

**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 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

**Consideration of Routine Items**

The agenda of the November 13, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 4-0

The minutes of the October 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner

Second: Tyler Hermann

Vote: 4-0

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Adams recognized October Character Trait Recipients from Rockport Elementary and Luce Elementary. The character trait was Integrity.

Josh Bowlds recognized the accomplishments of the fall sports teams and some individual athletes. SSHS hosted Girls Soccer Sectionals and received many compliments on South Spencer's facilities.

**Consent Items**

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims as presented in the board packet.
2. Approved the Treasurer's Financial Reports for September and October 2023.
3. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
  - a. Emily Kaufman – SSHS Varsity Volleyball Coach – Effective October 24, 2023
  - b. Madalyn Boswell – SSHS JV Volleyball Coach – Effective October 24, 2023
  - c. Angela Hammers – Rockport Elementary Health Aide – Effective October 27, 2023

- d. Hope Warsinsky – Luce Elementary Teacher Assistant – Effective November 3, 2023
- e. Bettina Martin – Luce Elementary 10 Month Custodian – Effective November 4, 2023

Motion: Melissa Middleton  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

**Consideration of Administrative Recommendations**

The following 3 recommendations will be tabled until November 21, 2023.

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, ratify the 2023-2024 Contract with the South Spencer County Classroom Teachers.
2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Salary and Benefits Increases for Non-Certified Staff Effective August 4, 2023.
3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the Salary and Benefit Increases for Building Administrators for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Melissa Middleton  
Vote: 4-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved naming the Varsity Softball Coach William “Billy” Wagner - Effective 2023-2024 School Year.

Motion: Melissa Middleton  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepted the Donation of Flag Pole for the SSHA Football and Soccer Fields.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 4-0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Art, Choir and Band Out of State Field Trip to Chicago.

Motion: Melissa Middleton  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Agreement for Payroll Clerk/Treasurer Trainer, Melissa Davis.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Melissa Middleton  
Vote: 4-0

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Out of State Football Trip to Bethel University.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 4-0

### **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire;
  - a. Heather McGhee – Special Education Teaching Assistant at SSMS, pending a clear background check.
  - b. Susan Greenwell – Transfer to Luce Title I Teaching Assistant from Luce Health Aide, effective when the Health Aide position is filled.
  - c. Brian Kuester – Head Baseball Coach, effective 2023-2024 school year.
  - d. Shawn Kuester – Assistant Baseball Coach, effective 2023-2024 school year.
  - e. Jeremy Kuester – Assistant Baseball Coach (75%), effective 2023-2024 school year.
  - f. Brice Stuteville – Assistant Baseball Coach (25%), effective 2023-2024 school year.
  - g. Charleston Roberts – Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective 2023-2024 school year.
  - h. Bryton McCrary – Middle School Boys Basketball Helper, effective 2023-2024 school year.
  - i. Ryan Lee – Middle School Girls Basketball Helper, effective 2023-2024 school year.

Motion: Melissa Middleton  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

### **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**

Melissa Middleton – Luce Fall Fest was extremely successful. The Marching Band made it to State, placed 8<sup>th</sup>. Very proud of them.

Matt Bunner – financial concerns with AEP closing in 2028. Our corporation north of us is getting ready to be hit with a loss of tax revenue between 2.5 and 4.5 million dollars that will hit their bank account for the next school year. We will have to watch because AEP will be closing in 2028 which is 40% of our tax base. This could result in \$4 out of every \$10 we spend not being in our account. We

can't sit with our heads in the sand and say let's wait until we get closer. We have to be good stewards of our money. This spring will be a good idea of how they handle their situation to see what we will do. Amount will be close to what our amount will be in 2028. They are a larger corporation. Percentage won't be as high for them, but dollar will be exact dollar for dollar. Tax changes that will affect their bank accounts.

### **Next Meeting Date**

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

### **Adjournment**

Time: 6:33 PM

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 4-0

### **Document Signing**

*All Students - All the Time*