

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MAY 9, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The following Board Members attended:

- Janet Stoermer - President
- Melissa Middleton – VicePresident
- Chris Brown – Secretary
- Matt Bunner – Member
- George Schwoeppe - Member

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda of the May 9, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees WAS approved as presented.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

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

STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Kenny & Michelle Perry - Concerns over their son feeling like he had to participate in prayer and devotion to get playing time. It made their son uncomfortable. He brought a Bible home from practice and said it was recommended for the kids to stay and have prayer and devotion. The Perry's have tried to get a transfer form signed to leave South Spencer. He would have limited eligibility if he leaves South Spencer which means he would not be allowed to play basketball elsewhere.

Billy Holder - Area representative of Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Never has an athlete been required to or asked to participate; they have been welcomed to participate in prayer and devotion. There is a law federal freedom of religion act, as long as it is student lead and students participating then it is legal for prayer to happen at the high school. This time is more character building than religious. Acknowledged that people have a problem with prayer in public. But reiterated that no students are required to participate at South Spencer.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Call from a parent from North Posey to say that they always enjoy coming to South Spencer because they know it is going to be a good experience with the kids and parents. Our fans are the greatest.
- Congratulations Skylar Young, Trinity Britton and Karlee Rodgers on second place finish in English at the IASP State academic meet.
- Congratulation to Melissa Davis on receiving Treasurer of the Year for region 9 at the IASBO conference.
- Thank you to our maintenance department for keeping our athletic fields looking great during all the rain.
- Teachers will having training on interactive boards on July 26 & 27.
- A concrete slab will be poured for the new band tower later this week.
- May 11 senior awards 7pm in the main gym of the high school
- May 13 WHOO carnival 12:30pm to 3:00pm at the high school gym
- May 15 spring choir concert 3:00pm at the high school in the auditorium
- May 16 underclassman awards at 1pm at the high school auditorium
- May 19 Early dismissal at 1pm
- May 20 Graduation parade in Rockport at 6:00pm line-up at Rockport City Park
- May 21 Graduation at 2pm at the high school gym

CONSENT ITEMS

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims numbered 360 – 473.
2. Approved the Treasurer's Financial report.
3. Accepted the resignations of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
 - a. Tara Lloyd – HS Assistant Cheer Coach – Effective April 6, 2022
 - b. Emma Mundy – SSMS/SSHS Music Teacher – Effective May 19, 2022
 - c. Terry Britt - Bus Mechanic - Effective May 6, 2022
4. Approved the retirement of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
 - a. Sandy Bartlett – SSMS 12 month Custodian – Effective April 29, 2022
 - b. Margaret Smith – Bus Driver – Effective May 19, 2022
5. Approved FMLA for the following:
 - a. Sherry Lehr - continuous FMLA from 4-4-2022 to 5-19-2022.
6. Approved out of state/overnight transportation request:
 - a. FFA to Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds, May 13-14, 2022
 - b. Boy's Basketball Team to Ft.Wayne for team Camp, June 20-22, 2022
 - c. Wrestling to Illinois Wesleyan University for Camp, June 28 to July 1, 2022

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent hiring committee, approved Brad Schneider, Superintendent of South Spencer County School Corporation, starting July 1, 2022.

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

- 2.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Mike Harris, 8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach - starting 2022-2023 season.

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

- 3.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Justice Taylor, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach - starting 2022-2023 season.

Motion: Melissa Middleton
Second: Chris Brown
Vote: 5-0

- 4.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Kari Coomes, 2022 Summer IRead teacher.

Motion: Melissa Middleton
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 5-0

- 5.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to move Bettina Martin from 10-month custodian to 12-month custodian, starting May 9, 2022.

Motion: Melissa Middleton
Second: Chris Brown
Vote: 5-0

- 6.** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to move Jayme Curtis from a 5 hour per day custodian to an 8 hour per day custodian, starting May 9, 2022.

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

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to post and granted permission to hire, one summer bus cleaner for 8 hours a day for 15 days.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to move Jennifer Douglas from Head Cook to 12-month custodian at South Spencer Middle School, starting May 10, 2022.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to create and post, a new teaching assistant position at Rockport Elementary using Title 1 funds for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: George Schwoeppe

Vote: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

1. Second reading of NEOLA Bylaws and Polices: Volume 33 No 1 & 2, Volume 34 No 1 and Special Update – Nondiscrimination and Anti-Harassment.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Matt Bunner

Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the revised professional services agreement with Jack R. Kinkel and Son Architects.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

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

Melissa Middleton - Congratulations to the senior class. It was nice to have some kind of normal after COVID.

Matt Bunner - Welcomed to Mr. Schneider to South Spencer. Voiced concerns about how the board is ran and how they are handling themselves. He emailed the ISBA attorney about what the school board President had done and they advised this was clearly unethical behavior of the President. He does not feel like the board communicates with each other.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 6:39 PM

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Matt Bunner

Vote: 5-0

DOCUMENT SIGNING

All Students - All the Time