

# **South Central Community School Corporation**

## **School Board Minutes – October 10, 2023**

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met Tuesday, October 10, 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, Nick Kimmel, Elementary 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 School Board President, Deb Allen.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mrs. Deb Allen, School Board President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS**

There were no public expressions.

## **PUBLIC HEARING - FOR THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTH CENTRAL CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

Mr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, allowed an opportunity for the public to comment on the tentative agreement with the South Central Classroom Teachers Association. There were no public comments during this time.

## **ADOPTION OF THE 2024 BUDGET RESOLUTION**

Mr. Andrew Schoff, Business Manager/Corporation Treasurer, requested board approval to adopt the 2024 budget resolution. Jake Wade motioned to accept, Gerri Grott seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

## **CONSENT AGENDA:**

### **a) Approval for September 12, 2023 Executive and Regular Meeting Board Minutes**

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

- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Field Trip to Camp Tecumseh For The Dates Of May 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For A Change In Hours For Nicole Doms, Instructional Assistant, From 8-2:45 To 8-11:30 Effective September 21, 2023.
- Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For Amanda Kelly To Fill The Role Of An Instructional Assistant For The Hours Of 8-2:45 Effective September 21, 2023.
- Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Requesting Board Approval For Artrell Brown To Volunteer As A Drama Club Choreographer For Production Of, "The Sound Of Music," For The Fall Season Of The 2023-2024 School Year.

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

- Tina Randall, September 20, 2023, AK Smith School Counselor Breakfast Meeting, AK Smith Career Center, Michigan City, Indiana.
- Dan Siford, September 21, 2023, Grant Writing, South Central Community School, Union Mills, Indiana.

- Kate Rogowski, September 21, 2023, Grant Writing, South Central Community School, Union Mills, Indiana.
- Emily Homann, September 28, 2023, MASE Meeting, Brandywine Hotel, Monticello, Indiana.
- Chuck Wilhelm, Jill Tuholski, Missy Santana, September 29, 2023, History Dept. Curriculum Alignment, South Central Community School, Union Mills, Indiana.
- Emily Homann, October 3, 2023, MASE Coordinators Meeting, Brandywine Hotel, Monticello, Indiana.
- Dan Siford, October 3, 2023, Department PLC, South Central Community School, Union Mills, Indiana.
- Deb Kammrath, October 5, 2023, Indiana Connected Educators Conf., Franklin Jr. High School, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Jenna Wadding, October 11, 2023, Field Trip Symphony, LaPorte Civic Center, LaPorte, Indiana.
- Jim Craft, Verali Creech, October 13, 2023, Curriculum PD, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, Indiana.
- Melissa Gilchrist, Matty Bush, Jen Noveroske, Alynn Eggert, October 27, 2023, Afternoon Department Meeting, South Central Community Schools, Union Mills, Indiana.
- Andrea Spiess, Heather McGuire, Tina Coburn, November 2, 2023, Science Of Reading, Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, Indiana.
- Chris Walter, November 9 December 23, 2023, Nat'l Assn. For Gifted Children 2023 Conference, 4 Days Stay, Disney's Coronado Springs, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
- Kayleena Gulab, November 14, 2023, IDOE Early Childhood Literacy PD, Harrison Hill Elementary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- Michael Scheck, The Midwest Clinic, December 2022, 2023, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL.
- Emily Homann, Lisa Rosebaum, Jennifer Marlow, Kellee Cummings, Derek Budka, NIESC Purchasing Conference Spendbridge, November 28, 2023, Rees, Plymouth, Indiana.

**d) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- Approval for Martin Cuff Resignation, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach
- Approval for Amber Boss, Resignation Jr. High Cheer Coach, Effective After Basketball Season for School Year 20232024
- Approval for Steve Schroeder, JV Boys Basketball Coach
- Approval for Mike Ryan, JV Softball Coach
- Approval for Erin Cuff, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

**e) Claims:**

- Approval of presented claims.

Sherry Shei Motioned to accept presented claims, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

**DONATIONS:**

- To: Athletics for football sled = \$3,840.92, From: Red Zone Fan Club, LLC
- To: South Central Elementary Fundraiser = \$500.00, From: Modern Woodsmen

Jake Wade motioned to accept donations, Deb Allen seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT/ACTION ITEMS:**

### **PRINCIPALS REPORT**

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

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

- Science of Reading Grant Submitted
- School Improvement Plan Submitted (will submit for November board meeting)
- Echo Dance Bullying Assembly on Monday, October 16th
- Cyber Safety Presentation for 5th-12th grades on Wednesday, October 18th
- PTO Grandparent Game Night on Wednesday, October 18th
- Halloween- Dress-up, parties, and parade on 10/31
- Curriculum/Data Updates
- Staffing/Personnel- Amanda Kelly, Kindergarten instructional assistant, Working Out Well!

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

- End of the 1st Grading Period is already Friday! Report Cards will be published on October 23rd for parent/guardian access. We've had a great start to the year!
- PSAT will be on October 25th for students in grades 8-11. This helps prepare students for the SAT their junior year as well as provide some more baseline data for where we can improve student performance.
  - o 7th Graders- Make a Difference Day
  - o 12th Graders- College Visit/Job Shadow Day
- Shout out to our MTSS Team and our work with Marcee Wilburn from Indiana State. We have started our implementation process of getting some things set in place for the school year.
- Excited for our annual Elementary Trick or Treat on October 31st this year. Just another neat opportunity we have being in a K-12 building of collaborating and providing some neat activities for both our Elementary and Jr-Sr High students.
- We have students signed up for 861 dual credits this year, which is an incredible feat for a school our size. Great job Mrs. Randall for staying up to date as our Ivy Tech liaison and our teachers (Mr. McCallum, Ms. Yager, Mr. Masson, Mr. Siford, Mrs. Eggert, Mr. Bailey, and Mrs. Barnes) for working so hard to create college-level educational opportunities for our students.
- Athletics:
  - o Volleyball:
    - Hosting Sectionals this year. Games start Thursday, Satellites play Saturday morning at 10.
    - 30-0, undefeated season, PCC Round Robin Champs, PCC Tournament Champs
    - Congrats to Sadie Marks, Sam Marks, Tatum Wade, and Hope Welsh on All-Conference while Tatum was PCC MVP for second straight year.
  - o Cross Country:
    - Sectionals this Saturday at New Prairie HS; new format with just sectionals and regionals and then state. Good luck to our runners.
    - Senior Zak Kimmel swept the PCC this year winning both round robins and repeating as Tournament champion.
  - o Football:
    - Currently sits at 3-5 with our last game Friday @ Whiting.
    - Host Sectional first round game vs. Culver on Friday, October 20th.
    - Senior Aaron Hogan set school record with 8 touchdowns vs. Lake Station.

- Pep Session this Friday in preparation for all of our Fall Sectional tournaments.

### **UPDATE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING (INFORMATION ONLY)**

As you know, we started our meeting today with a public hearing for the tentative agreement we have reached with the classroom teachers association. I just wanted to highlight to the board that we had a great bargaining experience with the committee representing the classroom teachers association. They were cordial, honest, realistic, and open to ideas. We were able to settle quickly through transparency and a cooperative process.

### **UPDATES ON SUMMER 2024 BUILDING PROJECT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

At our last board meeting, the board approved moving forward with a contract with Tonn and Blank Construction to serve as our Construction Manager as Constructor (CMaC). Since then, Tonn and Blank assisted us in putting together a Request for Proposals for an architect. We sent that out to several firms and have met with and discussed our project with 3-4 different firms. Proposals are due today (Tuesday). We plan to meet with Jon Gilmore and Ryan VanWaardenburg (Preconstruction Manager) from Tonn and Blank to review those. Once we select an architect, we'll be able to move into the design phase so that we can start attaching more accurate pricing to items on our wish list and begin designing what those items will look like. As of now, we are still on track so that we can begin these projects late May/early June.

We will also have a working group meeting soon with Ice Miller, our bond counsel attorneys. This will bring Ice Miller, Stifel Public Finance, Tonn and Blank, the architect we select, and the school together for collaboration. We will need to start getting things in order for publications, public hearings, board resolutions, etc. related to the bonds for this project. All-in-all, things are in order and moving along well.

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

Visitor signs-football bleachers, Painted parking spaces-seniors, IDOE school visit on Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Jake Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:31pm. Sherry Shei seconded the motion, motion 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