

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes – May 10, 2022**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met May 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. 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, and School Attorney representative, Ms. Speichert. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

There were no public expressions.

### **APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 JR./SR. STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Ben Anderson, Jr./Sr. School Principal, recommended approval for the 2022-2023 South Central Jr./Sr Student Handbook. Mr. Notaro motioned to approve the South Central Jr./Sr. Student Handbook. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

### **SHOWCASE VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN**

Ben Anderson, Jr./Sr. High School Principal, introduced 2021-2022 Salutatorian, Camryn Young, and Valedictorian, Jolie Klimczak.

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

#### **a) Approval of the April 12, 2022 Board Minutes**

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

- Mr. Anderson, JR/SR High School Principal, is recommending approval for current teacher, Kate Rogowski, to be the Virtual Learning Center Summer School Teacher for the School Year 2021-2022.
- Mr. Anderson, JR/SR High School Principal, is recommending approval of a maternity leave for Cassandra Speer for the 2022-2023 School Year.

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

- Matt Spagna, Melissa Santana, Samantha Colter, Jen Noveroske, Zach Janssen, Eric Speer: April 29 and May 4, 2022, Inmans Bowling Alley, Valparaiso, Indiana, and South Bend Cubs Stadium, South Bend, Indiana.
- Karen Hagenow: May 4, 2022, Certification Classes-ISNA, Central Indiana ESC, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Emma Wiegel: April 22, 2022 Purdue Northwest Administration Buildings, Westville, Indiana.

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

- Approval for the resignation of Paige Ruesch, Girls JV Basketball Coach, effective May 3, 2022.

#### **e) Claims:**

- Approval of presented claims: 30485-30557, 1019-1024, Payroll Claims: 04/20/22, 05/05/2022.

Ms. Grott motioned to accept Consent Agenda. Ms. Allen seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

## DONATIONS

- To: Industrial Tech.-\$60.00, From: Anonymous cash donation
- To: Class of 2023-\$275.00, From: United Steelworkers Local 1010 for Prom 2022
- To: Student Activities - \$886.44, From: Interstate Studios
- To: Athletics-\$350.00, From: Co-Alliance Cooperative for Round-Up for the softball field.
- To: Drama Club-\$100.00, From: Dick and Carol Welsh
- To: Baseball -
  - o From: Thomas and Cynthia Schoof-\$50.00
  - o Ray Metheny III-\$240.00
  - o Allen and Nichole Williamson-\$350.00
  - o Misc. Cash Donations-\$225.00
- To: Top Ten Banquet-\$1,000.00, From: Teachers Credit Union
- To: Drama Club-\$400.00, To: Band-\$400.00, To: Choir-\$400.00, To: Industrial Tech-\$400.00, From: Sons of the American Legion Post 295.

Mr. Stevens motioned to accept donations. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

## ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS

### ADOPTION OF NEOLA POLICY 6325

Superintendent, Dr. Theodore Stevens, requested approval from South Central School Board to adopt Neola policy 6325. Policy 6325 specifically speaks to the Procurement of Federal Funds. Mr. Allen Stevens motioned to accept Neola Policy 6325. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

### GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND

During our last meeting, Sean McGill from Baker Tilly provided detailed information pertaining to a General Obligation (G.O.) Bond for South Central. If approved, South Central would use the G.O. Bond as a way to keep tax rates steady, while completing projects that we may otherwise continue to delay. If the Board agreed to G.O. Bond that yielded \$885,00 the following projects might be areas of consideration:

PROJECT	ESTIMATED COST
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>
<b>OTHER AREAS OF CONSIDERATION:</b>	
2 Water Heaters	\$100,000
Resurfacing of Track	\$250,000

Jake Wade motioned to accept the General Obligation Bond Exhibit A. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Ms. Grott motioned to accept Exhibit B. Mr. Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

### **SC BOARD TERMS AFTER AN ELECTION**

The Superintendent presented information pertaining to the fact that this Board has discussed the unusual election and delayed active terms for several Board members. It appears the Board is unanimous in wanting to fix this situation. Bill Kaminski is here to answer questions and potentially help the Board find a resolution to this issue.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR POTENTIAL REVISION**

School Superintendent, Dr. Theodore Stevens, presented information related to the State of Indiana passed a new provision that “permits” 3 E-Learning Days each year. An E-Learning day is defined as “asynchronous,” meaning that there is no live interaction between students and teachers. Virtual learning is defined as “synchronous,” meaning that teachers and students have the opportunity to engage one another in real time. Administration is working with the CTA on viable options for weather cancellations. Essentially, SC can offer virtual learning or add days onto the end of the school year. If the groups decide to amend the calendar, I will bring that to the Board for formal approval as soon as possible.

### **END OF SCHOOL YEAR**

Dr. Theodore Stevens concluded the meeting with the following information:

- The last student attendance day will be Friday, May 20.
- Prom will be on Thursday, June 2 @ “The Shed”
- Graduation will be on Sunday, June 5 @ 7:00 (football field)

### **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 6:37 p.m., 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