

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes - July 11, 2023**

The South Central Community School Corporation Board of Trustees met July 11, 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, Nick Mills Asst. 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, School Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

Several community guests attended the meeting to express their great appreciation and gratitude towards South Central's Drama Club and its directors.

## **FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR, KAREN HAGENOW, APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENT AND FREE MEALS FOR REDUCED STATUS STUDENTS EFFECTIVE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024**

Food service director, Karen Hagenow, requested board approval for the 2023-2024 NIESC food procurement co-op agreement as well as free meals for reduced status students.

Jake wade motioned to approve the request, Gerri Grott seconded the motion, and it passed 5-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **a) Approval For June 13, 2023 Board Minutes**

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

- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Jenny Minich To Serve As The Tech Club Sponsor For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Jenna Wadding To Fill The Temporary Music Teaching Position For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Non-Renewal Of Maria Koontz As Co-Fall Play Director And Co-Musical Play Director For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Non-Renewal Of Alexandria Ingram As Co-Fall Play Director, Co-Musical Play Director, And Junior Musical Sponsor For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Matt Bush To Fill The Open Math Teaching Position For The 2023-2024 School Year.
- Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Roberto Sanchez-Williams To Fill The Open Fall Music Director Position For School Year 2023-2024.

- Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Recommending Approval For Brent Jones To Fill the Open Pe/Health Teaching Position For The 2023-2024 School Year.

**c) Professional Leave Requests:**

- There Are No New Professional Leave Requests At This Time.

**d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- Approval for Ben Baker - Volunteer Girls Golf Coach
- Approval for Olivia Tolmen -JV Girls Basketball Coach
- Approval for Matt Bush - Head Coach for Boys Basketball
- Approval for Brent Jones - Head Coach for Boys Baseball

**e) Claims:**

- Payroll Claims: 6/20/2023, Vendor/Fund Transfer Claims: #1402-1405, #31602-31605, #1410, #1406-1409, #31606, #1411-1413, #31607-31668

Jake Wade motioned to accept the consent agenda, Sherry Shei seconded the motion and the motion carried 5-0.

**DONATIONS:**

- To: Athletics = \$2,500.00, From: Porter County Conference

Jake Wade motioned to accept donations, Sherry Shei seconded the motion, ant the motion carried 5-0.

**SECOND READING NEOLA POLICY VOL. 35 NUMBER 2**

Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, requested approval to publish Neola Policy Vol. 35 Number 2 to the school website. Deb Allen motioned to accept, Jake Wade Seconded, and motion carried 5-0.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS:**

**PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Each building principal gave a short report on items related to their respective buildings.

**AK SMITH/LAPORTE COUNTY CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION AGREEMENT (ACTION REQUESTED)**

This is our annual renewal of our agreement / MOU with AK Smith, formally known as the LaPorte County Career and Technical Education Center. This year we have 24 students registered to attend AK Smith for various CTE programming like health careers, fire science, construction technology, etc. We use to send students for welding, but we proudly host those students here now. Our welding program is at capacity again this year, and will have over 40 students enrolled. Mr. Anderson, Superintendent, requested approval for signing of the 2023-2024 MOU AK Smith Agreement form. Sherry Shei motioned to approve, Jake Wade seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

**SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY (ACTION REQUESTED)**

As you know, substitute teachers can be scarce these days. We've been pretty fortunate, overall, to have a great group of substitute teachers...including a couple of retired teachers that work almost

every day, some parents and community members with a vested interest in our school, some recent grads that are in college and have a little time to spare, etc. With that said, we pay our substitute teachers a very small stipend and that stipend hasn't been touched since 2015. We pay subs \$65 if they have a high school diploma, \$70 if they have 60 college credit hours or a bachelor's degree, and \$75 if they are a licensed teacher. I would like to propose an increase of \$10 per day to each of those. Last year, we had a total of 1,049 leave days in WillSub. Of those, 675 of those were filled with subs. If our situation is similar this upcoming year, the \$10 increase would be a financial impact of approximately \$6,750 for the school year. Mr. Anderson, Superintendent, requested approval for the increase in substitute teacher pay. Gerri Grott motioned to approve, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

#### **SUMMER PROJECT UPDATES**

Mr. Anderson, Superintendent, provided updates on the summer projects that are being completed (flooring updates, rekeying of the building, third lane being added for drop-off and pick-up, etc.).

#### **OTHER ITEMS/SUGGESTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD**

No other items/suggestions came before the School Board.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jake Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55pm. 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