

Southwestern Jefferson County Consolidated School Corporation

**239 S. Main Cross Street
Hanover, Indiana 47243**

September 28, 2020

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 5:10 P.M. in the Elementary Board Room, located at 273 S. Main Cross Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243.

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

Mr. Richard Stockdale, President
Mrs. Lacie Deputy, Secretary

Mr. John Jones Vice-President
Mrs. Narci Burress, Member

Mrs. Jodi Gray, Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those in attendance said the Pledge of Allegiance

VISION

An Educated Community of High 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 MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING NEGOTIATIONS
AND EXECUTIVE SESSION VERIFICATION**

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting, Public Hearing and Executive Session Verification as presented.

TREASURERS' REPORT CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Deputy, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of claims listed below:

Payroll Claims #783-784

Vendor Claims #13186-13323

DONATIONS

Upon a motion by Mrs. Deputy, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the donations:

\$250.00 from Jeff Douglas for Cross Country

\$100.00 from the family of Elle Ford for Volleyball

\$200.00 from Georgia Smith-Vest and Douglas Vest for Volleyball

\$40.00 from Robert and Kay Williams for Volleyball

\$60.00 from Misty Warren for Volleyball

\$125.00 from Janis Rudolech for Volleyball

\$40.00 from Tabatha Williams for Volleyball

\$200.00 from Brenda Taulman for Linda Taulman Scholarship Fund

\$50.00 from Donald and Judy Guerrettaz for High School Student Council Halloween Candy Giveaway

\$10.00 from Wes and Yvonna Thomas for High School Student Council Halloween Candy Giveaway

\$10.00 from Linda Shepherd for High School Student Council Halloween Candy Giveaway

\$25.00 from Laura Boldery for High School Student Council Halloween Candy Giveaway

\$300.00 from Jason and Heather Kester for High School Cheer

PERSONNEL

Upon a motion by Mrs. Burress, seconded by Mrs. Gray, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following:

1. Resignation - Ronald Bell - Elementary Custodian - Effective September 16, 2020
2. Resignation - Dawn Hardy - Title I Aide - Effective September 18, 2020
3. Resignation - Janet Hostettler - Elementary Teaching Aide - Effective - September 3, 2020
4. Resignation - Wanda Schnebelt - Title I Aide - Effective - August 28, 2020
5. Employment - Mandi Marshall - Elementary Virtual Teacher - Effective - September 23, 2020 (Paid from Cares Act Grant)
6. Employment - Hailey Young - Elementary Custodian - Effective September 28, 2020
7. Employment - Teresa Scroggins - Elementary Custodian
8. Employment - Annabella Bivens - Title I Aide - Effective - September 9, 2020
9. Employment - Erin Lutz - Title I Aide - Effective - September 3, 2020
10. Employment - Sheila Rudd - Title I Aide - Effective - September 21, 2020
11. Employment - Angela Adkins - Elementary Secretary - Effective - October 5, 2020
12. Employment - Jo Spray - Morning Arrival Monitor - Remainder of 2020-2021 school year
13. Employment - Rick Bird - Career Center (afternoon session) - Remainder of 2020-2021 school year
14. Employment - Morgan Hensley - Middle School Student Council
15. Employment - Twila Osbourne - ASD Supervisor and Friday Late Bus Supervisor
16. Employment - Katie Davis - Monday - Thursday Late Bus Supervisor
17. Employment - Laura Scroggins - Middle School Spell Bowl (split stipend)
18. Employment - Stephanie Schindler - Middle School Spell Bowl (split stipend)

19. Employment - Elizabeth White - Middle School Yearbook
20. Employment - Tina Hardy - ASD/SMD Supervisor
21. Employment - Sue Siekman - ASD/SMD Supervisor
22. Employment - Jason Watson - ASD/SMD Supervisor
23. Employment - Brian Crank - ASD/SMD Supervisor
24. Employment - Stephanie Schindler - Elementary Math and Spell Bowl (split stipend)
25. Employment - Laura Scroggins - Elementary Math and Spell Bowl (split stipend)
26. Employment - Michael Howell - Elementary Technology Coordinator
27. Employment - Danette Bohman - High Ability Coordinator
28. Employment - Teri Densford - Elementary ELL Coordinator
29. Employment - Stuart Bramer - Varsity Assistant/JV Coach - Boys Soccer

2020-2021 TEACHER EVALUATION PLAN APPROVAL

Upon a motion by Mrs. Deputy, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 2020-2021 Teacher Evaluation Plan as presented.

PRESCHOOL UPDATE

Christen Harsin, Preschool Director, gave an update on the preschool program. We currently have 3 classrooms with 41 students and will add 3 more next week. We are at Level 3 with our accreditation and on the way to Level 4 which is the highest level.

CONFERENCE REQUEST

Upon a motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Gray, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following conference request:

Angy Northern - Young Adult Literature Conference (Virtual) - November 23 and 24, 2020
Paid from The Education Fund

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mrs. Boldery gave an ADM report. Our current enrollment is 1267, we had 1262 on the last count day. We do have 6 conflicts to work out with other schools so that figure could change. We receive \$6400.00 per student from the State. Our assessed valuation has dropped so we will lose money there. At our budget meeting in November we will have more accurate figures.

Mrs. Boldery gave the Board copies of two quotes for roof replacement at the high school boiler room. The bids were from Royalty Companies and JNJ Construction. She reported that maintenance recommended Royalty Companies for \$14,115.64, it is the lowest bid and they have done a lot of work for us in the past and we are happy with their work. After some discussion, upon a motion by Mr. Jones seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted 5-0 to approve Royalty Company for the replacement of the roof.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Julie Patterson read a statement about the issue of changing the Rebel name. Jill Koren gave the Board a copy of a petition that was in favor of the name change. Steve Rowlett talked about keeping the Rebel name.

PRINCIPALS REPORT/SAFETY REPORT

Matt Owens, High School Principal, reported that the PSAT will be taken on October 28th by the Sophomores and Juniors. It appears that the projected funds from the vocational classes will be increased this year. The Boys Tennis team won the Southern Indiana Tennis Conference. The Girls Golf Team are the ORVC Champs. Abby Fulton and Autumn Harmon are finalists for the Lily Scholarship this year.

Robert Adams, Elementary Principal, reported that this next week are parent/teacher conferences. The elementary will start a new student/staff recognition program with gifts donated by local businesses. Last week was Go-College Week. 4H week is coming up where students will learn about 4H. Krista Chatham, Elementary Assistant Principal has been awarded a grant from The Community Foundation in the amount of \$7175.00. It will be used for book studies and for some teachers to attend the Ron Clark Academy in Georgia in February.

Jason Watson, Middle School Principal reported that he was pleased that it is almost October and we are still in school. We have had a few positive cases and several in quarantine due to exposure to the covid virus. We are slowly rolling out the PLTW classes.

Mrs. Burress stated she had attended the exit audit with Safe Haven International who had been at Southwestern doing the audit. She said they were very impressed with all that Jason Watson has done with safety. She thanked him for all he does for our students.

SAFETY REPORT

Jason Watson, Safety Director, gave a safety report. He stated that the group from Safe Haven International were impressed with the fact that we have ten school safety specialists and we are only required to have one. He said this would not be possible without the support of the superintendent and the school board. We are required to have the audit done by 2021 and it is required by many grants. They were on school grounds for 3 days and a final report will be available in about a month. Safety Schools Secured Grant was approved which will pay half of the salary of the SRO. We applied for funds for technology and equipment repair but that was not approved. We had received the Top School Violence Grant for the keying and electronic access to our schools. Jason has worked with The Wilson Center who is doing the bidding process.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Keith Harsin, Technology Assistant, gave a technology report. He reported we are testing a new filter and WiFi hotspots have been purchased.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Bates, who was attending the meeting virtually, reported that October 12-16 (formerly fall break) will be e-learning days. The 5 days will be added to Christmas Break. Food deliveries will be made during the e-learning days by bus drivers. A survey went out to parents for the food delivery and bus drivers will be contacting parents as well so no one is missed. Deliveries will be made on Monday for Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Mr. Stockdale, Board President, read a statement from Mr. Bates concerning the Rebel name change. (copy attached). Mr. Stockdale thanked those involved in the research on the history as stated in the statement read.

BOARD COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

Mr. Jones stated he could not attend the scheduled November meeting. After some discussion it was decided to pick a date for the November meeting at the next board meeting on October 19th. A meeting will have to be held prior to November 15th for ratification of the teacher contract if a tentative agreement is reached.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, October 19, 2020 t 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion by Mrs. Burress, seconded by Mr. Jones, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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