South Central Community School Corporation

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Board of School Trustees Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 5:00pm | Board Room/Library

Meeting recording: https://www.youtube.com/live/dIzaKnDo5xM

The South Central Community School Corporation Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, September 8th, at 5:00pm in the board room for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Deb Allen, Jacob Wade, Gerrie Grott, Brian Lautenbach, and Sherry Shei. Others who attended were Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent; Melissa Santana, 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.

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

Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, recognized 3 students (Brantley Mills, Branson Wiatrowski, and Cruz Pacheco) and 1 bus driver (Virginia Logan) for their heroic actions following the crash of bus 16-3 on 9/2/26.

Buzz Schoff, Business Manager, went over the Notice to Taxpayers for Appropriations and Tax Rates.

Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, opened the floor for any public discussion regarding the upcoming CTA Bargaining. There was no discussion.

Consent Agenda

- Approval of August 18, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes.

Personnel Recommendations:

- Crystal Koepke, Transportation Director, requests the approval of Karen Walton as full-time Bus Driver effective immediately.
- John Haggard, Facilities and Maintenance Director, requests the approval of Johanna Coleman as part-time custodian effective the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year.

Professional Leave Requests:

- Kelli Soenksen, Indiana Association of School Nurses Conference, 11/9/26-11/10/26, Embassy Suites, Noblesville, IN
- Amy Morrison, NSTA STEAM Conference, 11/5/26-11/6/26, Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN

ECA Resignations and Assignments:

- Charles Wilhelm, Athletic Director, requests the approval of Jalin Pitchford as a volunteer for the Varsity Football team.
- Charles Wilhelm, Athletic Director, requests the approval of Brock Moore as a volunteer for the Varsity Football team.

Claims:

- Approval of presented claims

Jacob Wade motioned to approve the consent agenda. Gerrie Grott seconded the motion, and the motion carried 5-0.

There were no donations.

Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, highlighted the Book Fair taking place at the end of the month and the ILEARN checkpoint opening Monday.

Melissa Santana, Jr.-Sr. High School Principal, highlighted how great the cell phone policy implementation has gone. She also mentioned the robotics grant that Dan Siford received, the WBL enrollment is up to 36, and Homecoming taking place on 9/25/26.

Dr. Ben Anderson, Superintendent, gave an update on the current enrollment and went over the Graduation survey results.

Other Items brought before the board included discussion on makeup days and possible waiver situations.

Jacob Wade motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:53pm. Sherry Shei 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