



South Central Community School Corporation

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Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 5:00pm | Board Room/Library

Meeting recording: <https://www.youtube.com/live/NRWkee7ZpDw>

The South Central Community School Corporation Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, January 13th at 5:00pm in the board room for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Deb Allen, Gerrie Grott, Brian Lautenbach, Sherry Shei, and Jake Wade. Others who attended were Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent; Nick Mills, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal; and Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by the school board president, Deb Allen.

School board president Deb Allen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no public expressions.

Performance Services presented a check in the amount of \$1,000 to South Central Schools. Those funds will be used for future scholarships.

Deb Allen led the nomination and appointment of the 2026 School Board and Board of Finance officers.

Buzz Schoff, Business Manager, presented the 2025 Financial Report.

Buzz Schoff, Business Manager, requested approval of the Amended Resolutions to Transfer Funds from the Education Fund to Operations Fund. Jake Wade motioned to approve the resolutions. Sherry Shei seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Ben Anderson, Superintendent, requested approval to add Girls Flag Football as a Varsity sport at South Central. Ben elaborated about the partnership with the Indianapolis Colts and their commitment to helping get this sport off the ground. Jake Wade motioned to approve the addition of Girls Flag Football. Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requested approval for the 4th grade overnight field trip to Camp Tecumseh. Nick explained how well the trip has gone in the past, and anticipates the same this year.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of December 9, 2025, Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Personnel Recommendations:

- Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, requests approval of the resignation of Christine White, effective 12/19/25.
- Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, requests approval of the transfer of Courtney Tylka from substitute to permanent food service employee.

- Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, requests approval of the retirement of Deb Kammrath as Director of Instructional Technology. Mrs. Kammrath has served in different capacities for a total of 40 years with South Central Schools.

Professional Leave Requests:

- Amy Morrison, Angie Fornaciari, and Chris Walter, ILEARN Reading Curriculum PD - 12/11/25, South Central
- Crystal Koepke, IASBO Transportation Administration - 1/15/26, South Central

ECA Resignations and Assignments:

- Charles Wilhelm, Athletic Director, requests approval of Leah Goetz as 6th grade girls basketball coach. This position pays \$1018.
- Charles Wilhelm, Athletic Director, requests approval of Ashley Rinker as 5th grade girls basketball coach. This position pays \$1018.
- Charles Wilhelm, Athletic Director, requests approval of Morgan Ward-Benac as a volunteer assistant coach for 7th grade girls' basketball. This position is volunteer and unpaid.

Claims:

- Approval of presented claims

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

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

Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, discussed the upcoming Spelling Bee, Book Blast, and Checkpoint 1 and 2 Data updates.

Nick Mills, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, discussed the upcoming Spelling Bee, Spring Play, Snow King and Queen Coronation, as well as ILEARN and athletic updates.

Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, presented the DUAB School Corporation Fiscal Indicators and the Public Corporation Transfer Report. Ben also recommended for approval the establishment of a South Central Athletics Hall of Fame, with the first class being inducted later this year. Gerrie Grott motioned to approve the establishment of an SC Athletics Hall of Fame. Sherry Shei seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Other items that came before the board included Brian Lautenbach requesting a second permanent flag be hung in the north gym. Gerrie Grott expressed gratitude for the welcoming atmosphere that has been created for our younger students by the older students. She specifically praised our boys' and girls' varsity basketball teams for their efforts.

Jake Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:09pm. Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Deborah Allen, President

Jacob Wade, Vice-President

Brian Lautenbach, Secretary

Cheryl Shei, Deputy Secretary

Geraldine Grott, Member