

**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 10, 2020**  
**SOUTH SPENCER HIGH SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

School Board President, George Schwoeppe, called the meeting to order. Everyone in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Board Members attended:

- George Schwoeppe – President
- Derek Allen – Vice President
- Barbara Tuley – Secretary
- Cevin Collins - Member
- Melissa Middleton – Member

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the February 10, 2020 regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Cevin Collins

Second: Derek Allen

Vote: 5-0

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 13, 2020 regular meeting of the Board were approved as presented.

Motion: Barbara Tuley

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- Both elementary schools will host a Kindergarten round-up at the following times:
  - Rockport Elementary – April 8, 2020 8:00am to 3:00pm
  - Luce Elementary – April 9, 2020 9-11:30am and 12:00-3:00pm
- Luce Elementary Food Pantry

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approved the payroll claims, and the accounts payable claims numbered 1733 – 1858.
2. Approved the Treasurers financial report.
3. Approved the following resignations, post the positions, and grant permission to hire:

- Elvis Lane – SSSH Girls Tennis coach – Effective Immediately
  - Abby Sanders – SSSH Girls Head Track Coach – Effective Immediately
  - John Edge – Head Football Coach – Effective Immediately
  - John Edge – Health and PE teacher – last day March 20, 2020
  - Cindy Harrison – Rockport Multi Media Specialist – Effective May 22, 2020
4. Approved the following retirements:
    - Karen Banks – Rockport Elementary 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher – Effective May 22, 2020
    - Jana Grose – Rockport Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher – Effective May 22, 2020
  5. Approved the following FMLA Request:
    - Carolyn Hufnagel – March 6, 2020 to estimated March 23, 2020
  6. Approved the following out of state/overnight transportation requests:
    - FFA to Louisville, KY: Farm Machinery Show – February 14, 2020

Motion: Melissa Middleton  
 Second: George Schwoeppe  
 Vote: 5-0

### **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the following new hires, pending a clear background check:
  - Hillary Hutcheson – Luce moved from 10 month to 12 month custodian
  - Kristi Chapman – Luce 10 month custodian
  - Caleb Grabemier – SSMS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Coach
  - Katie Pounds – Girls Tennis Coach (Interim) (1/2 Stipend)
  - Orion Calhoun – Girls Tennis Coach (Interim) (1/2 Stipend)
  - Josh Bowlds – SSSH Boys Golf Head Coach
  - Shawn Kuester – SSSH Assistant Baseball Coach
  - Ceyton Embry – SSSH Volunteer Baseball Assistant
  - Mitch Rust – SSSH Volunteer Baseball Assistant
  - Katelyn Wead – SSSH Volunteer Softball Assistant
  - Felicia Seiler – SSSH Volunteer Softball Assistant

Motion: Derek Allen  
 Second: Cevin Collins  
 Vote: 5-0

### **NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the 2020 Rockport Elementary copier maintenance agreement with Hoosier Business Machines, INC from January 1, 2020 to June 30, 2020, as presented.

Motion: Barbara Tuley  
 Second: Melissa Middleton  
 Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Resolution, as presented, to Transfer Amounts from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund on a monthly recurring basis not to exceed \$95,000 for the period of January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

Motion: Cevin Collins

Second: Derek Allen

Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the lease of land with Perry Spencer Communications (PSC) as presented.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Derek Allen

Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the contract with Otis Elevator Company.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Derek Allen

Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to declare the attached list of outstanding checks void and cancelled.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Cevin Collins

Vote: 5-0

### **OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the recommendation of the South Spencer County School Corporation School Board of Trustees, approved the hire of outside legal counsel, Lewis Kappes, for the purpose: 1) Terminating/Non-renewal and 2) Renegotiate the contract with Dr. Rutherford.

Motion: Cevin Collins

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 4-1 (Barbara Tuley voted against approval)

### **INFORMAITON ITEMS**

The written reports to the Board.

1. Technology Report
2. Maintenance Report
3. Transportation Report
4. New Volunteers Report

### **STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Chris Sitzman – Concerned about the amount we are spending so much on attorney fees.

Amy Cox – Concerned about the sickness and the cleaning at Luce Elementary.

Cindy Lawrence – Concerned about kids being tested for learning disabilities to make sure that they are getting the help they need.

Kathy Tretter – With the Spencer County Leader stating that there is a web site [spencercountyonline.com](http://spencercountyonline.com) that highlights the Head Cook at Luce Elementary this week.

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

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Time: 6:30 PM

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Cevin Collins

Vote: 5-0

### **DOCUMENT SIGNING**

*All Students - All the Time*