

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes - May 9, 2023**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met May 9, 2023 at 6:00pm in the library for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Deborah Allen, Geraldine Grott, Sherry Shei, 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.

### **SHOWCASE VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN**

Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, introduced the 2022-2023 Valedictorian, Sara Emery, and Salutatorian, Kaylee Koselke.

### **APPROVAL FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, requested approval for the science textbook adoption quote from SAVVAS for the high school program. Jake Wade motioned to accept, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

### **APPROVAL FOR THE JR. HIGH SCIENCE TEXTBOOK ADOPTION**

Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, requested approval for the science textbook adoption quote from STEMscopes for the junior high school program. Gerri Grott motioned to accept, Jake Wade seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

### **APPROVAL FOR THE 2023-2024 JR/SR HIGH STUDENT HANDBOOK REVISIONS**

Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, requested approval for the Jr/Sr high school student handbook revisions. Brian Lautenbach motioned to accept, Jake Wade seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

### **APPROVAL FOR THE 2023-2024 ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, requested approval for the 2023-2024 elementary student handbook. Gerri Grott motioned to accept, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

## **REQUEST FOR DECLARATION OF SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, requested approval to declare the old serving line equipment as surplus. Jake Wade motioned to accept, Gerri Grott seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

## **NOMINATION FOR THE OPEN SECRETARY OFFICER POSITION FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The School Board made their nomination for the open secretary officer position. Jake Wade motioned to accept Brian Lautenbach as the Secretary Officer, Gerri Grott seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0. Sherry Shei will take over the empty position of member for the School Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **a) Approval for April 11, 2023 Board Minutes**

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

- Mr. Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Ms. Karley Yager To Fill The Open Jr-Sr High Agriculture Teaching Position For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For The Transfer Of Liz Serynek From The High School Virtual Lab Assistant To The Open PreK Assistant Position For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Esaleigh Hauptli To Fill The Open 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teaching Position For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Leah Goetz To Cover Emily Mohlke's Maternity Leave Request From August 14, 2023 Through October 13, 2023.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Sharon Blaszkiewicz To Serve As A Permanent Substitute for the 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Lindzy Curtis To Fill The Open Position For The Elementary Dean Of Students Effective 2023-2024 School Year.

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

- Buzz Schoff, April 25 and April 26, 2023, IASBO Treasurer's Workshop, Primo Banquet and Conference Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Tina Randall, April 21, 2023, PNW High School Counselor and Community Partner Workshop, Purdue North Central, Westville, Indiana.

#### **d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- Approval for Alynn Eggert, Head of Junior High Academic Super Bowl, Receive Stipend of \$300.00
- Courtney Barnes - Resignation as Prom and Junior Class Sponsor
- Charles Wilhelm - Approval Girls 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach
- Kurt Welsh - Approval Boys C-Team Coach
- Kim Minich - Resignation 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Elementary Cheer and JH Cheer for upcoming season

#### **e) Claims:**

- Payroll Claims: 4/5/2023, 4/10/2023, 4/20/2023; Vendor Transfer Claims: #31437, #31426-31429, #31430-31431, #1362-1368, #31432-31435, #1369-1373, #31436, #31438-31445, #1374-1378, #31447, #1379-1382, #31452-31511; Intra Transfer Claims: #1383-1384

Jake Wade motioned to accept the consent agenda as presented, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

**DONATIONS:**

- To: Student Senate = \$500.00
- To: Boys Volleyball = \$1,235.80, From: Pine Lake Realty
- To: Top Ten Banquet = \$500.00, From: Horizon Bank
- To: Band = \$500.00, From: Cheryl Lyn Welter Charitable Foundation
- To: Student Activity = \$527.27, From: Inter-State Studio

Brian Lautenbach motioned to accept donations, Gerri Grott seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS:**

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Mr. Miller, Jr/Sr High School principal reported end of the year highlights and details surrounding the upcoming graduation ceremony.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE UPDATE (INFORMATION ONLY)**

The elementary office staff and myself have continued to investigate the possibility of bringing after school care back. We previously had an agreement with the YMCA, but they were not able to continue with that for this past school year. In a survey sent to parents / guardians, we had 88 responses. I'll review those results. We believe we have enough interest, so we have continued to have conversations regarding what exactly after school care would look like, such as how much would it cost, how do we cap the number of students able to attend, where is the program located, etc.. My hope is that we can work out all the finer details and bring a proposal to the board at the June meeting.

**SCHOOL CORPORATION DEBT STRUCTURE (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Mr. Anderson, Superintendent, recently met with representatives from Stifel Public Finance regarding the current debt structure of the school corporation. He had also previously met with reps from Baker Tilly, our municipal advisor, earlier this year when assisting with the finalization of our 2022 General Obligation bond. As you can see in the chart provided by Stifel, South Central has a small amount of debt falling off in 2025, and a significant amount falling off in 2026. Therefore, we will have the opportunity to pursue some TAX NEUTRAL building projects here in the very near future. I realize I'm just scratching the surface here, but I would like to invite Stifel to come to our June board meeting to present a more in-depth report and have discussion on the process.

**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 7:06pm, Sherry Shei 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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Brian Lautenbach, Secretary

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Geraldine Grott, Deputy Secretary

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Sherry Shei, Member