

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes – April 12, 2022**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met April 12, 2022 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Jake Wade, Allen Stevens, Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott, and Dominic Notaro. Others who attended were Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent, Rachel Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, Mr. Jones (School Attorney Rep.), and Jennifer Nagle, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

There were no public expressions.

### **APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 SOUTH CENTRAL ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, recommended approval for the 2022-2023 South Central Elementary Student Handbook. Ms. Grott motioned to approve the South Central Elementary Student Handbook. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

### **APPROVAL OF K-6<sup>TH</sup> 2022-2023 ELEMENTARY TEXTBOOK FEES**

Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, requested approval for the K-6<sup>th</sup> Textbook Fees. Motion was made by Dominic Notaro to approve the K-6<sup>th</sup> 2022-2023 Elementary Textbook Fees. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

### **LED LIGHT SAVINGS**

Rachel Dutoi, Business Manager/Treasurer, presented information representing the savings documented due to installation of LED Lights with Energy Harness.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **a) Approval of the March 8, 2022 Board Minutes**

#### **b) Personnel Recommendations:**

- Dr. Stevens, Superintendent, is recommending approval for employment of Cheryl Perriera for the position of Substitute Cafeteria/Lunchroom Custodian through the end of the 2021-2022 School Year, (June 1, 2022).
- Mr. Anderson, JR/SR High School Principal, is recommending approval for employment of Mr. Daniel Konshak to permanently fill the English Teacher position for the 2022-2023 School Year.

#### **c) Professional Leave Requests:**

- Dr. Stevens, Mr. Kimmel, Mr. Anderson, Deb Kamrath, Ms. Curtis: April 13, 2022, Strategic Planning Consortium Leaders Meeting, Launch Indy, Indianapolis, IN.
- Rachel Dutoi: May 4-6<sup>th</sup>, IASBO Annual Meeting, French Lick Resort Convention Center, French Lick, Indiana.
- Lisa Rosebaum and Kellee Cummings: April 14, 2022, IASBO ECA Seminar, Primo Banquet, Indianapolis, IN.

#### **d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- Approval for the resignation of Scott Lanoue Girls Golf Coach, effective April 7, 2022.
  - Approval for the resignation of Christine Walter, Elementary Robotics Coach, effective June 30, 2021.
  - Approval for the resignation of Dallas Smythe, Girls Softball Coach, effective March 18, 2022.
  - Approval for James Carr, JV Baseball Coach, effective for School Year 2021-2022.
  - Approval for Colin Scheub and Janelle Lautenbach, Split Track Coaches, effective School Year 2021-2022.
  - Approval for Wes Bucher, Boys and Girls JH Track Coach, effective School Year 2021-2022.
- e) **NIESC Food Procurement Agreement for School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022:**
- Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, is recommending Board approval for School Years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 NIESC Food Procurement Membership Co-op Agreement.
- f) **Claims:**
- Approval of presented claims.

Deb Allen made motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Dominic Notaro seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

## **DONATIONS**

- To: Top Ten Dinner - \$500.00, From: Horizon Bank
- To: Drama Club - \$15.00, From: Anonymous
- To: FFA - \$300.00, From: LaPorte Co. Farm Bureau Inc.
- To Baseball, From: Billy & Amy Byrd \$200.00, Melissa & Richard Grott \$100.00, Aaron & Heather Sanderson \$200.00, Dax Delgado \$50.00, Ryan & Carrie Strauch \$50.00, Darrel & Amy Kleist \$50.00, Jeffrey & Susan Lantz \$50.00, Anonymous Cash \$20.00

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

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS**

### **WELDING LAB EQUIPMENT APPROVAL**

Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent, is recommending approval to purchase welding lab equipment for the upcoming Welding Class being offered at South Central Community Schools. Dr. Stevens reviewed several concepts with putting together a welding lab and the hurdles to overcome. The first hurdle was to address the ventilation in the room. A whole room system was examined, but the initial cost estimates were low. Next, the welders themselves - initially we were looking to find used, older, equipment. Though that option made initial sense, getting 10 machines that match and are capable of both MIG and TIG welding was going to be a chore.

The proposal submitted, by Dr. Stevens, recommended 10 new Lincoln multi-process welders (can do MIG and TIG) and appropriate ventilation for each of the 10 stations. The overall price (\$133,303) is certainly more than we initially anticipated, but this process has been a first for Dr. Stevens, Mr. Rucker, and Mr. Bailey. The good news is, we've advertised the class for next year to be offered at SC and we already have students on a wait list. From a "serving students" standpoint, we are still looking at a program that will be beneficial to students in our community. Finally, please note that if the contract is approved, South Central still needs the electrical capacity upgraded in the

space as well, which is estimated to cost between \$10,000 - \$20,000. Mr. Jake Wade made the motion to approve the requested proposal to purchase welding lab equipment. Dominic Notaro seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

**GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND**

Sean McGill, from Baker Tilly, discussed the potential for a G.O. Bond at S.C. General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds are issued for a variety of reasons. In South Central’s scenario, we may consider using a G.O. Bond as a way to keep tax rates steady, while completing projects that we may otherwise continue to delay. As it turns out, several school corporations’ issue G.O. Bonds for the same reasons. The G.O. Bond we would be proposing would be utilized to keep the tax rate the same, as opposed to dropping. This means taxpayers would NOT see a decrease, nor would they see an increase. Their taxes would remain the same, but South Central would then be able to capture dollars that we would otherwise lose.

G.O. Bonds are to be used for any aspect of operations that we would need, but it would be best to have an idea of where we may utilize the dollars if we move forward with the concept. If the Board agreed to G.O. Bond that yielded \$885,00, the following projects might be areas of consideration:

<b>PROJECT</b>	<b>ESTIMATED COST</b>
Recently approved parking lot project	\$300,000
2 new mini buses	\$130,000
Exterior painting on building	\$150,000
Masonry / tuckpointing on building	\$150,000
New flooring for HS / Elementary main hallways and cafeteria	\$150,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$880,000</b>

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**OTHER AREAS OF CONSIDERATION:**

2 Water Heaters	\$100,000
Resurfacing of Track	\$250,000

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**COVID-19 UPDATES**

Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent, provided a COVID-19 update. The ISDH has changed (again) the reporting charts that we previously showcased each month. With that said, COVID still exists within our community, but we have not had a reportable instance that has impacted the COVID Tracker since January 28, 2022. 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 6:32 p.m., Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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Deborah Allen, President

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Dominic Notaro, Vice-President

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Jake Wade, Secretary

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Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

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Allen Stevens, Member