



## **South Central Community School Board Minutes**

**August 10, 2021**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Steven Koontz, Deborah Allen, Dominic Notaro and Geraldine Grott. Others who attended were Dr. Stevens, Superintendent, Ben Anderson, High School Principal, Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, Rachel Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, and Jennifer Nagle, Administrative Assistant.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

President Koontz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

There were no public expressions.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S CONTRACT**

Board approval for upholding the new Superintendent Contract for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Steven Koontz, President of School Board, made the motion, Geraldine Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

a) **Approval of the July 6, 2021 Executive Session Minutes, July 13, 2021 Board Minutes and August 3, 2021 Public Hearing Minutes.**

b) **Personnel Recommendations:**

-Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal, is recommending employment of Mallorie Schoon to fill the Intervention Teacher opening effective the 2021-2022 school year.

-Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is recommending Rebekah Tucker to switch her role from the Intervention Teacher to the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher effective the 2021-2022 school year.

-Mr. Anderson, High School Principal, is recommending employment of Maria Koontz to fill our part-time Choir Teacher opening effective 2021-2022 school year.

-Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending employment of Cassandra Speer to fill our English Teacher opening effective the 2021-2022 school year.

-Mr. Anderson, High School Principal, is recommending Natalie Mills as a temporary cover for the first grading period of Ms. Cassandra Speer's English teaching position. This would be effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

-Ms. Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, is recommending employment of Dawn Lenczewski to fill our Food Service Employee opening effective 2021-2022 school year.

-Ms. Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, is requesting transfer for Sharon Benson from the Maintenance Department to fill our Food Service Employee opening effective 2021-2022 school year.

-Mr. Gary Biggs, Director of Student Safety and Transportation Services, is recommending employment of Yvette Battleday to fill our full time Bus Driver opening effective 2021-2022 school year.

**c) Personnel Resignation:**

-Approval for resignation of Kay Younggreen, JH Math and English Teacher, effective immediately.

-Approval for resignation of Carrie Miller, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, effective immediately.

-Approval for resignation of Brian Nagle, School Bus Driver, effective immediately.

-Approval for resignation of Jennifer Keeley, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade/HS Choir Teacher, effective immediately.

**d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

-Approval for transfer of Paul Fasshauer from Jr. High Volleyball Coach to Varsity Assistant Volleyball Coach.

-Approval for transfer of Brett Davis from Jr. High Football Coach to Varsity Assistant Football Coach.

-Approval for resignation of Joseph Wagner, Study Hall/ISS Supervisor and Assistant for Football and Girls Basketball staff, effective immediately.

**e) Claims:**

- Approval of presented claims #29918-29971, 750-756,759-761, 768-770.

Mr. Koontz made the motion to approve consent agenda, as presented. Ms. Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Dominic Notaro made the motion to approve Maria Koontz's position as the part-time Choir Teacher. Ms. Geraldine Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

**Annual Financial Report**

Rachel Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, recommended approval to advertise 2022 Budget Assumptions. Ms. Grott made a motion to accept as presented and Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Ms. Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, recommended approval to advertise Bus Replacement and Capital Project Plans at a Public Hearing scheduled September 14, 2021, at 6 pm. Steve Koontz motioned to approve and Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Ms. Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, presented the 2020 Calendar Year AFR and recommended approval from the Board. Steve Koontz motioned to approve and Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

### **DONATIONS**

To: Rockettes- \$300.00

From: Garner, Inc.

To: Athletics-\$3,488.00

From: Dr. Theodore Stevens

To: Cheerleaders- Cheerleading Safety Mats

From: Anthony Erickson

Geraldine Grott made motion to accept donations and Steve Koontz seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS**

1) **FORECAST 5 ANALYTICS**

A representative from Forecast 5 will present information pertaining to their product and how South Central might be able to utilize this to plan for future purposes. If approved, the money for the purchase will come from the appropriation allocated for the financial software (which has been delayed due to the vendor). Mr. Koontz made motion to approve FORECAST 5 ANALYTICS Budgeting Aide. Geraldine Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

2) **TEACHER APPRECIATION GRANT**

The Teacher Appreciation Grant policy must be approved annually by the Board and submitted to the IDOE to be eligible to receive funding. The TAG policy is identical to last year - stipulating that educators that were rated as “Highly Effective” will receive 25% more than those rated as “Effective.” Dominic Notaro made motion to approve the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

3) **VIRTUAL MEETINGS FOR BOARD MEMBERS**

This resolution came from ISBA and was edited to include our information. This resolution will allow members to attend virtual if necessary. Deb Allen motioned to approve the resolution which allows Virtual Meetings for Board Members. Steve Koontz seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

4) **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NEW DURHAM TOWNSHIP**

South Central shares a Food Service Director and the German Teacher with New Durham Township Schools. In addition, we also share students for PLTW programming and transportation services to AK Smith in Michigan City. This MOU, which outlines the costs associated with these items and the amount that Westville will compensate South Central for the utilization of these services. Steve Koontz motioned to approve contract for Westville to compensate South Central for uses of services. Geraldine Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

5) **COVID-19 UPDATES**

The Superintendent reported that masks are still optional. If a student tests positive, they are required to quarantine. School will continue to follow South Central School Policy concerning COVID-19. The COVID Tracker will be utilized to keep the community updated as needed.

**OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

There were no other items

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Notaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Ms. Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

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Steven Koontz, President

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Todd Morrow, Vice-President

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Deborah Allen, Secretary

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Dominic Notaro, Deputy Secretary

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Geraldine Grott, Member