

April 9, 2024

The South Central Community School Corporation Of Trustees Met Tuesday, April 9, 2024 At 5 pm 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 Public Meeting Was Called To Order At 5 pm 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.

President of School Board, Mrs. Deb Allen, Building Project Resolutions (Action Item)

Mrs. Deb Allen, School Board President, Requested Board Approval For The Following Building Project Resolutions:

-Resolution Determining Need For Project= Jake Wade Motioned To Accept, Gerri Grott Seconded The Motion, Motion Carried 5-0.

-Resolution Approving Form Of Lease Agreement= Jake Wade Motioned To Accept, Sherry Shei Seconded The Motion, Motion Carried 5-0.

-Resolution Reapproving Formation Of Building Corporation= Sherry Shei Motioned To Accept, Brian Lautenbach Seconded The Motion, Motion Carried 5-0.

Consent Agenda:

- **Approval for March 12, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**
- **Personnel Recommendations:**
 - *Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr-Sr High School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For Kate Rogowski To Fill The Open 2024 Jr-Sr Summer School Teaching Position.*
 - *Mr. Jarad Miller, Jr-Sr High School Principal, Is Requesting Approval For The Resignation Of Roberto Sanchez-Williams From The Position Of Drama Club Sponsor.*
 - *Mr. Nick Kimmel, Elementary School Principal, Is Requesting Approval To Assign Amy Morrison As The Summer IREAD-3 Remediation/ Testing Teacher.*

Professional Leave Requests:

- *Buzz Schoff, 3/12-13/2024, IASBO Budget Seminar, Embassy Suites, Plainfield, IN.*
- *Chuck Wilhelm, 3/19/2024, NWI JH Leadership Summit, Hebron Middle School, Hebron, IN.*
- *Andrea Spiess, 3/21/2024, Think Tank, School City Of Mishawaka Admin. Center, Mishawaka, IN.*
- *Buzz Schoff, 03/21/2024, IASBO Region I Meeting, Hobart High School, Hobart, IN.*
- *Deb Kammrath, Cortny Barnes, Daniel Konshak, Integrating AI In Your High School Classroom, NIESC, Mishawaka, IN.*

a) **Claims:**

Approval of Presented Claims. (Attached)

Sherry Shei Motioned To Approve Consent Agenda, Gerri Grott Seconded The Motion, Motion Carried 5-0

Donations:

To: Fund 2000- \$500.00

From: Cheryl Lyn Welter Family Charitable Foundation (Alumni Challenge)

To: Baseball -\$500.00

From: Modern Woodmen of America

To: South Central School Pre-K & Elementary- Computer Lab Headphones- \$250.00

From: Wanatah American Legion Ladies Aux 403

Jake Wade Motioned To Approve Donations, Brian Lautenbach Seconded The Motion, Motion Carried 5-0.

Administrative Report/Action Items:

Principal's Report (Information Only)

Elementary News:

Wyatt Bugg Finished In 2nd Place In The Regional Spelling Bee

Riley Hospital For Children Fundraiser—\$20,022.80 Raised (Original Goal Was \$10,000)

South Central Hosting The Elementary Math Bowl This Evening In The South Gym

4th Grade Will Be Going On Their Overnight Trip To Camp Tecumseh On May 7th And May 8th

STEM School Visit Was On Monday, March 25th—Result Of Visit To Find Out If We Are Certified As A

STEM School Will Be Announced At The End Of April

ILEARN Testing For Grades 3-6 Will Begin Next Week

Staffing/Personnel

Literacy Coach Through The Literacy Cadre

Title I Position Will Be Open Due To Mrs. Spiess Moving Into Full-Time Coaching Role

Jr/Sr High News:

High School Graduation Redesign

The State Is Pushing Out Some Preliminary Guidance On Redesigned (Again) The Graduation Components For Our Students, Starting With The Current 7th Grade Class (2029 Cohort). We Will Continue To Stay On Top Of Their Expectations And Work Hard To Make Sure We Are Ready To Meet The Criteria.

ILEARN And AP Testing

In The Midst Of Testing Season Still. SAT Is Completed, But ILEARN Will Be Done In Late April And AP Testing Will Be Done In Early/Mid May. Looking Forward To Seeing The Growth Our Students Had And All The Hard Work Our Teachers And Students Have Been Putting In.

April 8th Early Dismissal

Adjusted Schedule Has Been Sent Out To Students And Staff. This Schedule Will Be Sent Out Again This Week And Posted On Facebook.

Prom On April 20th

Prom Is Already Here! We Will Have Our Grand March In The North Gym Starting At 6:00pm And Then Students Will Head To The Shed On Guse Farms For Dinner And Dancing. Thank You To Mrs. Erickson For Sponsoring The Event And Getting Everything Organized!

JH And HS Incentive Programs Are Still Going Strong

Students Are Measured On Grades, Attendance, And Behavior. JH Students Will Be Going To A South Bend Cubs Baseball Game And HS Students To The Movies At Portage's Emagine Theaters.

Extra-Curriculars

Shout Out To Mrs. Rogowski And Mr. Siford For Their Work With The Robotics Program. They Had Their End Of The Year Banquet And Did Such A Great Job With Our Students. Thank You For The Opportunity You've Created For So Many Of Our Students!

Athletics

IHSAA Reclassification- We Are Back To 1A For All Sports Programs Starting Next Year.

PCC Tournament For Boys Volleyball Will Be During The Week Of April 16th!

Hosting Sectional Tournaments For Both Boys Volleyball And Softball This Spring.

Literacy Cadre (Action Requested)

As You Know, SC Received The Science Of Reading Grant This School Year In An Amount Just Under \$150,000. This Grant Is Paying For Mrs. Andrea Spiess To Be Our Literacy Coach, Along With Professional Development Opportunities And Resources For Our Elementary Teachers And Staff. We Were Hopeful The DOE Would Offer This Grant Again, However, It Does Not Appear They Will. The Next Best Opportunity To Keep Our Literacy Coach And The Momentum We've Built For, And The Success We've Seen In Our Early Readers, Is To Join The DOE's Literacy Cadre. The Cadre Is A Collaborative Effort Between The IDOE And The University Of Indianapolis' Center Of Excellence In Leadership For Learning (CELL). This Will Be Cohort 3 (Year 3) Of The Literacy Cadre, And 199 Elementary Schools In The State Are Already A Part Of Cohorts 1 And 2. So This Is A Well-Established Opportunity. Financially, Joining The Literacy Cadre Means They Will Pay For 2/3 Of Our Literacy Coach (Salary, Benefits, And Training) In Year 1, And 1/3 Of Our Literacy Coach In Year 2. South Central Would Be Responsible For The Other Portion. I've Talked At Length About This With Mr. Kimmel, Discussed The Opportunity With Mrs. Spiess, Discussed The Plan With The Teacher's Association President, And Have Also Discussed The Budget Side With Mr. Schoff. It Is My Recommendation To The Board That We Join The Literacy Cadre And Make The 2-Year Commitment So That We Can Continue To Improve And Refine Our Reading Instruction For Our Early Readers. Deb Allen Motioned To Approve Joining The Literacy Cadre, Jake Wade Seconded The Motion, And Motion Carried 5-0.

Updates On Summer 2024 Building Project (Information Only)

On Today's Agenda, The Board Considered 3 Resolutions Related To The Project. All Facets Of The Building Project Have Continued To Move Forward Very Well. Construction Documents (Cds) Were Finalized And Turned Over To Tonn And Blank From Elevatus Architecture Last Thursday. The First Notice To Bidders Went Out From Tonn And Blank Last Friday, And The Second Notice Will Go Out This Friday. We'll Be Holding A Pre-Bid Conference This Thursday At 2:00 pm For All Subcontractors Interested In Bidding On The Project. Final Bids Are Due On Thursday, May 2nd By 4:00 pm To The Superintendent's Office. A Public Meeting Will Follow At 5 pm Where Bids Will Be Opened In The School Library.

OTHER ITEMS/SUGGESTIONS BEFORE THE BOARD

There Were No Other Items/Suggestions Brought Before The School Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Jake Wade Motioned To Adjourn The Meeting At 5:45 pm, Sherry Shei Seconded the Motion, Motion Carried 5-0.

Deborah Allen, President

Jake Wade, Vice-President

Brian Lautenbach, Secretary

Sherry Shei, Deputy Secretary

Geraldine Grott, Member