



# South Central Community School Corporation

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## Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:00pm | Board Room/Library

Meeting recording: <https://youtube.com/live/36vjaeJ56Mo>

The South Central Community School Corporation Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, March 10th, 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; Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal; and Katie Anderson, Representing Attorney.

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.

A second public hearing for the Preliminary Determination for proposed General Obligation Bonds was held. There were no public comments. The board unanimously approved the following resolutions:

1. Consideration of Project Resolution (Jake Wade made a motion, and Sherry Shei seconded the motion)
2. Consideration of Preliminary Determination Resolution (Gerrie Grott made a motion, and Jake Wade seconded the motion)
3. Consideration of Preliminary Bond Resolution (Sherry Shei made a motion, and Deb Allen seconded the motion)
4. Consideration of Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures (Jake Wade made a motion, and Sherry Shei seconded the motion)

Gerrie Grott made the motion to adjourn to the regular board meeting. Deb Allen seconded the motion.

Deb Allen opened the regular meeting for public expressions. There were no public expressions.

Buzz Schoff, Business Manager, presented the Form 9 Financial Report for 7/1/2025-12/31/2025.

### Consent Agenda

- Approval of February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

### Personnel Recommendations:

- Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, requests approval for Melinda Slauter as kitchen substitute.
- Karen Hagenow, Food Service Director, requests approval for Stephanie Thorpe as kitchen substitute.
- Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, requests transfer for Cortny Barnes as HS English Teacher to Director of Student Learning.
- Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, requests approval for a salary adjustment for Greg Mohlke in recognition of his Master's degree attainment (which was missed during negotiations).

- Nick Mills, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, requests the approval of Kate Rogowski as Summer School Teacher. This position is for 12 days, 8 hours/day plus 2 hours prep time.
- Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requests transfer for Amy Morrison as 3rd grade Teacher to teach S.T.E.A.M. beginning 2026-2027.
- Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requests transfer for Brianna Perez as Title 1 teacher to teach 3rd Grade beginning 2026-2027.
- Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requests transfer for Andrea Spiess as Literacy Coach to Title 1 teacher beginning 2026-2027.
- Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requests transfer for Christine Walter as 3rd grade teacher to teach Jr.-Sr. High School and Elementary High Ability beginning 2026-2027.
- Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requests transfer for Ashley Medley as 2nd grade teacher to teach 3rd grade beginning 2026-2027.
- Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, requests transfer for Jenna Intagliata as Music to teach 2nd grade beginning 2026-2027.

Professional Leave Requests:

- Tina Randall, CTE Coordinators Monthly Meeting, 2/10/26, Westville High School
- Kelli Soenksen, Local Lifelines, 2/17/26, Health Foundation of LaPorte, IN
- Buzz Schoff, IASBO Regional Meeting, 2/20/26, Crown Point, IN
- Emily Homann, Benefits Administration, 3/11/26, South Central (Virtual)
- Kelli Soenksen, 2026 IIAAA Annual Conference, 3/22/26-3/24/26, Indianapolis, IN
- Daniel Siford, Purdue Micro-Grant Summit, 4/9/26, Indiana Manuf. Institute, West Lafayette, IN
- Emily Homann, Boyce Amplify LIVE, 4/22/26-4/23/26, Horizon Convention Center, Muncie, IN
- Katie Etheridge, Jostens Yearbook Advisor Workday, 5/8/26, Starbucks, Valparaiso, IN

ECA Resignations and Assignments:

- Charles Wilhelm, Athletic Director, is requesting approval for Steve Forker as Varsity Head Football Coach. Pay for this position is \$7,539.

Claims:

- Approval of presented claims

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

Brian Lautenbach motioned to approve the donations. Deb Allen seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, highlighted the upcoming staff changes, as well as the upcoming 6th grade career fair, Math Bowl competition, and the National Honor Society Easter egg hunt.

Nick Mills, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, highlighted many activities taking place in the near future, including the spring play, band concerts, robotics open house, and donkey basketball.

Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, introduced Kate Rogowski, who gave a brief presentation on the future of a virtual school at South Central. Dr. Anderson then presented and requested approval for the following:

1. Out of District Student Transfer Plan for 2026-2027 (Jake Wade made a motion, Sherry Shei seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.)
2. Personnel Updates for 2026-2027 (Sherry Shei made a motion, Deb Allen seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.)
3. Football Field Lighting (Jake Wade made a motion, Brian Lautenbach seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.)

Other items before the board included Jake Wade clarifying that South Central will be moving to Class 2A in most sports starting in the 2026-2027 school year.

Jake Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:19pm. Sherry Shei seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

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Deborah Allen, President

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Jacob Wade, Vice-President

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Brian Lautenbach, Secretary

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Cheryl Shei, Deputy Secretary

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Geraldine Grott, Member