

South Central Community School Corporation

School Board Minutes - April 11, 2023

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met April 11, 2023 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott, Brian Lautenbach, and Jake Wade. Others who attended were Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, Jarad Miller Jr/Sr High School Principal, Andrew Schoff, Business Manager/Corporation Treasurer, and Jennifer Marlow, Administrative Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

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.

CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

Students from South Central's Biomedical Science Program showcased their favorite activities from class by providing a small presentation. Classroom teacher, Emma Wiegel, introduced the different types of career-based studies the program has to offer. The class offers insight and knowledge into crime scene investigation, clinical care, and medical investigation. The program also provides instruction on how to respond to outbreaks and emergencies. The students are thankful for the opportunities the Biomedical Science Program has brought to South Central.

SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATION FOR THE OPEN SEAT ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The School Board nominated Sherry Shei to fill the open seat on the Board of Trustees. Jake Wade made the motion, Gerri Grott seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

ELEMENTARY K-3 SCIENCE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, received approval to accept the science textbook adoption quote from Studies Weekly for grades K-3. Gerri Grott made the motion, Jake Wade seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

JR/SR HIGH-HEALTH / PE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, received approval to accept the health/pe textbook adoption quote from G-W Publisher for both the Junior High and High School. Jake Wade made the motion, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) **Approval of The March 14, 2023 Board Minutes; Approval of The March 22, 2023 Executive Session Minutes**

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Mr. Miller, Jr-Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Approval for Mrs. Kate Rogowski To Fill the Open Teaching Position for the 2023 Summer School Session.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval for The Resignation of Jill Welsh, Elementary School Aide, Effective at The End Of 2022-2023 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval for Kayleena Gulab To Fill the Open Pre-Kindergarten Teaching Position for The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval for The Following Changes in Teaching Positions for the 2023-2024 School Year, Tina Coburn And Jackie Snyder Will Move To 1st Grade and Emily Mohlke Will Move To 4th Grade.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval for Emily Mohlke's Maternity Leave Request from August 16, 2023 Through October 13, 2023.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

- Buzz Schoff, March 24, April 27, May 25, June 15, 2023, Region I Iasbo Meeting, Chesterton, Indian, Michigan City, Indiana, Hobart, Indiana, And Hanover Central, Cedar Lake, Indiana.
- Lisa Rosebaum, Kellee Cummings, Emily Homann, Derek Budka, April 20, 2023, Extra Curricular Accounting Seminar-IASBO, Primo Banquet and Conference Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

d) ECA Resignations and Assignments: none

e) Claims:

- Approval of Presented Claims=31290-31291, 1331-1334, 31293-31295, 31296-31299, 1335-1338, 1339, 31301, 1340-1346, 31306-31364

Gerri Grott made the motion to accept the consent agenda, Deb Allen seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

DONATIONS:

- To: FFA \$1,200.00, From: National FFA Org. for Weekend Backpack Program
- To: Athletics \$1,865.00, From: SC Satellites Baseball Boosters for Rebuilding Pitcher's Mound

Brian Lautenbach made the motion to accept the donations, Jake Wade seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS:

PRINCIPALS REPORT

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

- MATH Bowl this evening at Lake Hills in Michigan City. Students from grades 4-6 are able to participate in the MATH Bowl.

- ILEARN Testing (3rd-6th grades) begins next week. All students test in ELA and Math. 4th and 6th grade students also test in Science. 5th grade students also test in Social Studies.
- STEAM and Literacy Night will be on Tuesday, May 2nd from 5:00-7:00. Amazing artwork on display; Kindergarten students singing musical selections; STEM and Literacy projects for families; Dinner provided
- Students participated in a reading program through the South Bend Cubs. Students who met grade-level reading goals will be attending the South Bend Cubs game this Saturday.
- Kayleena Gulab will serve as our PreK teacher. We are very excited to have Kayleena at South Central. She will make a great impact on our new PreK program.
- Grade-level switches for 2023-2024: Mrs. Coburn and Miss Snyder will be in 1st grade; Mrs. Mohlke will be in 4th grade.
- Interviews for 6th grade are taking place this week.
- Interviews for the Dean of Students will take place next week.

MOU WITH LAPORTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (ACTION ITEM)

The LaPorte County Sheriff's Office has developed an updated memorandum of understanding for the school resource officers they provide to districts throughout the county. South Central has had a wonderful relationship with the LaPorte County Sheriff's Office and we sincerely appreciate all they do for our school. While we no longer have a permanent SRO through the sheriff's office, since we employ Gary Biggs as our Director of School Safety and the sheriff's office deputizes him as a special deputy, we do still continue to have part-time SROs work in the building as their availability allows. We pay them an hourly rate and that rate is matched with school safety grant dollars. Mr. Anderson reviewed the MOU and recommended that the School Board grant approval so that we can continue our long-standing relationship, and return a signed copy to Captain Allen at the sheriff's office.

Jake Wade motioned to approve the updated MOU with LaPorte County Sheriff's Office, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

UPDATES ON RE-KEYING PROJECT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Since this past September, a group of our admin team has been working with Lazarro Company out of Merrillville to complete a re-keying project for our entire building. Myself, along with Jarad Miller, Nick Kimmel, John Haggard, Gary Biggs, Derek Budka, and Jeff Rucker have met several times to discuss all the intricate details of this process (i.e. how each door should be keyed, who would get keys to different doors, how master keys will work, etc.). We are in the final stages now, however, I know we'll have some hiccups along the way. We are planning to have this completed the first week of June, so that we have the entire summer to work out kinks and to get teachers and staff the new keys they will need. While this project is costly, it has been worked into our capital projects plan. Our key card system allows us to grant or deny access into the building in real-time. As a part of this project, we will put a tracking system in place so that we know exactly who has keys to what, staff sign for those keys, and that keys are collected when employees leave.

OTHER ITEMS/SUGGESTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

No other items/suggestions came before the School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Jake Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45pm, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0.

Deborah Allen, President

Jake Wade, Vice-President

Secretary

Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

Brian Lautenbach, Member