

**Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation
239 S. Main Cross Street
Hanover, Indiana 47243**

February 16, 2016

Regular Meeting

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted their Regular Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the new Activity Center located at 157 S. Main Cross Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243.

The following members of the Board of School Trustees were present:

Dr. Michael Hicks	Mrs. Jodi Gray
Mrs. Lacie Deputy	Mr. Rick Stockdale

Mr. John Jones was absent.

Reading of the Corporation Vision and Mission Statement

There was a moment of silence for Ruth Nickels, a former teacher who passed away.

Vision – An Educated Community of Higher Character

Mission Statement

The mission of the Southwestern Schools is to provide all students an equal opportunity for exceptional success within a safe and secure learning environment.

Audience Call

None.

Approval of the January 5, 2016 Minutes

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the minutes for January 5, 2016 as presented.

Consideration of Claims

Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the payment of claims listed below.

All Fund Claims #5153 through #5304

Payroll Claims #646, #647 and #648

DONATIONS

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deputy, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the following donations:

\$200.00 from the Jefferson County Community Foundation and Mr. Steve Telfer for the Elementary Art Club
\$90.00 from Michael and Tina Hardy for uniforms for Elementary Basketball

\$100.00 from Sedam Contracting for Middle/High School Archery
Donation of toys from Joas and Stotts Attorneys at Law for elementary students
at Christmas
\$100.00 from Toole and Rose Supply for 5th grade girls basketball

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr. Watson – Mr. Dave Bramer and the middle school will be starting a STEM Bicycle Club. The program will be for middle school students and last 10 weeks. The students will use the principals of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) to build a bike that they will get to keep.

Mrs. Gauger – Grandparents Day has been going on this month at the elementary and has gone very smoothly. Also, kindergarten registration will be on April 6, 2016 in the elementary gym from 12:00-6:00 p.m. Flyers will be going out soon.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Mr. Dillman reported that due to some issues with our old filter not being able to handle our new wireless traffic we upgraded our filter. After switching to our new filter we have had 100% up-time.

We applied for a major wireless upgrade through E-Rate and have been receiving bids. Currently we have 2 bids: 1 for the hardware and 1 for the labor and materials to install new Access Points. The total for the 2 bids combined is approximately \$60,000. Our cost through E-rate should be around \$18,000. We can accept bids after April 1, 2016 and schedule the work any time thereafter. Due to the end of year testing schedule this may be a summer project.

SAFETY REPORT

Mr. Watson reported that we have switched our radios to digital communication. This provides us with a greater range and clarity.

TRANSFER TUITION

Our Board Policy #5.05 states that the school board shall annually establish the number of transfer students the school corporation has the capacity to accept in each grade level. It also states the Board must specify the date by which requests to transfer into the school corporation must be received by the governing body. Mr. T. Jones explained that the policy needed to be changed at this time because we have reached capacity.

Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve that beginning on February 1, 2016 until the end of the 2015-2016 school year that Southwestern Schools will not accept transfers from outside of our district without payment of tuition.

PERSONNEL

Resignation

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the following personnel matters:

- Sara Searcy's resignation as agriculture teacher, effective May 27, 2016.

- Austin Ames's resignation at elementary SRO, effective February 5, 2016.
- Shannon Stubbins' resignation as Middle School cheer coach, effective January 10, 2016.
- Stephan McClellan as the new elementary school resource officer (SRO) for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, effective February 8, 2016.
- Shelly Anderson-Hamilton and Kristin Griffin as Boys/Girls MS Swim Coaches
- Derik Hutton as Varsity Baseball Coach
- Duane Ralston as Varsity Softball Coach
- Zac Nussbaum as Boys Varsity Track Coach
- Jennifer Laws as Girls Varsity Track Coach
- David Bright as Boys Varsity Golf Coach
- Kevin Dillman as MS Track Boys and Girls Coach
- Steve Satterfield as Winter Guard Coordinator.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the following conference requests:

Kevin Dillman to attend the Technology in Education Seminar in Plainfield, IN on March 1, 2016. Total cost of \$165.00 to be paid from CPF.

Nikki Hollis to attend the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in Lexington, KY on April 14-16, 2016. Total cost of \$600.00 to be paid from Title IIA.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Cancellation of Outstanding Checks

Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 4-0, to approve the cancellation of the following checks:

Central Office – Check #'s 12313, 12340, 12923

High School – Check #'s 5763, 5835, 5845, 5855, 6042, 6043

Transfers for 2015 Budget

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deputy, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted, 4-0, to approve the 2015 year-end transfers as submitted.

Resolution 2016-05 – Appropriation Reduction for Neutralization

Mr. T. Jones read the resolution. Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted by roll call vote, 4-0, to approve Resolution 2016-05 Appropriation Reduction Resolution for Neutralization.

Resolution 2016-08 – Transfer or Borrow Between Funds

Mr. T. Jones read the Resolution. Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted by roll call vote, 4-0, to approve Resolution 2016-08, to allow the Treasurer to Transfer or Borrow Between Funds.

Resolution 2016-09 – Pre-Pay Claims

Mr. T. Jones read the Resolution. Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted by roll call vote, 4-0, to approve Resolution 2016-09, to allow the Treasurer to Pre-Pay Claims.

Resolution 2016-10 – Year End Transfers

Mr. T. Jones read the Resolution. Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted by roll call vote, 4-0, to approve Resolution 2016-10, to allow the Treasurer to do Year End Transfers.

2016 Budget Update

Mrs. Boldery stated that we have received our 2016 budget numbers. She handed out the 1782 Notice to the Board. We advertised a \$200,000 Assessed Value (AV) and actual was \$263,230,841. We always advertise high because we know the State will cut it down and our actual tax rates increased from 1.0122 in 2015 to 1.1047 in 2016, due to the increased debt of the new activity center.

Actual appropriations for 2015 vs 2016 are:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
General Fund	10,945,378	9,958,037
Debt Service	434,800	600,411
Capital Projects	1,294,826	1,227,447
Transportation	1,352,600	1,352,600
Bus Replacement	215,059	212,011
Retirement Bonds	150,747	151,772

Bylaws and Policies 3.40 and 7.23 – 1st Reading

Mr. T. Jones read Policies 3.40 and 7.23. The second reading will be at the March 28, 2016 board meeting.

Audience Participation

Mr. Randy Wilson, archery coach, asked to meet with Mr. Tom Scroggins and Mr. Trevor Jones about finding space for their archery gear. They have over 60 participants this year and have run out of storage space.

Superintendent's Report

- There was discussion about the elementary elevator. We can replace the jack for around \$80,000 or replace the whole elevator for around \$95,000. We have \$300,000 set aside for the high school/middle school elevators, but could be used for this if the Board so desires.
- A health clinic survey was handed out to students and parents. More information will be given out about the possible student health clinic at the March, 2016 board meeting.
- We have been working on getting a college credit academy located in Austin started. More information about this will be given out at the March, 2016 board meeting.
- We have received the performance grant money from the State. All teachers and administrators will be given a check for approximately \$688.00. Mr. T. Jones

read the Memo of Understanding and upon a motion made by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted by roll call vote, 4-0, to approve the Memo of Understanding as presented.

- John Tingle would like to ask for bids for a small building to be put on campus to hold the salt used in the parking lots. The Board OK'd pursuing bids.
- The School Board retreat will be held on Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 5:30 at Clifty Inn.
- The Activity Center is almost complete. We are still waiting to receive the Laura Boldery Activity Center sign and have it installed.

Board Comments and Information

None.

Future Board Meetings

Monday, March 28, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18, 2016 @ 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. Lacie Deputy, Secretary of the School Board of Trustees