

**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**August 12, 2024**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

School Board President, Melissa Middleton, called the meeting to order.

The following Board Members attended:

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

**Consideration of Routine Items**

The agenda of the August 12, 2024 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 8, 2024 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

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

The minutes of the July 18, 2024 Special Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

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

**Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Schneider thanked everyone who helped with the Back to School Bash. It was a great success. Thanked all faculty and staff for starting off the school year well.

**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 July 2024.
3. Accepted the resignations of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
  - a. Alicia Buse – SSHS – Biology and Anatomy & Physiology Teacher, effective August 2, 2024
  - b. Holly Cook – SSMS – Cook, effective August 1, 2024
  - c. Erika Daniels – Rockport Elementary – Teacher, effective August 1, 2024
  - d. Jama Greene – SSHS – Teaching Assistant, effective August 1, 2024
  - e. Susan Greenwell – Luce Elementary – Teaching Assistant, effective August 2, 2024
  - f. Anastacia Hagan – SSHS – Teaching Assistant, effective July 23, 2024
  - g. Trent Martin – SSHS/MS – Athletic Director, effective July 18, 2024
  - h. Chelsea Price – Rockport Elementary – Teaching Assistant, effective July 30, 2024
  - i. Cara Matthews - SSHS - JV/V Swim Coach, effective July 26, 2024

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 5-0

### **Consideration of Administrative Recommendation**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Held Second Reading of Proposed Policy Revisions #6 and approved Said Revisions.

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

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Held First Reading of Proposed Policy Revisions #7.

No Action Taken

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Principals' Request to Join Indiana School Principal Association for 2024-2025 school year.

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

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved 2024-2025 Student and Family Handbook.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Extra Hours for Teaching Assistants at Rockport Elementary.

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

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Science Textbooks and Curriculum for Luce and Rockport Elementary Schools.

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 5-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Agreement with the Exceptional Children's Co-op for 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 5-0

### **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire:
  - a. Dylan Kelly – Business Teacher – SSHS, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - b. Shawn Kuester – Biology Teacher – SSHS, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - c. Ashlie Ripperdan – Elementary Teacher – Rockport Elementary, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - d. Kaitlyn Kebortz – Teaching Assistant – Rockport Elementary, effective August 12, 2024.
  - e. Stephanie Carpenter – Teaching Assistant – Luce Elementary, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - f. Hunter Faulkner – Daycare Assistant – Luce Elementary, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - g. Helena “Nikki” Schnelle – Cafeteria Manager – SSMS, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - h. Dustin Utzman – Athletic Fields Groundskeeper, effective August 13, 2024.
  - i. Aimee Cole – Teaching Assistant – SSHS, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - j. Morgan Jones – Teaching Assistant – SSHS, effective 2024-2025 school year.
  - k. Bethany Thompson - Evening 10-Month Custodian - SSHS, effective August 7, 2024.

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

### **Informational Items**

These were written reports to the Board.

1. Maintenance Report
2. Technology Report
3. Transportation Report
4. New Volunteers Report

### **Statements/Concerns of the Board**

Janet Stoermer – the previous athletic director did not leave the position high and dry. Mr. Martin was still doing athletic director roles when he was hired for principal position.

Matt Bunner – Indianapolis Star had an article about all of the state colleges and the high school diploma tracks and the fact that the colleges are not going to accept because the minimum requirements are not going to be met. The board going forward needs to stay on top of that so the right decisions are being made.

Melissa Middleton – many new faces at South Spencer: faculty and staff. Hope that everyone was very accepted. Back to School Bash was very successful. Please support our Fall Sports.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, September 9, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

### **Adjournment**

Time: 6:20 PM

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

### **Document Signing**

All Students - All the Time