SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

**May 10, 2022**

Members of the Board of School Trustees met in executive session at 6:30 p.m. on this date in the Seymour Central Service Center Executive Board Room pursuant to Indiana’s Open Meetings Law for the purpose of discussion with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee, a student, or an independent contractor; the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems; and discussion of strategy with respect to any of the following: initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing. No topics were discussed other than those listed on the public meeting notice. All members were present.

President Juergens called the Regular Board meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. All members were present.

Board members and members of the public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance, a Moment of Silence, and the Corporation Vision Statement.

Mr. Harpe made a recommendation to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of an additional communications item. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve and Mr. Kelley seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Tormoehlen moved and Mr. Browning seconded a motion approving the consent agenda which included the minutes of the April 12, 2022 board meeting, monthly reconciliation summary, claims and payroll, fund report, monthly appropriation report, student enrollment update, personnel recommendations, and professional leave requests.

The personnel report included the following:

**Retirement**

Renee Strietelmeier Kindergarten Teacher Emerson May 27, 2022

Leta Ahlbrand Receptionist SCSC July 6, 2022

**Resignations:**

Morgan Junge Title 1 Instructional Assistant Jackson April 29, 2022

Nataly Morales EL Instructional Assistant SHS May 6, 2022

Emily Bobb 1st Grade Teacher Redding May 27, 2022

Payton Vanderkooi Alternative Education Teacher JCLC May 27, 2022

Alexandra Zaring 3rd Grade Teacher Jackson May 27, 2022

Michael Landers Social Studies Teacher SHS May 27, 2022

Michael Landers Freshman Basketball Coach SHS May 27, 2022

Danielle Covert 3rd Grade Teacher Jackson May 27, 2022

Carol Spivey Admin. Assistant – Student Services SHS May 27, 2022

Sophie Klakamp Special Education IA – Lifeskills Redding May 27, 2022

Haley Swafford Elementary Teacher Brown May 27, 2022

**Appointments:**

Jacob Butler Full-Time Evening Custodian SHS Gym May 19, 2022

Jose Martinez Asst Director of Federal Programs SCSC July 1, 2022

Madison Jones Science Teacher SMS August 8, 2022

Jillian Reed Special Education Teacher SMS August 8, 2022

Harley Peña Art Teacher 6GC/SMS August 8, 2022

Michael Knecht Social Studies Teacher SHS August 8, 2022

Ty McCory Math Teacher SHS August 8, 2022

Megan Pottschmidt 4th Grade Teacher Redding August 8, 2022

Abigail Davis 1st Grade Teacher Jackson August 8, 2022

Rebekah Franke 4th Grade Teacher Jackson August 8, 2022

Mackinzey Warren 1st Grade Teacher Redding August 8, 2022

Jill Halterman FACS Teacher SHS August 8, 2022

Richard Zimmerman Alternative Education Teacher JCLC (SHS) August 8, 2022

Elizabeth Davis 5th Grade Teacher Emerson August 8, 2022

Sara Bane Science Department Chair SHS 2022-2023 SY

Ty McCory 9th Grade Boys Basketball Coach SHS 2022-2023 Season

Bob Coates Volunteer Asst Boys Basketball Coach SMS 2022-2023 Season

Anthony Desender Assistant Football Coach SHS 2022-2023 Season

Richard Zimmerman Assistant Football Coach SHS 2022-2023 Season

Lillie Hartman Assistant Girls Soccer Coach SMS 2022-2023 Season

Valerie Reitman Head Cheerleading Coach SMS 2022-2023 Season

**Summer School Appointments:**

Stacy Wiggam IREAD 3 Instructor

Jo Ferguson IREAD 3 Instructor

Suzanne Fallis IREAD 3 Instructor

Kevin Villaseñor Rico Administrative Assistant

Kelly Reasoner Prep College Instructor (40 hours)

Laura Handloser Prep College Instructor (40 hours)

Scott Miller Physical Education Instructor (40 hours)

Sarah Sterling Physical Education Instructor (40 hours)

Jane Bartsch English Instructor (20 hours)

Laura Cottrill English Instructor (40 hours)

Chris Rose English Instructor (40 hours)

**Leave of Absence:**

Jodie Warren Special Ed Instructional Assistant SMS 04/26/22 - TBD

Angie Schepman Elementary Teacher Jackson 05/09/22 - TBD

Carlie Edgecomb Elementary Teacher Redding 08/08/22 – 06/01/23

Kelsey Thompson Developmental Preschool Teacher Jackson 08/08/22 – 06/01/23

**Administrative Leave:**

Haley Cable Food Service Redding 03/18/22 – 04/21/22

Julie Kelly Principal Emerson 04/08/22 – 04/19/22

Lisa Deppen Food Service 6thGC 05/09/22 - TBD

**Transfer:**

Corey Zaring ELA Teacher to Assistant Principal SHS – 6GC July 1, 2022

Jennifer Miller Special Education Teacher RE – 6GC August 8, 2022

Ellen Gentry Science to Biology Teacher SMS – SHS August 8, 2022

Heather Trandal Science to Earth/Space Science SMS – SHS August 8, 2022

Abby Mains Elem. Volleyball to 8th Grade Head Coach SMS 2022-2023 Season

Rachal Brock Assistant to Head Girls Soccer Coach SMS 2022-2023 Season

**Contracted Services**

Christopher & Associates Evaluation Services 2022-2023 SY

**Permission to Post/Hire/Transfer prior to the June 14, 2022.**

Motion carried; 6-0 with Mrs. Franke abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Klosterman motioned to approve an Overnight FFA Trip to Trafalgar and an Overnight SHS Cross Country Trip to Ceraland. Mr. Joray seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

**COMMUNICATIONS & REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS:**

Mr. Ryon Wheeler provided an update on the Boys and Girls Club partnership and programs with Seymour Community Schools.

Mrs. Jackie Hill and Mr. Dan Davis provided an update on the READI Grant.

Mr. Harpe congratulated Dr. Danny Mendez for being chosen as the District 9 IASP Principal of the Year.

Mr. Scott Davis presented a copy of the book he wrote, Bob the Bat, to Mr. Prange from Seymour High School. Student Eliza Wilson illustrated the book.

Mr. Harpe introduced Mr. Corey Zaring as the new Assistant Principal at Emerson Elementary School.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS:**

There were none.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Franke said she attended the Senior Scholars dinner. She said it is always an awesome event and appreciated that teachers from all levels, K-12, were honored by the Senior Scholars.

Mr. Browning recognized the Seymour Middle School Robotics Team who is competing in Texas.

Mr. Tormoehlen attended the Senior Scholars Dinner as well. He said it was a great event.

**DONATIONS & GRANTS**

Mrs. Altemeyer requested permission to apply for the US Department of Justice School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) and STOP School Violence Program (STOP) Grants. Mrs. Franke motioned to approve the request and Mr. Tormoehlen seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mr. Prange made a recommendation to accept a $15,000.00 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation to the Seymour High School manufacturing program. Mr. Browning motioned to accept and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Ahlbrand requested permission to accept a donation from Wal-Mart to the Young Champions Special Olympics 2022 events. Mr. Browning motioned to approve and Mr. Klosterman seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

**CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Mr. Reasoner provided updates on the current building projects.

Mr. Nauman made a recommendation to approve the following change orders, allowances, and contract claims:

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| VPS Architecture | 5th/6th Grade Building | Invoice 19 | $5,587.54 |
| VPS Architecture | High School Building | Invoice 18 | $14,342.93 |
| Skillman Corp | 5th/6th Grade Building | Invoice 2020C9 | $71,500.00 |
| Skillman Corp | Ag-Science Building | Invoice 2020C9 | $23,000.00 |
| Skillman Corp | Ag-Science Building | Invoice 2020C9 | $71,000.00 |
| Boyle Construction | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #3 | $7,949.00 |
| Carpet Decorators | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #2 | $8,870.00 |
| Carpet Decorators | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #3 | $1,085.00 |
| James Babcock, Inc. | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #3 | $728.00 |
| Heflin Industries | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #2 | $271.00 |
| Heflin Industries | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #3 | $6,007.00 |
| T & G Construction | Ag-Science Building Additions & Renovations | Change #6 | 16,449.00 |
| Boyle Construction | 5th/6th Building Additions & Renovations | Change #3 | $7,200.00 |
| Bruns-Gutzwiller Inc. | High School Building Additions & Renovations | Change #3 | $1,650.00 |
| Complete Masonry | High School Building Additions & Renovations | Change #1 | $648.97 |
| Performance Contract | High School Building Additions & Renovations | Change #1 | $6,892.00 |
| Lawyer Excavation | High School Building Additions & Renovations | Allowance #1 | $11,216.00 |

Mr. Nauman also requested to approve an affidavit of payment in the amount of $363,312.55.

Mr. Joray motioned to approve the change orders, allowances, contract claims, and affidavit of payment. Mr. Tormoehlen seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Manns made a recommendation to approve the purchase of two Main Gym Balcony Divider Curtains from Education Furniture for a total cost of $28,420.00. He also recommended The Carpet Gallery replace the flooring in the Athletic Office, Room 401, Room 402, P.E. Office, and the Official’s Office for $15,995.40. Mr. Joray motioned to approve and Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Ferguson reported that the IDOE has issued new guidance on the amount of eLearning days a corporation is permitted to have during a school year. She provided an updated school calendar, now showing regular school days in place of previously scheduled eLearn days. Mr. Browning motioned to approve the calendar modifications. Mr. Joray seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

**NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READ ITEMS**

Mr. Manns provided a copy of the 2022-2023 Parent Student Athlete Handbook. Mr. Browning motioned to waive the first read. Mrs. Franke seconded. Motion carried; 7-0. Mr. Klosterman then motioned to approve the Handbook, and Mr. Tormoehlen seconded. Motion carried; 7-0.

Mrs. Townsend provided information on School Meal prices for the 2022-2023 school year. She will bring back a price recommendation once she receives additional guidance from the USDA next month.

Mr. Fosbrink presented the 2022-2023 Transportation Handbook. He said there were minor updates, but it is mostly the same.

Mr. Fosbrink requested to seek fuel bids for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. He will return in June with a recommendation.

Mr. Nauman provided the list of textbook rental rates for next school year. There are no changes.

Mr. Nauman presented the updated classified handbook, appendix, and salary schedules for the 2022-2023 school year. He is recommending to add a step at the base of the salary schedule.

**2023 BUDGET**

Mr. Nauman discussed the 2023 Debt Service Budget. He said a bond issue would be a relief to the operations fund.

**IMPORTANT EVENTS**

* Employee Retirement Celebration & Dinner @ The Pines – Thursday, May 26, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.
* Regular School Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 14, 2022
* Regular School Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Mr. Browning moved and Mrs. Franke seconded a motion to adjourn. As there was no further business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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