

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

**December 7, 2020**

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Elementary Board Meeting Room located at 273 S. Main Cross Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243.

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

Mr. Rick Stockdale, President	Mrs. Lacie Deputy, Secretary
Mr. John Jones, Vice President	Mrs. Jodi Gray, Member
Mrs. Narci Burress, Member	

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**VISION STATEMENT**

An Educated Community of High Character

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Southwestern Jefferson County School Corporation is to provide all students an equal opportunity for exceptional success within a safe and secure learning environment.

**AUDIENCE CALL**

Karla Thornton asked to speak on Item J, Budget and Financial.

**APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 7, 2020 MINUTES AND EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**VERIFICATION**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the minutes and executive session for November 10, 2020 as presented.

**CONSIDERATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the following claims:

Vendor Claims #13542 through #13572      Payroll Claims #'s 789, 790 and 791

## **DONATIONS**

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

- \$400.00 from Auxier Gas for the Free In Need Fund at the Elementary
- \$50.00 from Morgan Nay Funeral Centre for student incentive prizes at the Elementary
- 2 Benches from Bev and Jack Ison to install in front of the Elementary School
- \$126.01 from an Anonymous doner for the TRAC program
- \$744.42 from an Anonymous doner for the High School Prom
- \$1,000.00 from Kenneth & Claudia Schneider for the Mount Scholarship
- \$100.00 from Kings Daughters Hospital for the Dig Pink Volleyball game

## **PERSONNEL**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the following Personnel matters:

1. FMLA Request – Jennifer Schoch, High School teacher, through the end of the 2020-2021 school year
2. FMLA Request – Alyssa Brawner, Elementary teacher, through February 1, 2021
3. Retirement – Linda Shepherd, Deputy Treasurer, effective January 15, 2021
4. Resignation – Crystal Crawford, Nurse, effective November 25, 2020
5. Employment – Connie Dietrich, Elementary custodian, effective November 25, 2020
6. Employment – Virtual Teaching Aides at the Elementary:
  - a. Stephanie Eaglin, effective 11/16/20
  - b. Leticia Contreras, effective 11/30/20These two positions will be paid through the High Ability Grant.
7. Employment – Suzanne Fleenor, Title I Math Interventionist for Christian Academy of Madison for the 2020-2021 school year. This position will be paid through the Title I Grant.
8. Employment – Central Office Positions:
  - a. Jason Watson – Assistant Superintendent/Middle School Principal, effective January 4, 2021
  - b. Melissa May – Deputy Treasurer, effective January 11, 2021
9. Employment – Brittany Watson, temporary High School English Teacher, effective January 11, 2021 and will continue through the end of the 2020-2021 school year
10. Employment – School Nurses:
  - a. Justine Mahoney – Full time Corporation nurse, this position will be paid for through the CARES Grant

b. Mallory Mayer – Part time High School nurse

### **CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Burress, seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the conference request from Jason Watson. He will attend the virtual ISBA School Law conference on December 11, 2020. The cost is \$210.00 and will be paid through the Title IIA Grant.

### **BUDGET/FINANCIAL**

Mrs. Laura Boldery was absent so Mr. Stockdale read Resolution 2020-11, Resolution to Approve Supplemental Payments. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Gray, seconded by Mrs. Burress, discussion was held. Mrs. Thornton asked for clarification if this was for a Dual Credit Class or an Advanced Placement Class that Mr. Rusk was teaching. Mr. Bates stated that this was for an Advance Placement Class. The Board then voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve Resolution 2020-11 as submitted.

2021 Budget Information – Tabled until the January 11, 2021 meeting

### **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

None.

### **PRINCIPAL'S REPORTS**

Mr. Watson, Middle School Principal, reported on the following:

- Discussed that virtual learning has gone pretty well the last few weeks but is glad that we will be back to in-person learning in January. He thanked teachers, students and parents for their involvement and cooperation.

Mr. Matt Owens, High School Principal, reported on the following:

- Seconded Mr. Watson that virtual learning went as well as could be expected. He said that teachers said things went better this time with more student participation and he was glad to see this moving in the right direction.
- Reported that due to the high volume of quarantines and virtual learning days, we will not be having student final exams this Fall semester. Semester grades will be determined by averaging the two terms grades together.
- The Winter sports season is underway with Covid guidelines in place.
- Rising Stars, is a program with the Indiana Association of School Principals that recognizes 11<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the state for their achievement in academics. **Zac Cole, Ian Enstrom, Gabrielle Ford** and **Elizabeth Gray** have been recognized as Rising Stars of the 11<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Mrs. Krista Chatham, Elementary Assistant Principal, reported on the following:

- The PTO organized a fundraiser where the students sold Texas Roadhouse gift cards. The students sold over \$18,000 in gift cards, which made a profit of over \$3,000!
- Vehicle Service Group in Madison donated gloves and hats to every student at the elementary with the Southwestern logo on them. We greatly appreciate this generous gift.
- We will be hosting a parent book study in January to work on community involvement and build relationships with parents. We have over 20 people already signed up.

### **TECHNOLOGY REPORT**

Mr. Kevin Dillman, Technology Coordinator, reported on the following:

- We are currently in E-rate season where we can get discounts on technology related items
- We had good reports from the students and parents that the hot spots given out were working well during virtual learning
- We started a program called Bark for Schools. If a student has something in an email or document that is self-harm related, it will notify us and the parents. Parents can also purchase a program where they can see all their students online activity, i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.
- We have been evaluating alternatives for Go Guardian to see if we can save some money

### **SAFETY REPORT**

Mr. Jason Watson, Safety Coordinator, reported on the following:

- We are now doing our second demo with the camera systems, looking for the best tool for us to move forward to replace and upgrade IP. Currently looking at a Motorola company. We are testing it for a couple of weeks and then we have another demo lined up to test.
- We held a kick-off meeting for the re-keying project. A facility walk through will be held this week by the vendor and they will go through and count the doors, locks, etc. and identify what they will need. They will also demonstrate the electronic locks that will be put on classrooms. The keying meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2021.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Jeff Bates, Superintendent, reported on the following:

- Welcomed Justine Mahoney and Mallory Mayer to the corporation as employees. They are both former students. Also welcomed Melissa May back, who is a former employee. Welcomed Jason Watson to the central office and said that we will be posting for a Middle School Principal

sometime in February with hopes of getting someone soon so they can get in and get trained and be ready to go in August for the next school year.

- The School Board Workshop has been scheduled for January 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm. at Clifty Inn located at Clifty State Park. The school attorney will be there to go over things with the current board and the incoming board members.
- Tonight is Mrs. Narci Burress and Mrs. Jodi Gray's last board meeting. They were thanked for all they have done for Southwestern and also for Mr. Bates personally.

### **BOARD COMMENTS & INFORMATION**

Mr. Rick Stockdale also thanked Mrs. Burress and Mrs. Gray for the service on the Board. Both Mrs. Burress and Mrs. Gray thanked everyone on the Board on how well they all worked together and wished the two new Board Members, Misty Jacobs and Jonathon Simpson good luck.

Mrs. Burress said the Town of Hanover has put together a Hanover Park Board Committee and they are looking forward to working with the School Corporation and the Athletic Department to get things moving forward at Hanover Park.

### **FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS**

Monday, January 4, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m., Board Retreat at Clifty Inn  
Monday, January 11, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Burress, seconded by Mrs. Gray, the Board voted, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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