,  
at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL:	Mr. Derek Allen, Member	Present
	Mr. Matt Bunner, Vice President	Present
	Mr. Steve Haaff, Member	Present
	Mr. Scott Richard, President	Present
	Mrs. Barbara Tuley, Secretary	Absent
	Mr. Richard Rutherford, Superintendent	Present
	Mr. Bryan Rudisill, Attorney	Present

NEWS MEDIA:	Journal Democrat	Present
	Spencer County Leader	Present

2017-049      **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by the School Board President, Scott Richard. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2017-050      **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the April 10, 2017 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved with item #3 under Old Business of the Board being deleted and a public hearing was conducted to approve resolutions pertaining to the South Spencer High renovation project.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 4 – 0

2017-051      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 13, 2017 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: Derek Allen  
Vote: 4 – 0

2017-052      **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- April 13<sup>th</sup> Luce Elementary Kindergarten & Daycare Round-Up
- April 13<sup>th</sup> Rockport Elementary Kindergarten, Preschool, & Daycare Round-Up
- April 14<sup>th</sup> No School observance of Good Friday
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> Rockport Elementary PTO Spring Carnival from 2:00pm to 6:00pm
- April 29<sup>th</sup> the high school seniors will have having their Senior Prom at the Spencer County 4-H Youth and Community Center at 8:00p.m – 11:00pm. Grand March will be held in the High School auditorium at 7:00p.m.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Senior award night will be May 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm at the high school.

2017-053      **CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approved the payroll claim docket & claims numbered 292 - 401.
2. Approved the Treasurers financial report.
3. Approved the list of Volunteers as presented.
4. Approved the transportation and overnight request from Coach David Kruse for the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and freshman basketball team to attend a basketball team camp at Hanover College on June 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.
5. Accepted the notice of retirement from Mary Ann Nicholas as a Special Needs & Life Skills teacher, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year; and post the position.

6. Accepted the resignation of Sam Tuley from his position as the custodian at the LEC, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
7. Accepted the resignation of Rileigh Ling from her position as a Daycare Assistant at Luce Elementary, effective March 24, 2017.
8. Approved to post the position of Site Administrator/Cook for the Summer Feeding Program, at a rate of \$11.90 per hour for a maximum of four (4) hours per day.
9. Approved the transportation request from Evie Wildeman for the Archery Team to attend the Archery Nationals on May 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> in Louisville, KY.
10. Approved to authorize the Superintendent to begin informal collective bargaining.
11. Accepted the resignation of Margaret Smith from her position as a part time custodian at Rockport Elementary; effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year.
12. Approved to allow the High School to spend approximately \$321.75 from interest income monies to purchase ECA checks from Boyce Forms.
13. Accepted the resignation of Chasity Belcher from her position as a Daycare worker at Rockport Elementary, effective immediately.
14. Approved the request from South Spencer High School to inquire about higher CD rates to reinvest current CD's that are due for renewal.
15. Approved the resignation of Lori Kenney as Head Cheer Sponsor for South Spencer High School, effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year and approved to post the position.

Motion: Steve Haaff  
 Second: Matt Bunner  
 Vote: 4 – 0

2017-054

**OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Board, Dr. Richard Rutherford and Mr. Dean Schipp were designated to open the bids for demolition of the LEC during an open meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. on May 3, 2017 in the corporation office.

Motion: Steve Haaff  
 Second: Matt Bunner  
 Vote: 3 – 0 – 1 (Derek Allen)

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepted the bid from Abatement and Contracting Services LLC. in the amount of \$84,500.00 for asbestos removal at the LEC.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
 Second: Steve Haaff  
 Vote: 4 – 0

**CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SOUTH SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION PROJECT AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS REGARDING SUCH PROJECT.**

1. Approved by resolution the establishment of the South Spencer School Building Corporation as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: Derek Allen  
Vote: 4 – 0

2. Approved by resolution the South Spencer High School renovation project Execution of Lease and Sale of Real Estate between South Spencer School Building Corporation and South Spencer County School Corporation as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: Steve Haaff  
Vote: 4 – 0

3. Approved by resolution Additional Appropriations up to a maximum of \$12,000,000 be added to the existing budget for the purpose of a construction fund for the South Spencer High School renovation project.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: Steve Haaff  
Vote: 4 – 0

4. Approved by resolution to Assign Construction Bids relating to the leased premises to the Building Corporation.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: Steve Haaff  
Vote: 4 – 0

5. Approved by resolution the Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking in connection with the issuance of South Spencer School Building Corporation Ad Valorem Property Tax First Mortgage Bonds, Series 2017.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: Steve Haaff  
Vote: 4 – 0

6. Approved by resolution the Post-Issuance Compliance Procedures as presented.

Motion: Steve Haaff  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 4 – 0

## **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The public was invited to ask questions or make comments regarding the renovation project and the lease agreement. There were none.

## **STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD**

None

2017-055

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the following teachers & assistants for the summer school programs:

#### **South Spencer High School Summer School Programs**

- **Math** – Brett Schulte
- **English** – Nick Antey
- **Summer Band Camp**
  - Band Director – Jacob Tabor
    - Percussion – Brandon Reburn \$1,800.00
    - Percussion – Trevis Mattingly \$500.00
    - Color Guard – Christine Bunch \$1,800.00
    - Color Guard – Becky Harpenau \$1,200.00
    - Brass & Visual – Joseph Powers \$650.00
    - Woodwind – Sarah Morgan \$400.00  
(Pending clear background check)
    - Saxes/Drum Major – Jessica Bunch \$650.00
- **Summer Agriculture** – David Taylor

Motion: Steve Haaff

Second: Derek Allen

Vote: 4 – 0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Aimee Ambrose as a cook at South Spencer Middle School at a rate of \$11.51 per hour and working 5.5 hours a day, effective immediately.

Motion: Derek Allen

Second: Matt Bunner

Vote: 4 – 0

2017-056

## **NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Granted permission by resolution to donate three (3) used baseball bleachers to the City of Rockport City Park.

Motion: Steve Haaff

Second: Derek Allen

Vote: 4 – 0

2. Granted permission by resolution to donate two (2) used baseball bleachers to the Spencer County Fair Board.

Motion: Steve Haaff  
Second: Derek Allen  
Vote: 4 – 0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the updated Preschool and Daycare Handbook, as presented.

Motion: Steve Haaff  
Second: Derek Allen  
Vote: 4 – 0

2017-057 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

2017-058 **INFORMAITON ITEMS**

These were written reports to the Board.

1. Technology / Maintenance Report
2. Transportation Report
3. Professional Development Report

2017-059 **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Someone from the public acknowledged and complimented the archery program for the opportunity given to the students and the ability to do it without cost to the students. She also voiced her approval of the band director as well as her opinion on staffing for the band at the middle school.

Another lady also voiced her opinion on the staffing for the middle school, specifically the 6<sup>th</sup> grade band class. They would like to see another employee hired to help with the current band directors' work load.

A gentleman from the public commented on the need for more focus on the band and that he understood the need for renovations but would like to see money allocated for the music programs.

Dr. Rutherford acknowledge the concern but explained that it is not in our budget to hire any additional staff at this time; due to the current deficit spending of the general fund. He also explained, without going into great detail, that salaries are paid from one fund, renovations from a different fund and that monies cannot be moved around.

2017-060 **STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD**

None

2017-061      **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the South Spencer High School Auditorium.

2017-062      **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: Steve Haaff  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 4 – 0

Time: 7:48 PM

2017-063      **DOCUMENT SIGNING**