

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

May 16, 2016

Regular Meeting

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in Elementary Boardroom located at 276 S. Main Cross Street, Hanover, Indiana 47243.

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

Dr. Michael Hicks	Mrs. Jodi Gray
Mr. John Jones	Mr. Rick Stockdale

Mrs. Lacie Deputy, absent

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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 April 18, 2016 Minutes

Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the minutes for April 18, 2016 as presented.

Consideration of Claims

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

All Fund Claims #5577 through #5701

Payroll Claims #654 and #655

DONATIONS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, the Board voted, 4-0, and the motion carried to approve the following donations:

\$150.00 from Bob Poynter GM for TRAC
\$800.00 from Arvin Sango Foundation for TRAC
\$100.00 from MS/HS PTO for TRAC
\$100.00 from American Legion Post #9 for TRAC

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK FEES

Tabled.

HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Tabled.

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Mr. Watson reported on the following:

- The 8th Grade awards program will be on May 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by the 8th grade dance.

Mr. Adams reported on the following:

- Kindergarten graduation will be on May 20, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- 5th Grade graduation will be held on May 25, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
- Student Council will host a 5th grade dance on May 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
- The Talent Show and Dinner will be on May 23, 2016 starting at 5:00 p.m.
- Field Day will be on May 26, 2016
- The elementary would like to add an instructional coach/interventionist position. This position will help to build reading and math skills and monitor student results. The professional development costs will be paid from Title I funds. The Board approved for the principal to approach the teachers to see who may be interested.

Mr. Bates reported on the following:

- For the second year in a row, the high school was named as one of America's Best High Schools That Challenge Their Students to Excellence by the Washington Post. They use a formula that is based on the amount of juniors and seniors that take AP exams. Only 10% of the high schools in the country make this list.
- Senior breakfast and awards will be on May 26, 2016 starting at 7:00 a.m.
- Graduation will be on June 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

- Chromebook collection – the teachers will have a checklist to go through each Chromebook to see if there is anything wrong with them.
- We will have two students working this summer helping to replace the screens and repair any Chromebooks for the next school year.
- Harmony Family Access is available to parents. They can sign on and see any of their child's records.
- Wireless upgrade – Access points are arriving this week and the installation will start on June 6, 2016.

SAFETY REPORT

No report.

PERSONNEL

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

- Retirement of Valerie Gay Northern as high school cafeteria cook as of May 26, 2016.

- Contract renewals through June, 2018 for the following administrators and athletic director: Jeff Bates, Jason Watson, Karla Gauger, Robert Adams and Tom Scroggins.
- Employment of Lisa Watterson, Debbie Mattox, Derrick Brinson, Angie Buxton and Wanda Burress and three more to be determined as summer custodians. They will be paid \$10.20 per hour and work through Friday, July 29, 2016.
- Employment of Shelly Anderson-Hamilton, Danette Bohman, Michael Howell, Jodi Pflaumer and Traci Tandy as IREAD Summer Session Testing tutors. They will be paid from Title I.
- Employment of Jodi Pflaumer and Jennifer Scholey as Jump Start Summer School Tutors. This is a two week program that begins on July 13, 2016.
- Contract renewals through the 2017-2018 season for Jerry Bomholt as boys varsity basketball head coach and Marcus Sullivan as girls varsity basketball head coach.
- Employment of the following ECA positions for the 2015-2016 year: Pam Amick as Freshman class sponsor, Darin Means as Art Club sponsor and Katie Moderau as the Social Studies Academic team sponsor.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

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

- Devin Brierly to attend the School Safety Basic Training seminar in Indianapolis on May 16, 2016. Total cost of \$36.00 to be paid from Title IIA.
- Stephen McClellan to attend the SRO Basic Course training in Rushville on June 6-10, 2016. Total cost of \$595.00 will be paid from the School Safety Grant.
- Angy Northern, Cindy Myers and Katie Moderau to attend the Nerd Camp in Parma, MI on July 11-12, 2016. Total cost of \$300.00 to be paid from Rural Schools Grant.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Bylaws and Policies 3.41 – 2nd Reading

Mr. T. Jones read Policy 3.41. Upon a motion made by Dr. Hicks, seconded by Mr. J. Jones, the Board voted by roll call, 4-0, to approve the 3.41 Criminal Gangs and Criminal Activity Policy.

Audience Participation

None.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Trevor Jones reported on the following:

- Thanked the staff and volunteers for their work at Celebrate Southwestern.
- Elementary Elevator update – Otis Elevator will repair the elevator this summer at a cost of \$109,813.00.
- There are 3 areas of the pool that need to be repaired/updated this summer:
 1. Vestibule – at a cost of \$6000.00, this will keep the warm air in the pool and the cold air out.
 2. Pool Deck – We have a quote from Spear Corporation for new pool decking at a cost of \$50,118.00.

3. Starting Platforms – the platforms are too short and not up to code.
Replacement will cost \$13,000.00.

The Pool Boosters will be putting up around \$30,000.00 toward the costs of these projects, which leaves the corporation with an expense of around \$40,000.00 that will come from the loan money.

- Roof repairs are needed in two places at the highschool. One area is over the ag/choir/band area. Royalty will install snow guards over this area to fix the problem. This will cost \$11,000.00. The other area is the gutters in front of the gym are no longer any good. To repair these it will cost \$15,000.00.
- We would like to purchase surveillance devices from Planethalo to put in all our mini buses. These devices track by GPS the speed of the bus and the route it takes. The devices also come with two cameras. One camera is on the passengers and one is pointing forward to what the driver sees. We will be ordering 10 of these devices at a total cost of \$4500.00 that will come from transportation fund.
- Replace two white vans – One is a maintenance van and one is a passenger van. We will sell our two old vans. We have money set aside in the budget for two vans. We will not go over a total of \$20,000.00.
- We have replaced all the cameras in both cafeterias. We now have 19 corporation cameras. This project cost \$11,000.00 and was paid from the cafeteria fund.
- We are going to update the elementary sound system in the cafeteria. We have plays and shows in there and that is the only stage we have. This will be updated for \$4123.00 and be paid out of the cafeteria fund.
- We are looking into purchasing a large LED sign for the corporation that will sit between the administration building and the high school building. This will cost around \$25,000.00 and be paid from the cafeteria fund. We hope to put the school menus on it along with other important school related information.
- Update on Staffing – We had 3 teachers retire and are looking to replace one. We also had 3 teachers resign and are looking to replace two of those positions. If we do not have to replace three teachers, it will be a savings of \$220,000.00. We also plan to not replace 7 Title I positions. We will move our corporation aides into the Title I positions. This will save the corporation \$75,000.00. These decisions will be based on enrollment numbers and we could save around \$300,000.00 for the next school year.

Board Comments and Information

Dr. Hicks handed out the rubrics for Mr. T. Jones annual superintendent evaluation.

Future Board Meetings

Monday, June 27 @ 5:00 p.m.

Monday, July 25 @ 5:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Dr. Hicks, the Board voted, 4-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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