

South Central Community School Corporation

School Board Minutes – March 8, 2022

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met March 8, 2022 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Jake Wade, Allen Stevens, Deborah Allen-virtually, Geraldine Grott-virtually, and Dominic Notaro. Others who attended were Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent, Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, Rachel Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, Shawn McGill (School Attorney Rep.), and Jennifer Nagle, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Dominic Notaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

There were no public expressions.

FORM 9 FINANCIAL REPORT

Rachel Dutoi, Corporation Business Manager/Treasurer, reviewed and asked for acceptance of the Form 9 Financial Report with the School Board. Motion was made by Jake Wade to accept the Form 9 Financial Report as presented. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

ELEMENTARY MATH TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, requested the Board to approve the Math Textbook Adoption quotes from Savvas. Motion was made by Gerri Grott to approve the Math Textbook Adoption quotes from Sarvas as presented. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the February 8, 2022 Board Minutes

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal, is requesting approval of Sharon Blaszkiewicz to cover Tina Coburn's maternity leave dates effective May 2, 2022 thru end of 2021-2022 school year.
- Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal, is requesting approval of Tammi Rudman to cover Holli Divich's maternity leave dates effective April 11, 2022 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

- Buzz Schoff: February 28, 2022, ACP Instructors Seminar, Zoom Meeting, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, IN.
- Amy Morrison: February 9, 2022, March 16, 2022, Half Day Data Meeting, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, IN.
- John Haggard: March 19-22, 2022, IIAAA AD Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, Indianapolis JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IND.
- Kyle McCallum and Daniel Siford: March 23, 2022, Half Day Ivy Tech PD Training, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, IND.
- Rebekah Tucker: March 24, 2022, Virtual Unlocking the Science of Reading Conference, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, IN.

d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:

- Approval for the resignation of Kaity Hardin, Jr. High Track Coach, effective February 8, 2022.

- Approval for the resignation of Kandis Morwood, National Honor Society Sponsor, effective the end of the 2021-2022 School year- May 23, 2022.
- Approval for Alynn Eggert, National Honor Society Sponsor, effective for School Year 2022-2023.

e) Claims:

- Approval of presented claims #942-969, 972-974, 30337-30352, 30354-30360, 30362-30412.

Allen Stevens made motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

- Anonymous - \$300.00 to Class of 2023
- Dick and Carol Welsh - \$100.00 to Drama Club
- Debbie and Edward Jones - \$150.00 to FFA

Jake Wade made motion to approve donations as presented. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS

2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Dr. Theodore Stevens presented the 2022-2023 school calendar to the School Board. This calendar was created after reviewing the previous 2022-2023 School Calendar. Upon review of previously approved 2022-2023 School Calendar, it was noted that April 14th was not Good Friday. The updated calendar version shows that students will be attending school on Friday, April 14, 2023. Dr. Stevens requested approval, from the School Board, for the updated version of the School Calendar 2022-2023 as presented. Jake Wade made motion to accept updated version of the 2022-2023 School Calendar as presented. Ms. Grott seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

PRESENTATION - WHERE ARE THE STUDENTS GOING?

Dr. Theodore Stevens presented factual information collected through the IDOE. He presented the data points for student transfers during the Fall of 2021.

OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENT TRANSFER PLAN

The out of district transfer plan impacts everything we do at SC. From class size to funding revenue, this plan is the foundation of the organization as we know it. Every year, the Board of School Trustees must approve the number or student openings that South Central will make available for out of district student transfers. Overall, South Central has been very fortunate to supplement in district enrollment with out of district transfer students. The plan and methodology that we have utilized has been the same since 2019. Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent, requested approval for a total of 82 transfer student openings for 2022-2023 School Year. Jake Wade made motion to accept the requested amount of 82 transfer student openings for 2022-2023 School Year. Ms. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

COVID-19 UPDATES

Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent, provided information that LaPorte County is in the “yellow” tier on the presented 2/28/22 map. Contract tracing has been eliminated, no masks are required on school buses, and masks continue to remain optional for South Central Schools.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no other items that came before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Dominic Notaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20pm. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Deborah Allen, President

Dominic Notaro, Vice-President

Jake Wade, Secretary

Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

Allen Stevens, Member