

**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**FEBRUARY 9, 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
- Janet Stoermer – Vice President
- Laura Blake - Secretary
- Tyler Hermann – Member

**Consideration of Routine Items**

The agenda of the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

The minutes of the January 12, 2026 Board of Finance Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Laura Blake  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Vote: 4-0

The minutes of the January 12, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Laura Blake  
Vote: 4-0

**Superintendent's Report**

Marching Rebels for their State Finals performance. Mrs. Melinda Grace discussed the marching season and what all went into the show and how hard the students worked this season. She recognized the members, staff and band booster parents.

### **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 January 2026.
3. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
  - a. Ashley Chapman – Full-Time Bus Driver to Substitute Bus Driver, effective January 12, 2026
  - b. Derrick Owens, SSHS Evening Custodian effective February 13, 2026
  - c. Travis Bush – SSHS Varsity Boys Track Coach, effective January 15, 2026
  - d. Sarah Bush – SSHS Varsity Girls Track Coach, effective January 15, 2026

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

### **Consideration of Administrative Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, awarded Mowing Bids for 2026-2028.

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Laura Blake  
Vote: 4-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the High Ability Handbook.

Motion: Laura Blake  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

3. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Out-of-State Trip to attend Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Vote: 4-0

### **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire:
  - a. Clay Roth – Head Swim Coach (50%) at SSMS, effective 2025-2026 season
  - b. William Warsinsky – Head Swim Coach (50%) at SSMS, effective 2025-2026 season
  - c. Lyla Schmitt – Temporary Special Needs Aide at Rockport Elementary, effective immediately

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Vote: 4-0

- a. Alivia Middleton – Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Rockport Elementary, effective February 4, 2026

Motion: Laura Blake  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 3-0-1 (Melissa Middleton 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**

Melissa Middleton – congratulations to the Marching Rebels on a spectacular season. Congratulations to the archery teams. We have team members in all 4 buildings. They are doing a fantastic job. Two of the band members, Nash Wheatley and Blake Nellis, had an outstanding performance at the ISSMA Solo & Ensembles. They both secured a spot to the state finals on February 28. Also, we had middle school and other high school students that performed and represented South Spencer very well. In addition, congratulations to Nash Wheatley. He auditioned and made the Indiana All-State Honor Band. That is a huge accomplishment as a high school student. We had 7 South Spencer wrestlers compete at Regionals this past weekend: Andrew Basham, Blaine Mead, JT Neighbors, Aiden Chapman, Jude Small, De’Juan Lance and Braydon Hughes. Blaine and Braydon both moved on to Semi-State which will be held at the Ford Center this weekend. Braydon and Tate Schulte will be signing with Rose-Hulman for football. Congratulations to them. Last, but not least, congratulations to the Lady Rebels Basketball team. They had a fantastic season. They played hard, with heart, with passion and represented South Spencer so well on the court. Good Luck to our Boys Basketball for sectionals. Wanted to ask everyone to keep the Trogden Family and Luce Elementary staff and students in their thoughts and prayers as they mourn a student, Mikey, that passed a couple weeks ago. He always had a smile on his face. He may not have been able to voice how he felt, but you could see it on his face. He was so energetic and had a sparkle in his eyes. With the smile that he gave, you could tell he loved being in the classroom with his classmates and his classmates loved him just as much. His mom, Erin, asked to state that she is extremely grateful to the South Spencer County School Corporation for accommodating to Mikey’s needs. She wanted Melissa to voice her gratitude to the whole school corporation and to staff and administration at Luce Elementary because they went above and beyond for him.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

**Adjournment**

Time: 6:21 PM

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 4-0

**Document Signing**

*All Students - All the Time*