

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The following Board Members attended:

- Melissa Middleton - President
- Chris Brown – Vice President
- Janet Stoermer - Secretary
- Matt Bunner – Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda of the April 12, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 4-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 4-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cindy Lawrence – (parent) Is concerned that students are not getting the services that they need to meet their IEP’s and fear that the pandemic is making it worse. She is concerned because she has a child with dyslexia that thanks to the teachers at South Spencer, graduated on time and now has a job as an essential worker. She believes that we need to reinstate the interventionist at Luce with the ESSER II grant that South Spencer will be receiving.

Veronica Hobbs – (ISTA representative) She is here because she feels like the students of South Spencer need someone to stand up for them. We have lost two teaching positions that retired or resigned and were not replaced. We are being told that we are going to go down 3 more teaching positions. This makes for larger classroom sizes and less being offered. The plan was made before knowing about the ESSER II grant and the teachers feel like they are not being heard.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Shirley Jones – Passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. He worked for SSCSC as a Bus Mechanic and Transportation Supervisor for 31 years.
- No School this Friday, April 16.
- Luce Health Fair, this Thursday, April 15
- P.M. Sanders Track dedication, April 26 at 4:45pm
- Rockport Science Fair, May 6
- 5th grade D.A.R.E. Graduation and field day, May 12
- High School Graduation parade, Friday, May 21 at 6:00pm
- Graduation, Saturday, May 22 at 2:00pm
- Thanks to Jeff Damming & Maintenance group for putting together the new weight equipment.
- The old yellow curtain that separated the upper and lower gyms for 45 years was replaced over spring break.
- The back wall in the auditorium was taken out over spring break to get ready for some auditorium updates this summer.
- All buildings are now on card keys, thanks to Dean Schipp for handling all of that.
- Changes for 2021-22 school year
 - Heath Grose will be teaching ½ day at the middle school and teaching 3 CTE classes at the High school
 - Matt Martin will be moving to the High school
 - Matt Britton will be the High School and Middle School Athletic Director
 - Will be adding a 3rd Special Education Teacher at the High School
- ESSER II Grant Ideas (Has to be finalized by May 15th)
 - Expanding Summer School to reach more students
 - \$1000 stipend for all full time employees that have worked this school year
 - Adding Special Education assistants at Luce and Rockport
 - Adding a Remediation Monitor at the Middle School
 - Adding a Social Worker at the Middle School
 - Adding a Behavior Specialist for the whole corporation
- Thanks to everyone's hard work this year, when we started we thought we would be in for a couple of days. Then we would be happy if we made it to Labor day and now here we are on the downhill side of the school year.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims numbered 3950 - 4066
2. Approved the Treasurers' financial report.
3. Approved the monthly transfer from the education fund to the operations fund, per board resolution.
4. Accepted the following Retirements:
 - a. Amy Cox – Teacher – Effective at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year
5. Accepted the following resignations:

- a. Jacob Tabor – SSHS/SSMS Band Director – Effective July 1, 2021
- b. Rebekah Engelhardt – SSHS Head Softball Coach & SSMS Special Education Aide – Effective March 29, 2021
- c. Shana Kluesner – SSMS Cook – Effective March 26, 2021
- 6.** Approved the following terminations:
 - a. Dakota Risse – SSHS Boys Assistant Basketball, Varsity Boys Track, Boys & Girls Cross Country Coaching positions – Effective April 1, 2021
- 7.** Approved the out of state transportation request:
 - a. Rockport Elementary 1st Grade Classes to Tell City Theatre and Vastwood Park in Hawesville, KY – May 13, 2021 – 8:45am to 2:30pm

Motion: Chris Brown
 Second: Janet Stoermer
 Vote: 4-0

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of the following:
 - Tom Rupert – SSHS Head Softball Coach
 - James Kingsley – SSHS Head Boys Track Coach
 - Travis Bush – SSHS Assistant Boys Track Coach
 - Jordyn Vogt – SSHS assistant Volleyball Coach

Motion: Janet Stoermer
 Second: Matt Bunner
 Vote: 4-0

- 2.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to start Christina Ewing as a sub cook with the option to hire as a cook before the next meeting.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
 Second: Chris Brown
 Vote: 4-0

NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

- 1.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the appointment of Bobbie Wood to the Spencer County Public Library Board for another term.

Motion: Chris Brown
 Second: Matt Bunner
 Vote: 4-0

- 2.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire a summer bus cleaner for 8 hours a day, working no more than 15 days, starting May 24, 2021.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 4-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the revised Elementary Covid Remediation plan for summer 2021.

Motion: Matt Bunner
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 4-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Social Studies textbook adoption for the 2021-2022 school year for South Spencer Middle School as attached.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 4-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the property easement for REO Water, Inc.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 4-0

INFORMAITON ITEMS

These were written reports to the Board.

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

STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD

Matt Bunner – Update on Rockport Re-Development Board, Rockport will be receiving grant dollars during the 3rd quarter of this year for the city to help with improvements on Main Street. Our main concern is getting more students for South Spencer.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:17 PM

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 4-0

DOCUMENT SIGNING

All Students - All the Time