

South Central Community School Corporation

School Board Minutes - January 10, 2023

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met January 10, 2023 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott, Allen Stevens, and Brian Lautenbach. Board member, Jake Wade, participated through electronic means of communication. Others who attended were Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, Nicholas Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, and Jennifer Marlow, Administrative Assistant. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by the Board President, Deb Allen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mrs. Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

There were no public expressions.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD

Jake Wade nominated Deb Allen for President. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Therefore, Deb Allen became President of the Board by acclamation.

Deb Allen nominated Jake Wade for Vice-President. Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Therefore, Jake Wade became Vice-President of the Board by acclamation.

Jake Wade nominated Allen Stevens for Secretary. Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Therefore, Allen Stevens became Secretary of the Board by acclamation.

Jake Wade nominated Geraldine Grott for Deputy Secretary. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Therefore, Geraldine Grott became Deputy Secretary of the Board by acclamation.

The Superintendent recommended the appointment of Steven Darnell for Corporation Treasurer. Deb Allen moved to appoint Steven Darnell. Gerri Grott seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Mr. Darnell was appointed Corporation Treasurer.

The Superintendent recommended the appointment of Emily Homann for Corporation Deputy Treasurer. Allen Stevens moved to appoint Emily Homann. Deb Allen seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Ms. Homann was appointed Corporation Deputy Treasurer.

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL ATTORNEY

Gerri Grott recommended the board retain William Kaminski, Newby, Lewis, Kaminski, and Jones for legal counsel. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

APPOINT A PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY TO THE BOARD OF FINANCE

Jake Wade motioned to approve Deb Allen as President to the Board of Finance and Allen Stevens as Secretary to the Board of Finance. Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

a) Approval of the December 13, 2022 Board Minutes

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Mr. Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, is recommending approval for the employment of Lisa Cauley to fill the Jr-Sr High School Choir position for the remainder of the 2022-2023 School Year.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

- Gary Biggs and Jennifer Marlow, January 18, 2023, STAI Region 1 Meeting, Valparaiso Library, Valparaiso, Indiana
- Jarad Miller, Nick Kimmel, Lindzy Curtis, Lindsay Dieter, and Ben Anderson, February 21, 2023, Indiana University Educating the Whole Child Summit, Indianapolis Marriott East, Indianapolis, Indiana

d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:

- None

e) Claims:

Approval of presented claims.

Payroll Claims: 12/16/2022, 12/20/2022, 01/05/2022, 01/06/2022

Vendor/Fund Transfer Claims: #31045-31049, #31125-31197, #1278-1285, #1287-1311, #1313-1319

Gerri Grott motioned to accept consent agenda as presented. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

DONATIONS:

- To: Elementary Student Assistance- \$420.00, From: Whitehorse Saloon
- To: Volleyball \$1,085.00, From: Norma Garner
- To: Comfort Closet-\$100.00, From: SC CTA
- To: Comfort Closet-\$250.00, From: National Honor Society
- To: Elementary Fund 2000-\$500.00, From: Anonymous
- To: Elementary Student Assistance-\$250.00, From: National Honor Society

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

**SECOND READING NEOLA POLICY UPDATE -VOLUME 35, NUMBER 1
SEPTEMBER, 2022 (ACTION REQUESTED)**

- 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)

Jake Wade motioned to approve Neola Policies- Volume 35, Number 1, September 2022. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

SECOND READING NEOLA POLICIES 0164.5, 0164.6, AND 0167.1 (ACTION REQUESTED)

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

Deb Allen motioned to approve Neola Policies- #0164.5, #0164.6, #0167.1. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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 that the Pre-K curriculum is being discussed and registration opens January 9, 2023. At this time, Pre-K is reporting 23 students registered. Mr. Kimmel discussed upcoming school events which included the Spelling Bee and 5th/6th grade girls’ basketball.
- Jr/Sr High Principal, Mr. Miller, thanked all of South Central’s teachers and staff for working so hard during the first semester of school. Mr. Miller reported that our Senior

students are getting excited for graduation and the upcoming incentive program will focus on academics.

ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANCE CONTRACT (ACTION REQUESTED)

Rachel Dutoi, our current Corporation Treasurer / Business Manager, will be leaving South Central. The Superintendent met with representatives from Administrator Assistance to request help finding an interim Treasurer / Business Manager. Administrator Assistance is a company designed to provide this type of help, employing retired Superintendents and school administrators with these types of backgrounds. Mr. Steve Darnell, retired Superintendent from Southern Wells Schools, is available to assist us and is familiar with the duties of the Corporation Treasurer position. Mr. Darnell will be available to assist until we get a new Corporation Treasurer/Business Manager hired and in place. Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, requested approval to accept the Administrative Assistance Contract.

Gerri Grott motioned to accept the Administrator Assistance Contract, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

DUAB SCHOOL CORPORATION FISCAL INDICATORS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Indiana Code 15-13-7-8 requires that School Boards receive and review a report on the financial condition of the school corporation each year. Utilizing the Distressed Unit Appeal Board's (DUAB) annual update of the school corporation's fiscal indicators, the Superintendent, Mr. Anderson, was able to satisfy the requirement.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

There were no other items that came before the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Allen Stevens made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm, Deb Allen seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Deborah Allen, President

Jake Wade, Vice-President

Allen Stevens, Secretary

Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

Brian Lautenbach, Member