

MAY 14, 2019

The South Central Community School Corporation of Trustees met May 14, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a regular board meeting. The following members were present: Dominic Notaro, Geraldine Grott, Steven Koontz, Todd Morrow and Jacob Wade. 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.

SHOWCASE – VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Mr. Anderson, High School Principal recognized Marguerite (Maggie) Thomas and Katelyn DeLuca for Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Mr. Anderson stated that Valedictorian, Maggie Thomas will not be present due to a track meet and Salutatorian, Katelyn DeLuca has job obligations. Mr. Anderson stated that Maggie Thomas has a 4.39 grade point average and will be attending Purdue University. Katelyn DeLuca has a 4.227 grade point average and will be attending Valparaiso University.

ELEMENTARY 2019-2020 STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES

Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is requesting board approval for the attached 2019-2020 Student Handbook changes (attached).

After discussion, Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Student Handbook changes as presented. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

SR./JR. HIGH SCHOOL 2019-2020 STUDENT HANDBOOK CHANGES

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After discussion, Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 Student Handbook changes as presented. Mrs. Grott seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

DONATIONS

- Interstate Studios for Spring Pictures \$287.06 to Elementary Student Activity.
- General Mills-Box Tops for Education \$755.20 to Elementary Student Activity.
- Larry & Margo Brust \$100.00 to Baseball.
- LaPorte County Farm Bureau \$250.00 to FFA.
- Modern Woodmen \$1,000.00 to Yearbook.
- Andrew and Melissa Evers \$100.00 Class of 2020.
- Jud Tolmen \$200.00 for Basketball Equipment for Boys/Girls Basketball.
- Cheryl Lyn Welter Family Charitable Foundation \$200.00 for Home Ec/FACS

Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the donations as presented. Mr. Koontz seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the April 9th Board Minutes.

b) Personnel Recommendations:

- Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending board approval for the employment of Wesley Bucher for High School Science Teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year.
- Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending board approval for the employment of Courtney DeBrouwer for High School Spanish Teacher beginning the 2019-20 school year.

c) Personnel Resignations:

- Board approval for the resignation of Melissa Pearce for the position of English Academic Super Bowl Coach or ASB Coordinator at the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Board approval for the resignation of Lisa Denger, Spanish Teacher effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Board approval for the resignation of Rachel Werner, Co-Sponsor of National Honor Society effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
- Board approval for the resignation of Lisa Cauley, Co-Sponsor of National Honor Society effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.

d) Professional Leave Requests:

- Carrie Miller and Lindsay Dieter – May 10th, 2019 for Healthcare Prevention Grant Meeting at SC.
- Carrie Miller and Deanna Welsh - April 12th, 2019 for E-Village Conference Preparation at Hebron.
- Joyce Malecki – April 23rd, 2019 for On My Way PK- Information Meeting at Merrillville.
- Lori Sikora – April 24th – 26th, 2019 for ISNA Spring Seminar & Financial Management for School Nutrition Directors at Plainfield. Requesting lodging, registration fee of \$240.00 and mileage reimbursement.
- John Haggard – April 26th, 2019 for IBCA Coaching Clinic at Indianapolis.
- Deb Kamrath – April 26th, 2019 for eLearning Workshop Planning Meeting at Lake Central High School. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Derek Budka and Bobby Hanby – April 30th, 2019 for K-12 Tech Luncheon Warranty Protection for 1:1 devices in schools at South Bend. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Deb Kamrath – May 6th, 2019 for Cubelet Train the Trainer at LaPorte County Library.
- Katie Anderson – May 7th, 2019 for SafeServ Test in Michigan City. Requesting registration and mileage reimbursement.
- Lori Sikora - May 14th, 2019 for NIESC at Plymouth. Requesting mileage reimbursement.,
- DeAnna Welsh – May 14th, 2019 for eVillage Planning Meeting at Morgan Twp. School.
- Katie Anderson – May 15th, 2019 for AK Smith – Taking Care of It at Ivy Tech in Valparaiso. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Chuck Wilhelm, Buzz Schoff, Wes Bucher, Mike Scheck, Joyce Malecki and Donna Hale - May 15th, 2019 for Tech PD for three hours at SC.
- Emily Brown, Jaime Cipares, Jan Miller, Megan Cassady, Liz Sarver and Heather McGuire – May 16th, 2019 for Tech PD for three hours at SC.
- Holli Divich, Jen Kohler, Ashley Medley, Greg Mohlke, Brianna Perez, Carrie Miller and Deanna Welsh – May 17th, 2019 for Tech PD for three hours at SC.
- Deb Kamrath, Deanna Welsh and Carrie Miller – May 17th, 2019 for doing a presentation on eLearning at Protsman Elementary School in Dyer. Requesting mileage reimbursement.
- Jackie Snyder, Kim Wigley, Linissa Wirtes, Tina Coburn, John Haggard and Rita Shireman – May 20th, 2019 for Tech PD for three hours at SC.
- Jim Craft, Melissa Santana, Dan Siford, Angela Bruner, Amy Morrison and Chris Walter – May 21st, 2019 for Tech PD for three hours at SC.

e) ECA Resignation:

- Board approval for the resignation of James Ridley, Girls Golf Coach effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.

f) Claims:

- Approval of claims #0075-#0091 and #27895-#27985

Mr. Morrow made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Mr. Koontz seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

- ✓ After discussion, the board agreed not to reschedule the July 9th, 2019 board meeting.
- ✓ Dr. Stevens, Superintendent is recommending the board reschedule the August Board meeting from August 13th, 2019 to August 6th, 2019. The board unanimously agreed to reschedule the meeting to August 6th, 2019.
- ✓ Energy Harness LED Lighting Proposal:
Kyle Chaffee, Energy Harness highlighted on some of the LED features and benefits:
 - ❖ Saves Energy and Money.
 - ❖ Saves the Environment.
 - ❖ Reduces maintenance costs.
 - ❖ Proven to produce less glare and directional lighting.
 - ❖ Dimming Compatible.
 - ❖ Five (5) year Warranty.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1) Board approval for LED Lighting Proposal from Energy Harness (attached).**
Mr. Notaro made a motion to approve the LED Lighting Proposal from Energy Harness. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
- 2) Discussion and board approval for updated finished gym floors, score tables and new padding.**
Mr. Anderson, High School Principal presented information to the board consisting of quotes for updated flooring, new score tables and new custom wall padding (attached). Mr. Anderson is recommending board approval to utilize Cedar Creek Flooring and Bison for the flooring, score tables and new padding.
Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the quotes from Cedar Creek and Bison for updating gym floors, score tables and new padding. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
- 3) Board approval to pay a \$25.00 stipend in June for Bus Drivers to cover utility costs for timers.**
Mrs. Grott made a motion to approve a \$25.00 stipend to bus driver to cover utility costs. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
- 4) Approval for John Haggard to be paid Spring allotment for Assistant AD duties. Katie Anderson is unable to fulfill the spring portion of Assistant AD duties. Mr. Miller, Athletic Director is recommending that John Haggard gets paid ¼ portion of the \$3,000 stipend (\$750). He has been performing Assistant AD duties all spring.**
Mr. Wade made a motion to approve the spring allotment of \$750.00 to John Haggard for fulfilling Assistant AD duties. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
- 5) Approval for Athletics to charge a \$5.00 fee for anyone participating next year in a South Central sport. The fee will be assessed to pay for the costs of a new online form tracking system called Final Forms. Many schools have gone to this to track all athletic forms that need to be signed and to keep an online database of all pertinent information on our student-athletes (attachment).**
Mr. Koontz made a motion to approve the \$5.00 fee for anyone participating next year in a South Central sport to pay for the costs of a new online form tracking system called Final Forms. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

6) Board approval to switch out Natural Gas Supplier from Stand Energy Corporation to Maverick Energy. The change would not take effect until September 2020, as we are under contract with Stand Energy until October 1, 2020.

After discussion, Mr. Notaro made a motion to approve switching our natural gas supplier to Maverick Energy beginning September 2020. Mr. Morrow seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

7) Discussion of American Fidelity Insurance.

Dr. Stevens, Superintendent is recommending board approval to change vendors for the Section 125 products. Currently, the corporation utilizes AFLAC, but we are looking to switch to American Fidelity as of January 1, 2020.

After discussion, Mrs. Grott made a motion to approve utilizing American Fidelity as of January 1, 2020. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Notaro made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Wade seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Dominic Notaro, President

Geraldine Grott, Vice-President

Steven Koontz, Secretary

Todd Morrow, Deputy Secretary

Jacob Wade, Member