

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

December 18, 2017

Regular Meeting

The School Corporation Board of Trustees conducted their Regular Board Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 5:03 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:

Mrs. Jodi Gray, President
Mrs. Lacie Deputy, Secretary
Mr. Rick Stockdale, Member

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

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 OCTOBER 30, 2017 MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Burress, seconded by Mrs. Deputy, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the minutes for the regular session on October 30, 2017 as presented.

CONSIDERATION OF CLAIMS

Upon a motion made by Mr. Stockdale, seconded by Mr. J.Jones, the Board voted, 5-0, and the motion carried to approve the payment of claims listed below.

Payroll Claims #697,#698,#699,#700 and #701

Vendor Claims #8332 - #8612

PRINCIPAL REPORTS

Mrs. Gauger reported on the following:

- K-3rd had Christmas programs recently and they were all very well attended. A big thank you to Mrs. Judy White.
- The students' gingerbread houses are being displayed in the lobby
- A new exercise program has started in the mornings for the students to help them get ready for their day.

SAFETY REPORT

No report.

TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Dillman reported on the following:

- New cabling and switches are being installed to get the network up to par
- ISTEP testing for everyone but grades 3rd and 4th will be done online this year.

DONATIONS

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

- \$294.68 in supplies from Lowe's Pellets & Grain, Inc. for the Community Calf Project
- \$30.00 from Mr. David Lamotte, Jr for Middle School Cheerleading
- \$300.00 from Elementary PTO for 1st grade field trip to Cornucopia Farms

APPROVAL OF SALARY INCREASE

Upon a motion made by Mr. J.Jones, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the following salary increases for employees outside the bargaining unit:

- All salaried employees will receive a \$1,000 pay increase to their base salary for the 2017-2018 school year. This will be paid in a lump sum on January 19, 2018 for the entire 2017-2018 school year. Employees will then see the increase in their base pay starting after July 1, 2018.
- All eligible hourly employees (excluding secretaries who were already given a raise earlier this school year) will receive a .25 cent per hour increase for the 2017-2018 school year.

PERSONNEL

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

- Resignation of Stephen McClellan as School Resource Officer, effective November 24, 2017
- Employment of Sharron King as Special Needs Activity Bus Driver, effective November 13, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. This position pays \$60.00 per day and does not have any benefits.
- Employment of Vicki Kelley as Special Needs Activity Bus Matron, effective November 13, 2017 for the 2017-2018 school year. This position is paid according to the employee handbook and does not have any benefits.

CONFERENCE REQUEST

Upon a motion made by Mr. J.Jones, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the following conference requests:

- Lori Slygh and Jennifer Scholey to attend the Harmony User Group Meeting in Scottsburg, IN on December 5, 2017. There is no cost.
- Teri Densford, Danette Bohman, Shelly Hamilton, Laura Chitwood and Noelle Stockdale to attend the Preparing for the ISTEP+ 2018 Conference at the Wilson Center on January 23, 2018. Total cost of \$725.00 will be paid from Title IIA.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL

Mrs. Boldery explained that because of a cash shortfall in the General Fund this year it has become necessary to keep the \$500,000 in the General Fund that was moved there earlier this year from the Rainy Day Fund. We will not have a cash balance large

enough to transfer any money back into the Rainy Day Fund. Upon a motion made by Mrs. Burress, seconded by Mr. J.Jones, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve Resolution 2017-12 to allow the Treasurer to keep the money in the General Fund and not transfer it back into the Rainy Day Fund.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Upon a motion made by Mr. J.Jones, seconded by Mr. Stockdale, the Board voted, 5-0, to approve the following personnel matters:

- Resignation of Stephanie Brawner as kindergarten teacher, effective December 14, 2017
- Employment of Gabrielle Hubbard as interim kindergarten teacher for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, effective December 14, 2017
- Employment of Randall Keith Harsin as IT technician, effective January 4, 2018
- Employment of Beatriss Collins as ELL Elementary Coordinator, effective November 27, 2017
- Employment of Mark Bryant as ELL Middle/High Coordinator.

Mr. T. Jones reported on the following:

- He thanked the Southwestern FFA for the gift baskets they made for our local customers who visit the Southwestern Food Pantry this holiday season.
- There will be two walls installed in the lobby at the elementary. The walls will help with security by not allowing visitors to go into classroom hallways until they have checked in at the office.
- We have a new Advanced Manufacturing program with Scott County District #1 and Crothersville Schools. This will allow students to receive MSSC and OSHA certifications by graduation. It is a 2 year program. TriHawk Industries in Austin has committed to offer jobs to students upon graduation who have received these certifications. This program will start in the Fall of 2018.

BOARD COMMENTS AND INFORMATION

None.

FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, January 8, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. – Reorganization Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion made by Mrs. Deputy, seconded by Mrs. Burress, the Board voted, 5-0, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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