

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2023

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

School Board President, Janet Stoermer, called the meeting to order.

The following Board Members attended:

- Janet Stoermer - President
- Melissa Middleton – Vice President
- Tyler Hermann – Secretary
- Matt Bunner – Member
- George Schwoeppe – Member

Consideration of Routine Items

The agenda of the August 14, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner

Second: Tyler Hermann

Vote: 5-0

The minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: George Schwoeppe

Vote: 5-0

Statements from the Public

Justice Taylor – She is wanting to file an office discrimination complaint. Wants to know what the protocol is to make this happen. Does not understand why the former AD put in for her to continue to be the softball coach but now she is being told that it is in the best interest of the program for her to step away. She now wants to know what is going to happen.

Superintendent's Report

Start of school year report – 2023-24 school year is on its way. Thank you to the transportation department. We are two drivers short of having them all filled. Shelly is doing a wonderful job in getting kids to and from school. We are doing everything we can to get a permanent, long term plan to this problem. We are running some double routes and white busses to make things work. This is a problem across the state but we are working on it. Thank you to the maintenance and custodial staff for their hard work over the summer for getting our facilities ready for another school year. All students in all buildings qualify for free breakfast and lunch for the entire school year. Thanks to legislation there are no book fees this school year. We are excited for our two literacy coaches at our two elementary schools with the science of reading being implemented. The new CTE classes are off and running at the high school. We are looking forward to a positive school year.

Consent Items

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims numbered 231050 – 231154 .
2. Approved the Treasurer’ Financial reports for July 2023.
3. Accepted the retirement of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
 - a. David “Tony” Coomes – Skilled Maintenance – Effective August 18, 2023.
4. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
 - a. Michael Hurt - Assistant Boys Varsity Track Coach – Effective July 13, 2023.
 - b. Michael Hurt - 8th Grade Middle School Football Coach - Effective July 13, 2023.
 - c. Michael Hurt - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach - Effective July 13, 2023.
 - d. Kara Wilson - Luce Daycare Aide - Effective July 13, 2023.
 - e. Angela Esterline - SSHS Cook - Effective July 31, 2023.
 - f. Dustin Clark - SSMS Teachers Aide - Effective August 3, 2023.
 - g. Chelsea Price - Rockport Elementary Teachers Aide - August 17, 2023
 - h. Brandi Salkill - Rockport Elementary Nurse - Effective August 22, 2023.
 - i. Nina Deaton – Bus Driver going down to morning route only – Effective 2023-2024 school year
 - j. Jeremy Kuester – Grounds Keeper – Effective July15, 2023

Motion: George Schwoeppe
Second: Tyler Hermann
Vote: 5-0

Consideration of Administrative Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to appoint Brad Schneider as a voting Trustee member to the Indiana Public School Insurance Trust.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Matt Bunner
Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Evansville for After School Program.

Motion: Melissa Middleton
Second: Tyler Hermann
Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the move Jeff Wilson, teacher’s aide position, from a 4 hour per day to a 4.75 hour per day position.

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

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the move of the Technology Assistant from Category IV to Category V on the Classified Staff Benefits.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the move Sabrina Mead, teacher's aide position, from a 6 hour day to a 7 hour day position.

Motion: Matt Bunner

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to declare the lights and poles as surplus and donating them to the city of Rockport.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: George Schwoeppe

Vote: 5-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to allow SSHS, SSMS, Rockport Elementary and Luce Elementary to use their investment income accounts to pay for their buildings IASP membership.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Tyler Hermann

Vote: 5-0

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire
 - a. Tayler Voyles - Speech Language Pathologist - Effective 2023-2024 school year
 - b. Lisa Ling - Special Education Teacher Luce Elementary – Effective 2023-2024 school year.
 - c. Angela Hammers - Health Aide at Rockport Elementary - Effective 2023-2024 school year
 - d. Susan Greenwell - Health Aide at Luce Elementary - Effective 2023-2024 school year
 - e. Brice Stuteville - Athletic Fields Groundskeeper - Pending clear background check
 - f. Kendra Williams - Special Education Teachers Aide South Spencer High School - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
 - g. Kaylee Beavers - Teachers Aide at Rockport Elementary - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
 - h. Kensey Myers - Teachers Aide at Luce Elementary - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
 - i. Abigail Denham - Daycare Aide at Luce Elementary - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
 - j. Erin Adams - 10 Month Custodian at Luce Elementary – Effective 2023-2024 school year.
 - k. Hilary Notter (Hucheson) - Transfer to Cook at Luce Elementary from 10 month custodian - Effective 2023-2024 school year

- l. Kari Coomes - SSHS Boys Tennis Head Coach (50% of 1 ECA Stipend) - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- m. Scott Morgan - SSHS Boys Tennis Head Coach (50% of 1 ECA Stipend) – Pending clear background check - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- n. Jeff Daming - SSHS Varsity Football Head Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- o. Zack Shelton - SSHS Assistant Football Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- p. Bruce Green - SSHS Assistant Football Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- q. Bruce Woodruff - SSHS Assistant Football Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- r. Dustin Utzman - SSHS Assistant Football Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- s. Johnny Dimmett - SSHS Assistant Football Coach (50% of 1 Stipend) - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- t. Kyle Tuley - SSHS Assistant Football Coach (50% of 1 Stipend) - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- u. Randy Neighbors - SSHS Head Girls Golf Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- v. Katie Calhoun - SSHS Girls Soccer Head Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- w. John Bell - SSHS Boys Soccer Head Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- x. Brandon Neighbors - 8th Grade Football Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- y. Zach Blanchard - 7th Grade Football Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- z. Jacob Huff - SSMS Football Helper - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- aa. Cody Eaves - SSMS Football Helper - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- bb. Doug Hadley - Middle School Boys & Girls Soccer Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- cc. Emily Kaufman - SSHS Varsity Head Volleyball Coach - Effective 2023-2024.
- dd. Travis Bush - Varsity Boys Cross Country Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- ee. Sarah Bush - Varsity Girls Cross Country Coach - Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- ff. Christina Smallwood – SSMS Teachers Aide – Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- gg. Sheila Love – Luce Elementary Teachers Aide – Pending clear background check – Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- hh. Maddie Brown – Rockport Elementary Teachers Aide – Transferring from Luce Elementary – Effective 2023-2024 school year.
- ii. Kimberlee Southwood – MS/HS Activities Director – Effective 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Melissa Middleton
 Second: Tyler Hermann
 Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the non-renewal of employment of Justice Taylor.

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

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to move Shelly Brown from a 10 month custodian to a 12 month custodian at Rockport Elementary.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
 Second: George Schwoeppe
 Vote: 5-0

Informational 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 – Has a concern about the students in the first grade and how lop sided the class size is between Rockport Elementary and Luce Elementary. To even the size of the classrooms move one of Luce’s first grade teachers to Rockport for 1 year. He went on to ask for an executive session or a work session for Mr. Schneider to have time to look into this and give the board more information about the class size.

Mr. Schneider – Advised that he had a meeting with Mr.Hunt and staff to discuss options and see what would work best for them. What they have talked about is adding a teacher’s aide to help with the 1st grade out of ESSER funds.

Next Meeting Date

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

Adjournment

Time: 6:29 PM

Motion: Matt Bunner

Second: Tyler Hermenn

Vote: 5-0

Document Signing

All Students - All the Time