

South Central Community School Corporation

School Board Minutes - December 13, 2022

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met December 13, 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, and Allen Stevens. 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, and Attorney Mr. Jones. 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.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT, MRS. SANTANA'S JR. HIGH SOCIAL STUDIES CLASS

Students shared highlights from their Vietnam War projects. Each student demonstrated and provided a short presentation on various topics related to the war.

BUSINESS MANAGER/CORPORATION TREASURER SEEKING BOARD APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE 2022 YEAR END TRANSFERS

Mrs. Gerri Grott made a motion to approve the Resolution to Authorize 2022 Year End Transfers. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION/ORDINANCE

Mr. Jake Wade made a motion to approve the Additional Appropriation Resolution/Ordinance. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of the November 8, 2022 Board Minutes

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Mr. Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, is recommending approval for the employment of Mrs. Tanner Rosebaum as an emergency substitute for the main office secretary position effective 2022-2023 school year.
- Mr. Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, is recommending approval for the resignation of Carey Scheck for Jr-Sr High School Choir Director effective December 20, 2022.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

- Rachel Dutoi, November 15, 2022, IASBO Food Service Seminar, Primo Banquet Hall, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Karen Hagenow, November 15, 2022, IASBO Food Service Seminar, Primo Banquet Hall, Indianapolis, Indiana

- Jarad Miller, November 20-22, 2022, Fall Professionals Conference (IASP), JW Marriot Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Tina Randall, December 2, 2022, Counselor Advisory Board/Networking, PNW-Westville Campus, Westville, Indiana
- Karen Hagenow, December 7, 2022, ISNA Certification Classes, CIESC Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
- Donna Hale, December 15, 2022, Parent Meeting for Christmas program, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, Indiana
- Zach Janssen and Emma Wiegel, January 19, 2023, Book Adoption, Avalon Manor, Merrillville, Indiana
- Ashley Medley, Tina Coburn, Katie Hendricks, Nick Kimmel, Textbook Caravan, January 24, 2023, Swan Lake Resort, Plymouth, Indiana

d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:

- Approval of Amber Bos, Resignation as Student Council Co-Chair position effective immediately
- Approval of Amy Morrison, Jr-Sr High School Student Council Co-Sponsor position effective immediately
- Approval of Boys' Volleyball as a club sport for South Central Jr-Sr High School Boys
- Approval of Mr. Jake Wade and Mr. Paul Fasshauer as voluntary coaches/sponsors for Boys' Volleyball
- Approval of Derrick Deck as Varsity Track Coach for 2022-2023 school year.

e) Claims:

Approval of presented claims.

Mr. Jake Wade made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

DONATIONS:

- To: FFA- \$845.00
 - o From: Farm Credit-\$800.00
 - o From: Anonymous-\$45.00
- To: Student Senate- \$25.00, From: Steven & Diana Langer
- To: Drama Club-\$101.00, From: Carol Welsh
- To: South Central Community Schools for a Retractable Flag- \$5,500.00, From: Dick and Carol Welsh

Dominic Notaro motioned to accept donations as presented. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

**FIRST READING NEOLA POLICY UPDATE -VOLUME 35, NUMBER 1
SEPTEMBER, 2022 (INFORMATION ONLY)**

- Policy 0131.1-Bylaws and Policies (Revised)
- Policy 0142.2-Oath (Technical Correction)
- Policy 0167.3-Public Participation at Board Meetings (Revised)
- Policy 1521/3121/4121-Personal Background Checks, References, and Mandatory Reporting of Convictions and Substantiated Child Abuse () And Arrests (Revised)
- Policy 2431-Interscholastic Athletics (Revised)

- Policy 2432-Grievance Procedure for Violation of State Law Limiting Participation of Transgender Girls in Athletics (New)
- Policy 2464- Programs for High Ability Students (Revised)
- Policy 3120.02-Adjunct Teachers (New)
- Policy 3120.11-Public Hearing Before Commencement of Collective Bargaining and Public Meeting Before Ratification of Tentative Agreement (Revised)
- Policy 3220.02-Supplemental Payments for Teachers (Revised)
- Policy 5420-Reporting Student Progress (Revised)
- Policy 5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students (Revised)
- Policy 6250-Required ADM Counts for the Purpose of State Funding and Verification of Residency for Membership (Revised)
- Policy 6550-Travel Payment and Reimbursement (Revised)
- Policy 8120-Volunteers (Revised)
- Policy 8121-Personal Background Check-Contracted Services (Revised)
- Policy 8210-School Calendar (Revised)
- Policy 8220-School Day (Revised)
- Policy 8400-School Safety (Revised)
- Policy 8510-Wellness (Revised)
- Policy 8600-Transportation (Revised)

FIRST READING NEOLA POLICIES 0164.5, 0164.6, AND 0167.1 (INFORMATION ONLY)

- Policy 0164.5-Member Participation in Meetings Through Electronic Means of Communication
- Policy 0164.6-Meetings During Declared Disaster Emergencies
- Policy 0167.1-Voting

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mr. Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, and Mr. Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, shared upcoming events for both schools.

- Elementary Principal, Mr. Kimmel, reported upcoming holiday programs as well as holiday festivities planned for the student body. STEM certification and STEM projects will continue to be a point of interest for our elementary education programs.
- Jr/Sr High Principal, Mr. Miller, reported that 95 percent of our student body achieved an award from the current incentive program. The varsity locker rooms are being updated, final exams are underway, students are wrapping up the first semester of school.

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE (ACTION REQUESTED)

At our November meeting, Adam Jones, Founder and CEO of SkyBound Education, was here to present on the work South Central has done with them over the last year and a half. We are in

year 2 (of 3) of planning and professional development with them, which is paid for by a grant from the DOE, 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. The initiative Adam highlighted at the November board meeting was the crafting of a strategic plan, including new mission and vision statements, core values, and goals for our school corporation. After careful review by our SkyBound team, feedback from all stakeholders, Adam's presentation at our November meeting, and a few revisions, Mr. Anderson asked for the board's approval to adopt this strategic plan.

Mr. Jake Wade motioned to approve the strategic plan set in place for South Central Community School system. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

PRE-K COMMITTEE UPDATE (ACTION REQUESTED)

Mr. Anderson, Superintendent, gave a short presentation, answered questions, and then asked for the Board's approval for the re-implementation of the pre-k program at South Central.

Mr. Allen Stevens motioned to approve the re-implementation of pre-k at South Central. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

CORPORATION NURSE BENEFITS (ACTION REQUESTED)

By Indiana Code, each school corporation in the State of Indiana must employ a registered nurse to assist in complying with all state and federal regulations and reporting related to student health. Mrs. Kelli Bennett is our RN, and she does a wonderful job. She assisted Mrs. Bolakowski through the initial impact of Covid-19 on our school, and then took over full time for the 2021-22 school year. Previously, Mrs. Bennett did not participate in the benefits program here at SC. Mrs. Bolokowski had not, either.

Mr. Anderson recommended that the school corporation pay 50% of the premiums for Mrs. Bennett's benefits. For a reference point, the school corporation pays 80% of premiums for our certified staff members (teachers, counselors, etc.). While Mrs. Bennett is technically not a "certified" staff member, nor is she called a "director," she does direct the nursing responsibilities for our school corporation and holds a professional license through the state to be an RN and to satisfy South Central's legal obligation in that department. Therefore, that is where the Superintendent's recommendation derived from. Mr. Anderson offered to answer any questions or concerns and then asked for the board's consideration to approve.

Mrs. Gerri Grott motioned to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the school corporation to pay 50% of the premiums for Mrs. Bennett's benefits. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

PROPEL US 30 FREEWAY INFO (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)

In the last couple of weeks, Mr. Anderson, South Central's Superintendent, was contacted by a consultant on behalf of the Indiana Department of Transportation, regarding the ProPEL US 30 Freeway project. They asked for him to sit on an advisory committee they are putting together. It appears that this project is picking up traction, although it's still in the infancy stages.

HIGH ABILITY PROGRAMMING PRESENTATION (INFORMATION ONLY)

Mrs. Chris Walter, 3rd grade teacher and high ability coordinator for the school corporation, gave a short presentation on the high ability programming we offer here at South Central.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

We thanked Mr. Dominic Notaro for his years of service as a School Board member. A plaque was presented as a thank you for his commitment and dedication to South Central's students and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Notaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm, 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