

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes - February 14, 2023**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met February 14, 2023 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott, Allen Stevens, Brian Lautenbach, and Jake Wade. Others who attended were Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, Nicholas Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Emily Homann, Corporation Deputy Treasurer, Andrew Schoff, Business Manager/Corporation Treasurer, Jennifer Marlow, Administrative Assistant and Attorney, David Jones. 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**

Mrs. Grott, current board member, recognized Mr. Ben Anderson and the Lady Satellites for their level of athletic performance and positive attitude.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **a) Approval of the January 10, 2023 Board Minutes**

### **b) Personnel Recommendations:**

- Mr. Miller, Jr-Sr High School Principal, is recommending approval for temporary employment of Mr. Steve Nedza to fill the open High School Math Teacher position for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
- Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, is recommending approval for the transfer of Mr. Andrew Schoff from High School Math Teacher to the open position of Corporation Treasurer/Business Manager effective February 1, 2023.
- Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, is recommending approval for the resignation of Mrs. Rachel Dutoi from the Corporation Treasurer/Business Manager position effective January 11, 2023.

### **c) Professional Leave Requests:**

- Linissa Wirtes, Matthew Spagna, Jennifer Schroeder, January 19, 2023, Science Text Book Adoption, Avalon Manor, Merrillville, Indiana.
- Emily Homann, Lisa Rosebaum, Kellee Cummings, Derek Budka, March 10, 2023, NIESC Purchasing Fair, "Spendbridge," Christos Banquet Center, Plymouth, Indiana.
- Tina Randall, February 3, 2023, PNW Westville Counselor Advisory Board, PNW Westville, Westville, Indiana.
- Jarad Miller, February 8, 2023, INALI Cohort Meeting, Lawrence Township Admin Building, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Nick Mills, Kelli Bennett, Missy Santana, February 9, 2023, Indiana School Safety Specialist Academy Basic Training -Group 24, Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Katie Etheridge, February 13, 2023, Jostens Advisor Workshop, Starbucks, South Bend, Indiana.

- Holli Divich, March 7, 2023, Unpacking Updated CS Standards, Hobart High School, Hobart, Indiana.

**d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- None

**e) Claims:**

- Approval of presented claims: Payroll Claims: 1/20/2023, 2/6/2023, Vendor Transfer Claims: #31198-31205, #31209-31212, #31216-31217, #31222-31228, #31230-31287, #31289, #1306-1310, #1317-1319, #1321-1328

Motion was made by Jake Wade to accept Consent Agenda as presented. Gerri Grott seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

**DONATIONS:**

- To: South Central Food Service Department- \$875.17, From: Tazco Ready Mix to Zero out Negative Student Lunch Balances

Motion was made by Allen Stevens to accept donations. Jake Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS:**

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, presented the following report:

- Stem day on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Wyatt Bugg (5th Grade) will represent SC Elementary in the County Spelling Bee at South Central on March 16th.
- Kindergarten Round-up will be on March 16th and March 28th.
- Curriculum/Data Updates - Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) revision process has begun. Monthly meetings led by Dr. Rinehart and Marcee Wilburn (from Indiana State). Team of teachers, counselors, and administrators. Process to improve academic and behavioral instruction and interventions.
- 2nd and 3rd Grade students will be taking IREAD-3 at the beginning of March. Teachers and students have been working hard to get their students prepared for this state exam.
- Science Textbook Presentations
- Staffing - Pre-K job has been posted since Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. (18 applicants)

Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, presented the following report:

- We hosted our annual JH Spelling Bee on January 19th. Congratulations to our JH Spelling Bee winner, Kristianna Desormeaux and runner-up, Danny Brown! Kristianna will participate in the Regional Spelling Bee held here at SC on March 16th.
- We had many students compete in Solo and Ensemble ISSMA Solo and Ensemble. Many of our students earned a Gold Rating. The following students participated in Group 1 and advanced to the State Competition Participants and State Qualifiers. Kaylee Allen, Roland Boehringer, Emily Newburn, and Danny Welsh.
- Senior Sara Emery is a vocational student with LaPorte's Radio and Broadcast program. Sara and her team competed at the Elkhart Regional Competition for the Indiana Association of Student Broadcasters. This is called the Skills USA Competition. Based on

her performance, she qualified for state in three categories: Radio/TV Broadcasting, podcasting, and tv commercial. We wish her luck!

- Welcome to Mr. Nedza, Voice of the Satellites, back as a long-term substitute for Mr. Schoff. He is filling in to teach Algebra II courses as well as some Geometry courses. Special thank you to Mrs. Eggert for taking on some of our upper level math classes to maintain our dual credit status.
- We will be bringing board recommendations for the Science and Health curriculum for next school year at next month's board meeting. Thank you to our Science and PE/Health Departments for researching and finding best available resources for our students.
- Athletics - Girls Basketball Sectional Champions, lost a hard-fought game to Central Noble in Regionals. Congratulations to our team and seniors for their dedication and hard work. Great season. PCC All Conference: Olivia Marks, Sadie Marks, Lillian Tolmen, and Kate Welsh.

### **SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 2023-24 (ACTION REQUESTED)**

Throughout the last month or so, we've collaborated with and gathered information from other area schools. As in past years, we've attempted to stay similar to other districts in the county for shared special education and career and technical education services. We've also gathered input from our teachers and staff. The proposed calendar for SC would have a start date of August 16th, which is a week later than our start date these last few years. It would keep fall break and Thanksgiving break the same. Christmas break would be 2 full weeks this year, instead of split weeks. It would also build in a couple snow make-up days for the 2nd semester, to either give us some flexibility with inclement weather days, or give a couple days off throughout the semester. Spring break would remain the first week of April, although a few districts are moving their spring breaks to the last week of March. We would also have two built in virtual learning days for staff PD, as we have done in the past.

Mr. Benjamin Anderson requested School Board approval for the 2023-2024 School Year Calendar. Mrs. Gerri Grott made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 calendar. Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

### **UPDATES ON STAFFING (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Mr. Benjamin Anderson gave a brief update on staffing (i.e. Corporation Treasurer / Business Manager, Math Teacher, next year, etc.)

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

Mr. Allen Stevens spoke before the School Board making them aware that a resignation letter would be submitted before the next School Board meeting. The resignation comes after he was appointed Superintendent of the La Porte County Highway Department.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jake Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58pm, Allen Stevens seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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Deborah Allen, President

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Jake Wade, Vice-President

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Allen Stevens, Secretary

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Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

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Brian Lautenbach, Member