

MARCH 12, 2019

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met March 12th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting in the media center. The following members were present: Dominic Notaro, Jacob Wade, Todd Morrow, Steven Koontz and Geraldine Grott. Others who attended were Dr. Stevens, Superintendent, Ben Anderson, High School Principal, Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, William Kaminski, School Attorney, Rachel Dutoi, Treasurer and Jackie Abshire, Administrative Assistant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Notaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

Deb Allen informed the board that she received the memorial plaque for Kim Werner that will be given to Mr. Anderson to place in the high school hallway.

SPOTLIGHT ON ELEMENTARY

Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal recognized Camille Miller, 6th grade who was the winner of our South Central Elementary Spelling Bee. Camille went on to compete in the LaPorte County District Spelling Bee at Westville. Luke Lautenbach, 4th grade was the winner of our South Central Elementary Geography Bee. Luke went on to take the National Geographic GeoBee online qualifying test for the chance to compete at the State Geography Bee.

Both Camille and Luke do a fantastic job representing South Central Elementary School.

SPOTLIGHT ON ATHLETICS

Jarad Miller, Athletic Director recognized the following coaches, teams and individual athletes.

Girls' Golf:

Head Coach – James Ridley/Asst. Coach – Mike Ryan

Honored Chloe Ryan who is a senior on the girls' golf team and was named to the GSSC All-Conference Team. Chloe tied for 12th in the Sectional with a 95, advancing to the Regional.

Cross Country:

Head Coach – Jessica Bules/ Asst. Coach – Isaac Bules

Honored Adelaide Young Brust who won the Girls PCC Championship for the 2nd year in a row and named All-Conference for the 2nd year in a row. She placed 13th at the New Prairie Sectional, advancing to the New Prairie Regional. Adelaide placed 11th at the NP regional, again advancing her to the NP Semi-State where she placed 37th.

Volleyball:

Head Coach – Jan Fitzpatrick/Asst. Coaches – Cynthia Cummings, Jake Wade, and Ali Richey

Honored the Sectional Champion Satellite Volleyball Team. The team went 21-10 this year with a PCC record of 5-2. They won the Hanover Wildcat Invite and placed 2nd at the John Glenn Tip-Off Tournament. The team did not lose a set on their way to a sectional championship at the Culver Sectional. Maggie Thomas and Lexy Wade were named PCC All Conference and Skyler Wildfong was All-Conference Honorable Mention. Maggie Thomas was also named the PCC Mental Attitude Award winner.

Girls' Basketball:

Head Coach – Wes Bucher/Asst. Coaches – Scotty Marks and George Gale

Honored the Sectional Champion and PCC Tournament Champion Lady Satellite Basketball Team. The team finished with a 19-7 record and a 5-2 record in the PCC. Defeated Hebron for the PCC Tournament Championship, school's first since 2014. They defeated Triton, SC Career Academy, and Oregon-Davis on their way to the Sectional Championship, the school's first in girls' basketball since 2005. Amber Wolf and Abbie Tomblin were also named to the LaPorte Herald Argus All Area Team while Amber was also named to the IBCA Underclassman All-State Honorable Mention team.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the February 12th, 2019 Minutes.

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Board approval for a FMLA leave for Emma Wiegel, Health & PE teacher for the birth of her child. Estimated duration of leave needed would be April 15th, 2019 to May 29th, 2019.
- Board approval to employ Sharon Blaszkiewicz to fill the maternity leave for Emma Wiegel from April 15th, 2019 to the end of the school year.
- Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is recommending Tammy Moser for the position of Pre-Kindergarten Instructional Assistant beginning April 8, 2019 to the end of the school year.

c) Professional Leave Requests:

- Heather McGuire, Emily Brown, Jen Kohler, Chris Walter, Tina Coburn, Deanna Welsh, Nick Kimmel and Amber Bos – March 5th, 2019 for Textbook Adoption Committee meeting in SC Board Room.
- Lori Sikora – March 13th, 2018 for NIESC Procurement Meeting at Plymouth. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Lori Sikora – March 15th, 2019 for ISNA Certification Program at Indianapolis. Requesting lodging, registration fee of \$135.00 and mileage reimbursement.
- Ryan Kruszka – March 20th, 2019 for Indiana Education for Homeless Children and Youth Professional Development. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Katie Etheridge and Sarah Pistorio – May 1st, 2019 for Art Therapy: Creative Interventions for Kids with Trauma, Anxiety and more. Requesting registration fee of \$253.47 and mileage reimbursement.
- Emily Homann – May 8th, 2019 for IASBO Conference at Fort Wayne. Requesting lodging, registration and mileage reimbursement.
- Emily Homann – June 4th & 5th for IASBO Conference at Primo Banquet Center in Indianapolis. Requesting lodging, registration and mileage reimbursement.

d) Donations:

- Parent \$25.00 to Elementary Open Clearing Account
- Mari Anthony \$25.00 to School Mall Fundraiser
- PTO \$319.50 for Charlotte’s Web, Elementary Field Trip
- Misc. cash donation \$340.00 to FFA
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades \$500.00 to Industrial Technologies ECA
- Kids Caring for Community – Winner Session 2 /\$500.00 to High School

e) ECA Assignments:

- Duke Eaton and Wes Bucher – Co-JV Baseball Coaches for the 2018-19 season. They will split the stipend.
- George “Bud” Gale – Volunteer Assistant Coach for Girls Softball for the 2018-19 season.
- Breanna Brewer – Volunteer Assistant Coach for Girls Softball for the 2018-19 season.

f) Claims:

- Approval of claims #0057, #0059-#0065 and #27752 - #27823.

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mrs. Grott seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

❖ **Fitness Court:**

Dr. Stevens, Superintendent stated that we have talked about different ways to utilize the area of the tennis courts. I was approached by Mr. Rucker, Director of Maintenance to examine the AARP Community Grant. After researching the grant, we would be eligible to apply for a “Fitness Court.” Fitness Courts are outdoor areas that can be utilized by anyone to improve their physical fitness. If approved, we would need board approval to accept the grant and move forward. <https://nationalfitnesscampaign.com>

❖ **Distressed Unit Appeal Board (DUAB):**

The superintendent informed the board that DUAB has worked through the past year to identify and create “fiscal indicators” for every public school district in Indiana. In some years, our revenue and expenditures are on diverging courses. We prefer to have these factors converging. Increased enrollment, increased State or Local Taxes are all “broad brush” solutions.

<https://www.in.gov/duab/2386.htm>

❖ **R & R Benefits:**

Dr. Stevens, Superintendent informed the board that the Insurance Work Group met with R & R to discuss insurance options. R & R has had great difficulty getting access to SC claims data from MASE. MASE will release aggregate data for all 17 schools in the trust, but will not disaggregate for SC individually unless we signed a declaration that we would leave the trust. At the present time we are just looking at different options. I am going to continue to work with our employees; emphasizing the importance of looking at his option through R & R. When examining the future forecasts of our revenue, this is an area that has the potential to save us money which can directly impact employee salaries.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Morrow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Koontz seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Dominic Notaro, President

Geraldine Grott, Vice-President

Steven Koontz, Secretary

Todd Morrow, Deputy Secretary

Jacob Wade, Member