

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 12, 2026

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 January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

The minutes of the December 8, 2025 Regular Board Meeting were approved as presented.

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

The minutes of the December 17, 2025 Special Board Meeting were approved as presented.

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

Superintendent's Report

Scot French – MS Students of the Month for 1st semester.

Election of Board of School Trustee Officers & Appointment of Committees for Year 2026

1. President: Melissa Middleton

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

2. Vice President: Janet Stoermer

Motion: Laura Blake
Second: George Schwoeppe
Vote: 5-0

3. Secretary: Laura Blake

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

4. Corporation Treasurer: Melissa 'Missy' Raaf

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

5. Legislative Liaison for ISBA: Tyler Hermann

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

6. Victor Mohr Scholarship Committee: George Schwoeppe

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

7. Negotiation Committee: Tyler Hermann

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

8. Rockport Re-development Board as a non-voting member: Laura Blake

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

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 December 2025.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

Consideration of Administrative Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund for 2026.

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

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Board of School Trustees Meeting Dates and Times for 2026:

Feb. 9th - 6:00 PM	Aug. 10th - 6:00 PM
Mar. 9th - 6:00 PM	Sept. 14th - 6:00 PM
Apr. 13th - 6:00 PM	Oct. 19th - 6:00 PM
May 11th - 6:00 PM	Nov. 9th - 6:00 PM
June 8th - 6:00 PM	Dec. 14th - 6:00 PM
July 13th - 6:00 PM	Jan. 11th - 6:00 PM

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

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Year End Transfers of Appropriations within Accounts in the Education Fund and Operations Fund.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Engagement Agreement with Andrew Foster to serve as the South Spencer County School Corporation Attorney for 2026.

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

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire
 - a. Allison Weichman – Long-Term ELA substitute at SSSS, effective Spring Semester 2025-2026 School Year.
 - b. Scott Morgan – Boys Elementary Basketball Director (3/4), effective 2025-2026 School Year.
 - c. Aaron Thompson – Boys Elementary Basketball Director (1/4), effective 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

Informational Items

These were written reports to the Board.

1. Technology Report
2. Maintenance Report
3. Transportation Report
4. Volunteer List

Statements/Concerns of the Board

Janet Stoermer – Legislative session has started. ISBA is tracking and right now there are 73 education bills. Keep track and watch those.

Melissa Middleton – Congratulations to the middle school students for Student of the Month for 1st semester. Graduation is May 23, 2026. Best of luck to winter sports teams. Sectionals will be in the next 2-3 weeks. Best of luck to them. Good luck to spring sports as well. Braiden Hughes landed his 100th win in wrestling. Big congratulations to him, which is a huge milestone. He will remember that for a long while. Students, keep up the good work.

Brad Schneider – ask our community, thought and prayers for Brett Schulte. Math teacher at the high school was in an accident. Brett has been in the hospital, but has been making a good recovery. We miss him and want to send out our thoughts and prayers to him for a speedy recovery. He is missed. Prognosis is good and he's a tough guy.

Next Meeting Date

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, February 9, 2026 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