

APRIL 9TH, 2019

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met April 9th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Dominic Notaro, Jacob Wade, Todd Morrow, and Geraldine Grott. Others who attended were Dr. Stevens, Superintendent, Ben Anderson, High School Principal, Nick Kimmel, Elementary Principal, David Jones (representing school attorney), Rachel Dutoi, Treasurer and Jackie Abshire, Administrative Assistant.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Notaro led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC EXPRESSIONS

There were no public expressions.

ADOPTION OF 2019 READING BOOKS

Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is recommending board approval to adopt Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading K-5 Indiana 2020-Streamline Package. This adoption will allow South Central Elementary to receive reading and writing consumable textbooks, trade books, leveled readers, and interactive online curriculum for each student.

Mrs. Grott made a motion to approve the adoption of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Into Reading K-5 Indiana 2020-Streamline Package. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

APPROVAL OF UPDATED RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT

Mr. Anderson, High School Principal stated that Mrs. Kammrath, Director of Technology met with the Technology Committee to review the Responsible Use Agreement. There have been minor changes recently, but nothing major in the past five years. Our technology is changing in general, it is time to update policies and procedures (attached).

Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the updated Responsible Use Agreement as presented. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the March 12th, 2019 minutes.

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending board approval to transfer Andrew “Buzz” Schoff from mathematics teacher to physical education/health teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending board approval for Kate Rogowski, Virtual Learning Lab teacher to teach Summer School Virtual Learning.
- Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is recommending board approval for Wendy Walter to teach the one-day summer remediation program for IREAD-3.
- Lori Sikora, Food Service Director is recommending board approval for employment of Trisha Higgins for part-time kitchen staff dishwasher for the 2018-19 school year.

c) Donations:

- To: Top Ten Banquet/KKV REMC \$500.00, Horizon Bank \$500.00, 1st Source Bank \$500.00
- To: Band/SC Music Boosters \$210.00
- To: Class of 2020/Miller Eye Care \$50.00 Prom Sponsor, Misc. Cash Donation \$50.00
- To: Cheerleaders/Mary Kathryn King \$183.90
- To: Robotics/ Misc. Cash Donation \$10.00, Unity Foundation of LP County \$1,0000.00
- To: Baseball/Modern Woodmen \$500.00

d) ECA Resignation and Assignments:

- Approval for the resignation of Charles Wilhelm, 8th grade Volleyball effective the end of the 2018-19 season.
- Approval for the resignation of Danielle Erickson, Junior High Cheer Coach effective the end of the 2018-19 season.
- Approval for Mark Ryan, Volunteer JH Track Coach for the 2018-19 season.

e) Professional Leave Requests:

- Lindsay Dieter, Emma Wiegel and Tina Randall – March 15th, 2019 for Project Alert meeting at South Central.
- Theodore Stevens – March 20th, 2019 for IAPSS New Superintendent Academy meeting at Indianapolis.
- Deb Kammrath, Carrie Miller and Deanna Welsh – March 27th, 2019 for eLead NWI meeting at Portage.
- Patty Hardin, Derek Budka, Jackie Passauer, Deb Kammrath and Jen DeWitt – April 8th-10th, 2019 for Harmony Spring Conference. Requesting lodging, registration and mileage reimbursement.
- Katie Anderson – April 9th, 2019 to prepare for Dual Credit Syllabus/Materials at SC.
- Curt Masson – April 16th – 19th, 2019 for NBEA Annual Convention in Chicago. Requesting registration of \$340.00, lodging two nights at \$165.00.
- Emily Homann, Jackie Abshire, Lisa Rosebaum, Patty Hardin, Deb Kammrath, Brenda Bolakowski, Lori Sikora and Rachel Dutoi – April 16th, 2019 for K12 Indiana Spendbridge and National IPA “Solutions for Spending” at Plymouth.

- Rachel Dutoi – April 17th, 2019 for Special Education Fiscal Road Show at LaPorte. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Dan Siford – April 17th, 2019 for PLTW Spring Coordinators meeting at Valparaiso High School.
- Jackie Snyder, Kim Wigley and Linissa Wirtes – April 18th, 2019 for work on reading curriculum at SC.
- Lori Sikora – May 8th, 2019 for HPS Membership meeting at Pesto’s in Valparaiso. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Liz Sarver, Heather McGuire and Megan Cassady – May 9th, 2019 for Kindergarten Screening at SC.
- Andrea Spiess, Liz Sarver, Emily Brown, Holli Divich and Wendy Walter – May 10th, 2019 for Student Support Meeting at SC.
- Rachel Dutoi – May 8th – 10th, 2019 for IASBO Annual Meeting with pre-conference session at Fort Wayne. Registration in the amount of \$380.00 and mileage reimbursement.
- Carrie Miller – May 13th & 14th, 2019 for School Safety Specialist Academy Advanced Training in Indianapolis. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Katie Anderson – June 23rd – 28th, 2019 for the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Summer Institute at Daytona Beach, Florida. Requesting lodging, flight and registration.
- Rachel Dutoi – June 26th, 2019 for the DOE Finance Budget Workshop at Indianapolis. Requesting lodging and mileage reimbursement.

f) Claims:

- Approval of claims #0058, #0066-#0073 and #27829 - #27894.

Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

❖ **IREAD 3:**

The superintendent informed the board that IREAD 3 results are back but I cannot officially report how many students passed or did not pass because it is embargoed by the IDOE. However, I can tell you that a strong majority of our students passed the assessment on the first attempt. Great job to the students, their K, 1, 2 & 3 grade teachers, administrators, parents and community for working so diligently to help our students be academically successful.

❖ **LAPORTE COUNTY FARMLAND ASSESSED VALUATION:**

Dr. Stevens, Superintendent informed the board that at last month’s meeting we examined the DUAB website of school fiscal indicators. From time to time, when discussing the decrease in Assessed Value of Farmland, I will run into folks that claim their tax rates have not actually decreased. When folks tell me their taxes on farmland hasn’t decreased, I encourage them to utilize this portal through LaPorte County and view the numbers for themselves. This presentation was to showcase that tax rates on farmland are indeed decreasing. This is a public portal and free information that anyone can access via link below:

<https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/?site=LaPorteCountyIN>

❖ **SCHOOL SAFETY WEEK APRIL 15-APRIL 18:**

The School Safety Committee has gotten together to put an emphasis on SC School Safety Week next week. The idea is that we will have a different drill each day plus having daily announcements to increase awareness of both students and staff about the importance of school safety.

ACTION ITEMS

- ❖ The superintendent is recommending board approval for the 2019 Summer School Instructional Costs (attached).
Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the 2019 Summer School Instructional Costs per attached. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.
- ❖ Deb Kammrath, Director of Technology is recommending board approval for the purchase of 150 - HP 11 G6 Touchscreen Chromebooks from 2ND Gear (attached quote).
Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the purchase of 150 Chromebooks. Mrs. Grott seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.
- ❖ Dr. Stevens, Superintendent is recommending the board approve the 2018-19 Wages and Beginning Rates for New Hires-Substitutes. Per State Board of Accounts Wages and beginning Rates have to be board approved every year (attached).
Mr. Notaro made a motion to approve the 2018-19 Wages and beginning Rates for New Hires-Substitutes. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

- ❖ The superintendent is recommending board approval for the following:
 - Chris Lawler – High School Track Volunteer Coach for the 2018-19 season.
 - Resignation of Rick Budka as Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach effective March 29th, 2019.Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve Chris Lawler as Volunteer High School Track Coach for the 2018-19 season and Resignation of Rick Budka as Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach.
Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it passed 4-0.

Dominic Notaro, President

Geraldine Grott, Vice-President

Steven Koontz, Secretary

Todd Morrow, Deputy Secretary

Jacob Wade, Member