

South Central Community School Corporation

School Board Minutes – July 12, 2022

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met July 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 (virtually). Others who attended were Mr. Ben Anderson, Interim Superintendent, Jennifer Nagle, Administrative Assistant, and School Attorney representative, Ms. Speichert. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

Several students from South Central’s Drama Club, along with their parents, expressed concern for the lack of respect, validation, and recognition they have received during their season of performance. The students and their peers requested updated bathrooms, Senior recognition, advertising, public announcements, co-sharing of space with other social groups utilizing the gym. The SCDC students are seeking cooperation, from their peers, with the volume of gym noise while rehearsing. Students stepped forward and explained how the Drama Club has had a positive influence in their lives both on and off stage.

APPROVAL OF MR. BEN ANDERSON’S SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022

School Board approved Mr. Ben Anderson as the Superintendent for South Central Community Schools. Motion was made by Jake Wade to approve Mr. Anderson as Superintendent for South Central Community Schools. Ms. Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY SOUTH CENTRAL SCHOOL’S TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT.

School Board approved the following documents submitted by the Technology Department: 2022-2025 SC Technology and Innovation Action Plan, 2022 Library Collection Development Policy. Motion was made by Deb Allen to approve documents submitted by the Technology Department. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATION TREASURER

Rachel Dutoi, Corporation Treasurer, presented updated information as related to LED light savings. School Board approved the request for declaration of surplus items. Jake Wade motioned to approve, Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) **Approval of the June 14, 2022 Board Minutes**
- b) **Approval of the June 14, 2022 Executive Session Board Minutes**
- c) **Personnel Recommendations:**
 - Mr. Anderson, Interim Superintendent, is recommending approval for Mr. Jarad Miller to fill the position of Jr-Sr High School Principal for the School Year 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Anderson, Interim Superintendent, is recommending approval for Carey Scheck to fill the open position of Choir Teacher for the School Year 2022-2023.

- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for Nicole Doms to fill the position of Elementary School Instructional Assistant for the School Year 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for Michelle Nealon to fill the position of Elementary Office Receptionist for the School Year 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for Ashley Medley to serve as the County Spelling Bee Chair for the School Year 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for the resignation of Crystal Koepke as the Elementary Office Receptionist effective immediately.
- d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**
- Approval of Alyssa Mulligan, Assistant C-Team Coach for Girls Basketball, effective for 2022-2023 School Year.
- e) Claims:**
- Approval of presented claims.

Ms. Grott motioned to accept Consent Agenda as presented. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

DONATIONS:

- To: FFA-\$5,000.00, From: America’s Farmers Grow Communities
 - o From: Bayer Fund on behalf of Alice Lindborg
- To: FFA-\$1,327.42, From: Co-Alliance

Jake Wade motioned to accept donations as presented. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF SECOND READING NEOLA POLICY UPDATE VOLUME 34, NUMBER 2: (ACTION ITEM)

- **Bylaw 0142.3 - Vacancies (Revised):** This Bylaw has been revised to address options for review of prospective appointees for Board vacancies.
- **Bylaw 0167.3 - Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised)-** This Bylaw has been revised to incorporate the changes required by Senate Enrolled Act 83 and House Enrolled Act 1130, which require the School Board to provide for oral public comment at most regular Board meetings.
- **Policy 1213.01/3213.01/4213.01 - Staff-Student Relations (New)-** These new policies are intended to specifically address staff-student relations that may constitute criminal conduct, child abuse or neglect, inappropriate boundary invasions (optional) or conduct unbecoming a professional staff member.
- **Policy 1216/3216/4216 - Staff Dress and Grooming (New/Revised)-** This policy has been added to the Administration Section as a new policy. The Administrators within the School Corporation should be held to the same standards of dress and grooming as the staff in the Corporation.
- **Policy 2221 - Mandatory Curriculum (Revised)-** Revisions were made to this policy to reflect changes in the statutory language, including replacing AIDS with HIV, and new course requirements.

- **Policy 2600 - School Accountability, Policy 5111 - Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students without Legal Settlement in the Corporation; Proof of Indiana Residency (Revised) Policy 8330 - Student Records (All technical corrections) -** These three policies contain a technical correction replacing "ISTEP+" with "State-mandated testing program." This change is being made to keep these policies current with the existing and any future student assessment program in Indiana.
- **Policy 2370.02 - Flex Program (Revised)-** This policy has been revised to reflect changes in terminology, such as replacing ISTEP+, and changes in the graduation requirements under State law.
- **Policy 5340.01 - Student Concussions and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (Technical Correction)-** This technical correction is being made to correct a drafting error in the last update. The term "s/he" is replaced with "the student."
- **Policy 5460 - Graduation Requirements (Revised)-** This policy has been revised to add the Graduation Pathways requirement for the graduating class of 2023 and all classes thereafter.
- **Policy 5511 - Dress and Grooming (Revised)-** Optional language has been added to state what is legally required with regard to enforcing the dress code in a nondiscriminatory/uniform manner and affirming a student's right to dress in accordance with their gender identity (within the constraints of the adopted dress code) versus their birth gender.
- **Policy 5772 - School-Sponsored Student Publications and Productions (Technical Correction)-** This technical correction is being made to correct drafting errors in the last release of Policy 5772 - School-Sponsored Student Publications and Performances.
- **Policy 6110 - Grant Funds (Revised)-** This policy has been revised to include the latest changes to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). Specific requirements for Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) will need to be documented and provided at the time of audit of specific funded programs (ESSER, GEER, etc.)
- **Policy 6114 – Cost Principles - Spending Federal Funds (Revised), Policy 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds (Revised)-** These policies have been revised to include the latest changes to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR).
- **Policy 8450.01 - Protective Facial Coverings During Pandemic/Epidemic Events (Revised)-** This policy has been revised to reflect the changes in CDC guidance and to include accommodations for individuals with health issues documented by a physician and students with disabilities.
- **Policy 8500 - Food Service Program (Revised)-** This policy has been revised to include a prohibition against discrimination on the basis of any protected class and to include a complaint procedure for filing complaints of discrimination in the food service program, as required by Federal law.
- **Policy 9150 - School Visitors (Revised)-** This policy has been revised to prohibit persons who are entered in the State Sex and Violent Offender Registry or the equivalent Federal registry and persons who meet the definition of Serious Sex Offender from accessing school grounds pursuant to Indiana law and to provide an option for the Board to select regarding whether to permit visitors other than parents on school grounds.

Jake Wade motioned to accept the second reading of Neola Policies. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS

- AK Smith/ LaPorte County Career & Technical Education Agreement (Action Requested)
- Welding Program Grant Funding (Information Only)

Jake Wade motioned to accept the AK Smith /LaPorte County Career & Technical Education Agreement. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

- Mr. Anderson gave a parking lot update.

ADJOURNMENT

Jake Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50pm, Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Deborah Allen, President

Dominic Notaro, Vice-President

Jake Wade, Secretary

Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

Allen Stevens, Member