

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
May 10, 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
- George Schwoeppe - Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda of the May 10, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 5-0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 12, 2021 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 5-0

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Veronica Hobbs – (ISTA representative) – Here to give voice to South Spencer teachers and her statement was written by the teachers she represents. They feel like they are the silent majority. They feel like their questions are ignored and that they cannot speak about negative things. The discussion team fear retribution just by making a suggestion. The CTA did an anonymous survey of its members; a paper copy was given to the board and Dr. Rutherford tonight, in which it shows that there are irreconcilable differences between Dr. Rutherford and the teachers. ELP or unfair labor practice has been filed. Ms. Hobbs requested any teacher present that felt like they were represented by the words that she spoke tonight to quietly stand.

Cindy Lawrence – (parent) – Speaking about the interventionist at Luce. Stated with a school of 200 there is about 20% with needs that one teacher cannot meet. That she hopes

that with ESSER money we find a way to replace teachers that we are losing and meet the needs of more students.

Dee Meyer – (Retired South Spencer Teacher) – Talked about the importance of reading and help for classroom teachers. That the corporation needs to rethink the interventionist position at Luce Elementary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- SSS Talent Show on Saturday Night was amazing.
- Brand and Choir did well at competition.
- USDA has announced waivers for breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Transfer Rebecca McCaffery from third grade to fifth grade at Luce Elementary effective 2021-2022 school year.
- After talking with teachers and administrators 2nd semester went better than 1st semester with COVID and a few bumps.
- Finishing up NWA testing in all buildings, High school ISTEP testing, and AP exams. ILEARN and IREAD at the Middle school and the Elementary schools.
- Thanks for to all our nurses and to our head nurse who have put in extra hours with contact tracing and everything with COVID.
- ESSER II Grant has been approved. Behavior Specials will be added to ESSER III Grant
- Dedicated the track to P.M. Sanders on April 26, 2021.
- 5th Grade DARE Graduation and Field Day May 12, 2021
- SSS Graduation May 22, 2021 at 2:00 pm
- SSS Graduation Parade May 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims numbered 4067 - 4194
2. Approved the Treasurers' financial report.
3. Approved the monthly transfer from the education fund to the operations fund, per board resolution.
4. Granted permission to apply for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant (ESSER II & III)
5. Accepted the following resignations:
 - a. Andy Seitz – SSMS Archery Sponsor – Effective end of season 2020-2021
 - b. Amanda Tucker – Luce Elementary Special Needs Teaching Assistant – Effective end of School year 2020-2021
 - c. Andrew Hagan – Rockport Elementary Special Needs Teacher – Effective end of School Year 2020-2021
 - d. Ashley Hanloh – SSMS Cheer Sponsor – Effective April 25, 2021
 - e. Jason Wilkerson – SSMS Special Needs Teacher – Effective end of School Year 2020-2021
 - f. Kyle Tuley – SSS Varsity Football Assistant Coach – Effective April 28, 2021
 - g. Brittney Dugas – SSS Cook – Effective May 21, 2021
 - h. Christina Ewing – SSMS Cook – Effective May 4, 2021

- i. Ashley Schroer – Rockport Elementary Kindergarten Teacher – Effective May 21, 2021
- 6.** Approved the out of state transportation requests:
- a. SSHS Choir – NYC – Carnegie Hall Performance – June 24-28, 2022
 - b. SSHS Boys Basketball – University of St. Francis (Fort Wayne, IN) – June 21-23, 2021
 - c. SSHS Boys Basketball – McLean County HS – June 11, 2021
 - d. SSHS Girls Basketball – McLean Co HS – June 8, 2021
 - e. SSHS Girls Basketball – Hancock Co – June 17, 2021

Motion: Matt Bunner
 Second: Chris Brown
 Vote: 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of the following:
- Lindsey Neu – Rockport Elementary – Multimedia Support Specialist – Effective August 3, 2021
 - Alexis Shelton – SSMS Special Needs Teaching Assistant – Effective August 3, 2021
 - Amiee Ambrose – Summer Bus Cleaner – Starting May 24, 2021 for 15 days
 - Johnna Scherer – SSHS Cook – Effective May 10, 2021
 - Travis Bush – SSHS Boys & Girls Cross Country Head Coach – Starting 2021-2022 Season

Motion: George Schwoeppe
 Second: Janet Stoermer
 Vote: 5-0

- 2.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of the following for Summer School 2021:
- Nicki Conrad – Rockport Elementary Summer Teaching Assistant – Working June 1 – 18, 2021
 - Pam Lindsey – SSMS ELA
 - Jennifer Eble – SSMS Math
 - David Hurm – SSMS Social Studies
 - Kyla Grose – SSMS Science
 - David Taylor – SSHS SAE
 - Brett Schulte – SSHS Math
 - Nick Antey – SSHS English
 - Nicole Damm – Elementary Teacher
 - Rachel Roberts – Elementary Teacher
 - Mary Kerber – Elementary Teacher
 - Lori Kenney – Elementary Teacher
 - Jess Thomas – Elementary Teaching Assistant
 - Jill Gross – Elementary Teaching Assistant

- Jama Greene – Elementary Teaching Assistant
- Kellee Light-Autry – Elementary Teaching Assistant

Motion: Chris Brown
 Second: George Schwoeppe
 Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of the following for summer COVID Remediation:

- Kari Coomes – Elementary Teacher (1st week)
- Jordyn Vogt – Elementary Teacher (2nd -3rd week)
- Angela English – Elementary Teacher
- Jami Denham – Elementary Teacher (1st week)
- Brandi Salkill – Elementary Nurse (1st – 2nd week)
- Brandy Wheatley – Elementary Secretary
- Rick Hunt – Elementary Principal (1st – 2nd week)
- Cheri Adams – Elementary Principal (3rd week)
- Rhonda Risse – Elementary Teaching Assistant
- Lisa Ling – Elementary Teacher – Working June 1 to 18, 2021

Motion: Matt Bunner
 Second: Chris Brown
 Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of the following for summer school transportation with the request to hire two additional bus drivers if needed

- Brandi Salkill
- Debbie Bippus

Motion: Janet Stoermer
 Second: Matt Bunner
 Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of the following for Summer feeding and summer school breakfast/lunch at Rockport Elementary

- Jennifer Douglas – 5 days a week
- Johnna Scherer – 5 days a week
- Nona Poole – 5 days a week
- Angela Esterline – 3 days a week
- Beth Sudrajat – 2 days a week

Motion: George Schwoeppe
 Second: Chris Brown
 Vote: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Notice to Bidders for advertisement to obtain Food Service Bids for the 2021 – 2022 school year, as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of board member Chris Brown, add discussion to the June 2021 meeting Dr. Rutherford's contract that expires in June 2022.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 5-0

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

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium at South Spencer High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:36 PM

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: George Schwoeppe
Vote: 4-0

DOCUMENT SIGNING

All Students - All the Time