

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 26, 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 July 26, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kyle Shelton - SSHS Class of 2005 – Was an FFA officer for three years while in high school and took every Ag class that was offered. Went on to receive a bachelor's degree from Western Kentucky University in Ag Business to come home and run his family's real estate appraising office in Owensboro, KY. Ag classes teach kids to work on small engines, about animals, or even how to change a tire, that they can take back to their own garage or go on to work in a large farm implement company or even a veterinarian. It is his understanding that the school does not intend to fill David Taylor's position but to piece it together with current teachers. He feels like this is a huge mistake. Neither an Ag teacher or FFA sponsor is a part-time position. FFA is an oath and a life style. Ag teachers teach about not only agriculture but also life skills. FFA is molding the leaders of tomorrow. We have a choice on education and the number of people that have made the decision to home school their kids or move out of the area proves it. We would like some transparency on this topic.

Zane Taylor – SSHS Class of 2012 and Dave Taylor's son, president of our FFA chapter for two years and held district level office. Went on to study at Purdue University in Ag

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Education where they drill into your head the three-circle model: Ag education in the classroom, FFA and SAE. Shutting this program down to a part-time program with only certain classes offered cuts down on what experience a student can receive. Not offering the Principals of Ag class will severely harm a student's ability to take this pathway. Why are we going to a part-time position, which will cut FFA and SAE? Believes that it would be beneficial to have this as a full-time position. Why are we not rehiring a full-time Ag teacher?

Whitney McGrew – SSHS Class of 2009, held offices in FFA 3 of the 4 years, took all the Ag classes that were offered while she was at South Spencer. It is important that the Ag teacher and the FFA sponsor be the same person. Kids get enrolled in the Ag classes and then the teacher who is the FFA sponsor tells them about the club. Mr. Taylor made sure I was a part of the group and got me in there working on the engines with the boys and got me involved to district competitions. I urge you to dig a little deeper and talk to other schools and FFA sponsors and see how their program works and they will tell you that it will not work with a part-time person.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Jim Bush – Talked about what Ag classes we will be offering and the FFA.
- Steve Sherohman – Talked about the numbers in Ag and CTE classes.
- Transfer of Staff -Jennifer Douglas – from Cook to Head Cook at South Spencer Middle School.
- August 3rd is orientation day for all staff.
- August 4th all students will be back.

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Accepted the resignations of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
 - Kevin Scott Page – SSHS Science Teacher – Effective July 16, 2021
 - Jason L. Mayes – SSHS Special Education Teacher – Effective July 19, 2021
 - Shelley Nanney – Rockport Elementary Special Education Teacher – Effective July 16, 2021
 - Aimee Ambrose – SSMS Cook – Effective July 18, 2021
 - Isaac Rowan – SSMS Football Helper – Effective 7-21-2021
 - Amy Hall – Rockport Elementary Preschool Aide – Effective 7-21-2021
 - Joanne Benjamin – Rockport Elementary Special Education Teacher – Effective 7-26-2021

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: George Schwoeppe

Vote: 5-0

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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Klay Kress, South Spencer High School/Middle School Social Worker, starting August 3, 2021.

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

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Michelle Wright, South Spencer Middle School Cook, starting August 3, 2021

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the Recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Arianna Dickinson, South Spencer Middle School Cook, starting August 3, 2021

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

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Sarah Hancock, South Spencer High School Cook, starting August 3, 2021.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
Second: Chris Brown
Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Andrew Hagan, South Spencer High School FFA Sponsor for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Tara Lloyd, South Spencer High School Assistant Cheer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

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7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Kayley Bauer, Rockport Elementary Kindergarten teacher, starting August 3, 2021.

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

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Michael Hurt, South Spencer Middle School Football Helper for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Nathan Tucker, South Spencer Middle School Football Helper for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 5-0

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Jake Barclay, South Spencer Middle School wrestling coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Denny Oakley, Rockport Elementary Special Needs Teacher, starting August 3, 2021.

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

12. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, granted permission to hire a South Spencer High School Special Needs Teacher.

Motion: Chris Brown
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 5-0

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13. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, granted permission to hire a South Spencer High School Science Teacher.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 5-0

14. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Maleah Cowden, South Spencer High School Part-time Cook, starting August 3, 2021.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: George Swoeppe

Vote: 5-0

15. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Megan Scaparro , Rockport Elementary Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, starting August 3, 2021.

Motion: Janet Stoermer

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

16. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Christine Bunch, South Spencer High School Summer Color Guard Co-captain.

Motion: Matt Bunner

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

17. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Becky Harpenau, South Spencer High School Summer Color Guard Co-captain.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Matt Bunner

Vote: 5-0

18. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of John Forte, South Spencer High School Summer Percussion Captain.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 5-0

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19. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Diane King, South Spencer High School Special Education Teacher for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

20. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the employment of Christa Garrett, South Spencer Middle School Remediation Monitor, starting August 3, 2021

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

STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD

Chris Brown – 4 year member of the FFA – I do not know who is starting the rumor or who is feeding the bad information to the public but I would like to talk to you after the meeting. If it something we need to get lined out on I want to know what it is. I do not know what is going on in the public but I am smelling a bad apple in there.

Matt Bunner – Look at consent items that I agreed with, there are many Special Education teachers in there that we have needs for and many students that we need to provide for. I forwarded to the Superintendent that there is 285 open Special Education positions across the state, we need to address it with a week away from school starting, and we have openings. We need to be good stewards of not just our finances but also our resources and do the right thing.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 PM in the multipurpose room at South Spencer High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:40 PM

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

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