

South Central Community School Corporation

School Board Minutes - September 13, 2022

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met September 13, 2022 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Dominic Notaro, Allen Stevens, Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott (virtually). Others who attended were Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, Nicholas Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Jennifer Nagle, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order at 5:58pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

Eric Speer, Boys Basketball Coach, requested that the School Board consider renovating the girls' and boys' varsity locker rooms. Leila Hoover, Spanish Club student, provided a dish that was prepared by the students in our Spanish Club. Currently, there are forty-three students who are members. Leila shared more details about the club and the benefits that go along with being a member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY CORPORATION TREASURER

- Public Hearing Be Held For the: 2023 Budget, 2023 Bus Replacement, and 2023 Capital Project Plans
- Request the Board to Adopt the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan and 2023 Capital Project Plan

Motion made by Gerri Grott, Seconded by Mr. Notaro, motion carried 4-0.

- Request the Board to Accept State Board of Accounts Annual Financial Report-7.1.21-6.30.22

Motion made by Deb Allen, Seconded by Gerri Grott, motion carried 4-0.

- Request the Board to Accept Department of Education Annual Financial Report for Calendar Year 2021

Motion made by Mr. Notaro, Seconded by Deb Allen, motion carried 4-0.

- Request the Board to Accept Form 9 Financial Report for Period 1 of 2022- 1.1.22-6.30.22

Motion made by Deb Allen, Seconded by Mr. Notaro, motion carried 4-0.

- Request the Board to Accept Public Employee Bonds for the 2022-2023 School Year

Motion made by Mr. Notaro, Seconded by Gerri Grott, motion carried 4-0.

- Request the Board to Approve a Void for a Stale Dated Check from the Elementary ECA Financial Records

Motion made by Gerri Grott, Seconded by Allen Stevens, motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) **Approval of the August 9, 2022 Board Minutes**
- b) **Approval of the August 24, 2022 Executive Board Minutes**
- c) **Personnel Recommendations:**
 - Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for Ashley Medley and Amy Morrison to serve as Mentor Teachers for the School Year 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for Rachel Best to fill the position of Instructional Assistant for the School Year 2022-2023.
 - Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, is recommending approval for Savanah Becker to fill the position of Instructional Assistant for the School Year 2022-2023.
- d) **Professional Leave Requests:**
 - Rachel Dutoi, August 25, 2022, Region I August Meeting, Lake Central High School, St. John, Indiana.
 - Christine Walter, August 30, 2022, High Ability Regional Event with Whitney of the IDOE, Duneland School Corporation, Chesterton, Indiana.
 - A. Eggert, B. Schoff, M. Gilchrist, J. Noveroske, September 15, 2022, 3 hour PD to work on curriculum and Savvas Math, South Central Schools, Union Mills, Indiana.
 - Christine Walter, November 17-20, 2022, National Assn. for Gifted Children (NAGC) Annual Convention. J. W. Marriott, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- e) **ECA Resignations and Assignments:**
 - Approval of Zach Janssen, Resignation as Supervisor of Middle School Math Superbowl Team effective immediately.
 - Approval of Wesley Bucher, Resignation as Jr. High Track position effective immediately.
 - Approval of Elizabeth Serynek and Amber Box as Jr-Sr High School Student Council Co-Sponsors for School Year 2022-2023.
 - Approval of Jennifer Noveroske as JH Math Academic Super Bowl Sponsor for School Year 2022-2023.
- f) **Claims:**
 - Approval of presented claims.

Mr. Notaro made motion to approve Consent Agenda as presented, Gerri Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

DONATIONS:

- To: FFA-\$227.25, From: WIX Filtration
- To: Drama Club-\$65.00, From: Carol Welsh
- To: Boys Basketball-\$5,000.00, From: Pine Lake Realty LLC

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS

PRINCIPALS REPORT

ADM COUNT SEPTEMBER 16TH (INFORMATION ONLY)

As of September 16th, our ADM sits at 952 overall. This is down a few from last year, but up from the budget projection of 923. The official ADM count will be this Friday, September 16th. Then, open enrollment is officially closed until the 2nd semester.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF PROPOSAL (ACTION REQUESTED)

Our elementary school enrollment is sitting right about 500 students, kindergarten through 6th grade. This is the largest enrollment we've had in the elementary school. In doing some research, I am finding that more and more elementary schools with large enrollments have a second administrator to assist with the day-to-day operations of the school. I can certainly understand this, having sat in the elementary principal's chair for 3 years and also seeing the growing demands of the job over the years (i.e. unfunded liabilities from the state, state testing, student needs, student behavior, etc.). We have an office team member already on staff that I feel would be a great solution to assisting Mr. Kimmel with the daily operations of the school, and that is Lindzy Curtis. We hired Mrs. Curtis last year to be our Social Services Advisor for K-12. She has done an exceptional job in that role. She has her Master's Degree, and also just finished her administrative licensure through Ball State University this past summer. My proposal is to add "Dean of Students" to her job title, and have her split her day between being Social Services Advisor for grades 7-12, and Dean of Students for the elementary school. I understand this will be challenging, but I believe Lindzy has the right skills to do this. For this year, I propose we leave her contract exactly the way it is, and that we evaluate later in the school year as to the effectiveness of the Dean position and the feasibility of keeping that position.

RESOLUTION FOR COVID LEAVE (ACTION REQUESTED)

Unfortunately, Covid is still a prevalent issue within the school. While we've been fortunate not to see a ton of positive cases this school year, we have seen a few. When this affects our teaching staff, I would like to have the ability to allow a teacher to work from home, on an as-needed basis. Last school year, you passed a resolution giving the superintendent the authority to do so. We only utilized this a handful of times last year. I am asking for your consideration to pass the same resolution for this school year. And my hope would be the same, that we only utilize it a handful of times this school year. In most situations, it's far better to have our teacher on a Google Meet instructing students than relying on a sub or another teacher to cover or supervise a class.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no other items that came before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Notaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 p.m., Deb Allen 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