

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes - November 8, 2022**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met November 8, 2022 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Jake Wade, Dominic Notaro, Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott. Others who attended were Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, Nicholas Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Jarad Miller, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, Rachel Dutoi, Corporation Treasurer, Jennifer Marlow, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Board President, Deb Allen.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

There were no public expressions.

## **STUDENT SHOWCASE, MRS. CORTNY BARNES, SOUTH CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL SPEECH CLASS**

Student, Brandon Goetz, presented a speech to the Board titled, "God Made A Farmer." Mrs. Barnes presented classroom achievements and student progress.

## **APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR 2022 BUDGET YEAR SUBMITTED BY BUSINESS MANAGER/CORPORATION TREASURER**

Mrs. Dutoi requested the Board to approve the advertisement of Additional Appropriation for 2022 budget year.

Jake Wade made the motion to approve, Gerri Grott seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

## **JR.-SR. HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-2023**

Mr. Miller requested Board approval for the Jr.-Sr. High School Improvement Plan 2022-2023. The goals include improved test scores as well as mastering English Language Arts.

Motion made by Gerri Grott to adopt Jr/Sr High School Improvement Plan 2022-2023, Jake Wade seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

- a) **Approval of the October 11, 2022 Board Minutes**
- b) **Personnel Recommendations:**
  - Approval for the termination of employment for Savannah Becker as an Instructional Assistant, effective immediately 11/8/2022.
- c) **Professional Leave Requests:**
  - Buzz Schoff, October 18, 2022, Football Sectional Meeting, North Judson High School, North Judson, Indiana.
  - Ben Anderson, October 19, March 16<sup>th</sup>, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, IAPSS New Superintendent Academy, Westin Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Verali Creech, October 28, 2022, Valparaiso High School, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- Ben Anderson, Jarad Miller, Nick Kimmel, Lindzy Curtis, Deb Kammrath, November 2, 2022, January 11, April 26, 2023, Sky Bound Strategic Planning Consortium, Union Campus, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Nick Mills, Kelli Bennett, Melissa Santana, November 7-8, 2022, Indiana School Safety Specialists Basic Training, Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Karen Hagenow, Nov. 10-11, 2022, Annual Indiana School Nutrition Conference, Indianapolis Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Rachel Dutoi, November 18, 2022, Region I IASBO Meeting, Merrillville School Corporation, Merrillville, Indiana.
- Rachel Dutoi, December 2, 2022, Komputrol EOY Annual Meeting, Honeywell Conference Center, Wabash, Indiana.
- Emily Homann, December 2, 2022, Komputrol EOY Annual Meeting, Honeywell Conference Center, Wabash, Indiana.
- Rachel Dutoi, December 15, 2022, School Finance Seminar, Embassy Suites Plainfield Conference Center, Plainfield, Indiana.

**d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- Approval of South Central Jr/Sr High School to start a Show Choir Club effective for School Year 2022-2023.
- Approval of Carey Scheck, our Choir Teacher, Volunteer Sponsor Show Choir Club effective for School Year 2022-2023.
- Approval of Steven Hudspeth, Resignation as Boys Jr High Basketball Coach effective immediately.
- Approval of Tina Coburn, Resignation as Spell Bowl Sponsor for 2022-2023 School Year.
- Approval of Katie Hendricks, Spell Bowl Sponsor for 2022-2023 School Year.
- Approval of an overnight 4<sup>th</sup> grade student field trip to Camp Tecumseh in Brookston, Indiana for the dates of May 9-10, 2023.
- Approval of Daniel Konshack, 8<sup>th</sup> grade Boys Basketball Coach effective school year 2022-2023.

**e) Claims:**

Approval of presented claims.

Motion made by Jake Wade to accept Consent Agenda as presented, Deb Allen seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**DONATIONS:**

- To: FFA \$1,646.09, From: Co-Alliance Cooperative
- To: JH Football \$50.00, From: Anonymous

Dominic Notaro motioned to accept donations as presented, Jake Wade seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Mr. Miller, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, and Mr. Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, shared upcoming events for both schools and shared ideas for the student incentive programs.

- Elementary Principal reported: about Spell Bowl sponsors, Veteran's Day event, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys' basketball starting up, and currently working on STEM certification.
- Jr.-Sr. High Principal's report centered around the incentive program, volleyball team success, and how grateful we are for the students we have at South Central.

### **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Adam Jones, Founder and CEO of SkyBound Education, gave a short presentation on the work South Central has done with them. As you may recall, South Central received a grant from the Indiana Department of Education to be a part of SkyBound's strategic planning consortium. We are in year 2 (of 3) of planning and professional development with them, along with 5 other school corporations fairly similar to us around the state. Our team is Ben Anderson, Jarad Miller, Nick Kimmel, Lindzy Curtis, and Deb Kammrath. Through this time, we have worked on several initiatives. One of those was crafting a strategic plan, including a new mission and vision statement, core values, and goals for our school corporation.

### **PRE-K COMMITTEE UPDATE (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Back in August, we put together a committee to explore the possibility of re-implementing our pre-k program. This committee met three times throughout September and October to discuss a multitude of logistics regarding re-implementation; financials, the teacher, programming, transportation, timeline, etc. I am happy to report that we'll have a full recommendation for re-implementation of the program at our December board of trustees meeting, with little financial impact to the school corporation.

### **BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2023 (ACTION REQUESTED)**

Superintendent, Ben Anderson, requested approval for the dates of 2023 school board meetings, with each meeting being the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Gerri Grott made the motion to accept the dates for the School Year 2023 Board Meetings, Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

### **OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD**

No other items were brought before the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Notaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 p.m., Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

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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