

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
APRIL 14, 2025

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
- Janet Stoermer – Member
- Laura Blake - Member

Consideration of Routine Items

The agenda of the April 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

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

Superintendent's Report

Thank our bus drivers and Shelly Meredith for last week with the flooding. They had to make multiple adjustments to their routes, pick up points and contacting parents. They did an outstanding job, going above and beyond. They had to do that again today and maybe tomorrow. Hopefully by Wednesday they will have all the roads open. They deserve a shout out.

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 March/Beginning of April 2025.
3. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
 - a. Tina Nix – Luce Elementary Teaching Assistant, effective April 10, 2025

- b. Sharon McDonald – Luce Elementary Evening Custodian, effective May 20, 2025
- c. Brittany Jones - Rockport Elementary Teaching Assistant, effective April 23, 2025.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

Consideration of Administrative Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Adoption of the Reading and Writing Curriculum for Kindergarten through Grade 5 for 2025-2026 school year.

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

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Rebecca McCaffery as Director of Curriculum & Instruction for 2025-2026 school year.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Substitute Pay Rate for the Groundskeeper Position.

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

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

- 1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire:
 - a. Stephanie Jessee – Summer Bus Cleaning, effective May 22, 2025.
 - b. Kimberly Houston – Summer Bus Cleaning, effective May 22, 2025.
 - c. Kari Coomes – Elementary Summer IREAD Remediation Teacher, effective Summer School 2025.
 - d. Christine Kuester – SSMS & SSHS Summer School ELA Teacher Grades 6-12, effective Summer School 2025.
 - e. Travis Bush – SSMS Summer School Math Teacher Grades 6-8, effective Summer School 2025.

f. John Hurley - SSHS Summer SAE Teacher, effective Summer 2025.

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

g. Brett Schulte - SSHS Summer School Math Teacher Grades 9-12, effective Summer School 2025.

Motion: Laura Blake
Second: George Schwoeppe
Vote: 4-0-1 (Janet Stoermer Abstained)

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

Janet Stoermer – excited about having a Director of Curriculum and someone very qualified. Thinks we are moving forward and that it will be great to have a grade K-12 alignment and the grant writing.

Brad Schneider – we are going to try not to overwhelm Mrs. McCaffery because that is a pretty extensive job description. We are going to prioritize. This is going to be a game changer for our kids, for our school and our teachers. We will have a consistency throughout the district that we just haven't had due to time restraints and other things. Welcome aboard and looking forward to working with Mrs. McCaffery.

Melissa Middleton – hopes that our family, our students and everyone that is effected by the flooding, are staying safe because the flooding was horrible. Was affected herself and was stranded for 6 days and did not like it. Thank God everyone is safe, no catastrophes. Second, big congratulations to our students and director of the school play. They did a phenomenal job last month. If you did not get to see it, you missed a big show. It was very, very nice. Congratulations to Brandon Neighbors for his recent hiring of the head coach for the football team. I know he's going to do great things. Can't wait to see his ideas moving forward on the field. Prom is April 26 and hopes that our students and their dates are safe. Most importantly, that they have fun and enjoy the moments. Graduation is less than 30 school days away. It is May 24. Final stretch is here and hope they are going to enjoy it and stop, look, and enjoy every moment because it is going to go by so fast. Saw on social media that the tassel is worth the hassle. Graduation is a huge milestone. A big good luck and congratulations to the senior class. Lastly, softball team is playing at the time of the meeting. Winning 6-1 in bottom of 2nd.

Next Meeting Date

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

Adjournment

Time: 6:12 PM

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Tyler Hermann

Vote: 5-0

Document Signing

All Students - All the Time