

## **February 13, 2024**

*The South Central Community School Corporation Of Trustees Met Tuesday, February 13, 2024 At 5 p.m. In The Library For A Public Hearing and 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 Public Meeting Was Called To Order At 5 p.m. By The 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-BUILDING PROJECT @ 5 p.m.**

*Separate Board Minutes Were Designed And Originated For The Public Hearing. Each Of The Board Members Signed The Minutes And They Are Now On Record For Public Viewing.*

### **Adjournment To Regular Board Meeting**

*Brian Lautenbach motioned to start the regular board meeting at 5:30 p.m., Gerri Grott Seconded The Motion, and Motion Carried 5-0.*

### **Buzz Schoff, Business Manager/Treasurer, Update On Financial Software**

*Mr. Schoff Presented The Board With An Update About Our Current Financial Software, Komputral, And Informed The Board Of the Need For An Update To The Current Version Of Komputral. During The March Board Meeting, The Topic Will Be Voted On For Consideration.*

### **Consent Agenda:**

- a) Approval For January 9, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- b) Personnel Recommendations:
  - *Mrs. Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, Is Requesting Approval For Yasmin Montoya To Be Hired As A Temporary Full Time Sub To Replace Danielle Strauch While On Maternity Leave For School Year 2023-2024.*

- *Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For South Central High School Students To Be Hired To Serve As After School Care Assistants For School Year 2023-2024.*
- *Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr/Sr High School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For Mr. Roberto Sanchez-Williams To Fill The Drama Club Director Position For The Remainder Of 2023-2024 School Year.*

**Professional Leave Requests:**

- *Karley Yager, 1/10-1/11/2024, IAAE-Winter In- Service/ Workshop, Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, Indiana.*
- *Kyle Mccallum, 1/12/2024, Ivy Tech Online Training, Makers Space South Central School, Unon Mills, IN.*
- *Nick Kimmel, Chris Walter, Ben Anderson, 02/15/2024, IREAD-3 Recognition At State House, Indianapolis, IN.*
- *John Haggard, 03/12/2024-03/14/2024, Playground Safety, Center of Elgin, Elgin, Illinois.*

**c) ECA Resignations and Assignments:**

- *Approval For Ashley Rinker- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach*
- *Approval For Nick Leuck- Volunteer Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach*
- *Approval For Ashley Rinker-7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Volleyball Head Coach*
- *Approval For Nick Miller-Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach*
- *Approval For Jennifer Schroeder-Varsity Girls Volleyball Assistant*
- *Approval For Zach Janssen-Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach*
- *Approval For Melissa Gilchrist-Resignation As Junior High Track Coach*
- *Approval For Jimmy Carr-Resignation As Paid 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Position To Voluntary Position*
- *Approval For Brian Glisic-Resignation As Varsity Football Assistant Coach*
- *Approval For David Santana- Resignation As Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach*

**d) Claims:**

*Approval of Presented Claims. (See Attached)*

*Jake Wade Motioned To Approve The Consent Agenda, Brian Lautenbach Seconded The Motion, and Motion Carried 5-0.*

## **Donations:**

*To: Prom \$1,000.00*

*From: Anonymous donation*

*To: Comfort Closet \$250.00*

*From: National Honor Society*

*To: FFA*

*From: LaPorte County Farm Bureau \$500.00*

*From: Gene Schmidt \$2,022.50*

*To: Prom \$750.00*

*From: L & J Auto Care*

*To: Boys Basketball \$3,780.00*

*From: Kurt Welsh*

*To: Boys Volleyball \$2,000.00*

*From: Pine Lake Realty LLC*

*To: Cheer \$821.51*

*From: Modern Woodmen of America*

*To: FFA \$2,000.00*

*From: National FFA Organization*

*Sherry Shei Motioned To Approve Donations, Jake Wade Seconded The Motion, And It Carried 5-0.*

## ***Administrative Report/Action Items:***

### **Principal's Report-**

#### **News at South Central Elementary**

- *Wyatt Bugg (6th grade student) will represent South Central Elementary at the Regional Spelling Bee on March 18th at Tri-Township*
- *5th/6th Girls Basketball (Mrs. Cuff and Mr. Carr)*
- *PreK and Kindergarten Roundup dates set for late March*
- *Engineering Design Day on Thursday, February 15th (Ask, Imagine, Plan, Create, Improve)*
- *Recognition for IREAD-3 on Thursday at the State House (schools receiving 95% or higher)*
- **Curriculum/Data Updates**
  - *STEM Certification Update*
  - *Updating curriculum maps to align with new state standards and the new ILEARN test which we are piloting next school year*
  - *34 elementary staff members participating in a book study (“The Knowledge Gap”)*
- **Elementary Staffing/Personnel**
  - *High school students helping with after-school care*

#### **News at South Central Jr/Sr High School**

- *Scheduling process has begun for next year. We're excited about some of the new courses we can offer and the pathways those include. Thanks to Mrs. Randall for her hard work on this as it is a true process of trial and error.*
- *We've had a long-standing relationship with Ivy Tech for dual-credit offerings. With our new Welding Program and increased offerings in the Ag departments, we are looking to have many students earn certificates upon graduation this coming spring. Students will be able to earn an Animal Agribusiness Certificate upon completion of enough required courses and either a Structural Welding Certificate or Interdisciplinary Workforce Certificate through enough Welding courses. All offered here on SC's grounds.*
- *NHS Inductions for the 2023-24 class will be on March 7th this year. Looking forward to new students who qualify and uphold the values of the Honors Society. This will be held in the South Gym.*
- *SAT coming up on March 5th for all of our Juniors.*

#### **Jr/Sr High Athletics**

- *Girls Basketball wrapped up their season in late January. Congratulations to the athletes and coaches on a great season.*
- *Sadie Marks (Co-MVP in PCC), Hope Welsh (PCC All-Conference), and Sam Marks (Honorable Mention All-Conference)*
- *Boys Season continues with the Sectional Tournament starting February 27th.*
- *Spring sports are just around the corner!*

### **Early Literacy Achievement Grant (Action Requested)**

*The Indiana Department of Education established an Early Literacy Achievement Grant in 2023 to reward schools and teachers for improving students' foundational reading skills, according to IREAD-3 data. HEA 1001-2023 allocated \$10 million each year of the biennium budget to award these cash stipends. Stipends are given to teachers, instructional coaches, and other staff responsible for the implementation and delivery of literacy and reading instruction through grade 3. Administrators and teachers above grade 3 are NOT eligible for this stipend. South Central Schools was awarded \$10,198 this year. Through conversations with our administration and collaboration with our Classroom Teachers Association, we have a recommendation for you this evening. The chart with specific information is in your packet. The overview of that would be we have 14 certified teachers / staff members that would receive a stipend of \$488.08 each, and 8 instructional assistants that would receive a stipend of \$202.88. The gross payment amounts are a little larger, but TRF / PERF and FICA have to be taken out before payroll. Gerri Grott Motioned To Approve Stipend For Staff, Jake Wade Seconded The Motion, and Motion Carried 5-0.*

### **Pre-Kindergarten for 2024-25 (Action Requested)**

*I am thrilled to share with you that reinstating pre-k at SC this year has gone exceedingly well! We have a wonderful teacher, a wonderful teaching assistant, and 33 eager students currently enrolled. While tuition payments that parents make cover the majority of the costs for pre-k, the small amount the school corporation does cover is well worth it. Tonight, I'm simply asking for your approval to keep the tuition amount the same for the 2024-25 school year at \$200 per month for 9 months of the school year. I would also recommend that tuition for children of staff members be \$150 per month. Pre-K and kindergarten round-up are coming up in March, and we're excited to fill the Pre-K roster for next year!*

*Sherry Shei Motioned To Approve Pre-K 2024-25 Tuition Payment, Brian Lautenbach Seconded The Motion, and Motion Carried 5-0*

***Updates on Summer 2024 Building Project***

*Tonn and Blank, Stifel Public Finance, and Ice Miller will all be on hand for today's meeting. All will provide updates on the project and information / instructions for the SECOND Preliminary Determination Hearing scheduled for this meeting.*

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

*There Were No Other Items / Suggestions Presented Before The Board*

***ADJOURNMENT***

*Brian Lautenbach Motioned to Adjourn The Meeting At 6:05 p.m., Jake Wade 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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Sherry Shei, Deputy Secretary

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Geraldine Grott, Member