

SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of School Trustees
Public Board Meeting
July 15, 2014

PUBLIC MEETING: President Doug Klefeker called the meeting to order with prayer at 5:16 p.m. Others attending were Secretary Chad Roush, Liaison Bob Prible, Superintendent James Craig, corporation secretary Robin Minniear, and Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner. Also, patrons Ted and Tammy Showalter and Bill and Mary Morris.

I. MEETING ORGANIZATION:

1. **Approve Agenda** – Prible moved to accept the agenda, was seconded by Roush, and the motion carried 3-0.
2. **Approve Minutes** – The minutes of the June 17 meeting were reviewed by board members and approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Roush.

II. FINANCIAL ITEMS:

1. **Claims** – After consideration, Prible made a motion to approve the July claims and was seconded by Roush. The motion passed 3-0.
2. **Fund Reports** – Board members were updated on corporation funds. Prible made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Klefeker and motion passed 3-0.
3. **ECA Annual Reports** – The corporation, jr/sr high school and elementary extra-curricular fund annual reports were presented for review and approved following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Roush, and a 3-0 vote.
4. **Budget Calendar** – The budget calendar was reviewed and adopted with plans to hold a budget workshop July 29, approve the 2015 budget for advertising August 19, hold a public hearing September 16 and adopt the 2015 budget on October 21. Motion was made by Prible, seconded by Roush, and passed with a 3-0 vote.

III. COMMUNITY INPUT: none.

- IV. POLICY, 1st READING: Possessing Firearms on School Property:** The board approved the first reading of a policy stating "No employee may possess a firearm in a school building or on school property while on duty as a school employee unless the firearm is locked in the trunk of the employee's vehicle, kept in the glove compartment of the employee's locked vehicle or stored out of plain sight in the employee's locked vehicle, except, as otherwise authorized by the board. No person, including school board members, may intentionally or openly display a firearm at any public meeting or school event of the school board or school." A motion was made by Prible, seconded by Roush, and passed with a 3-0 vote.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Personnel** –
 - a. **Board Member Resignation** – Mr. Prible made a motion to accept the resignation, effective immediately, of board vice-president Chris Smith. The motion was seconded by Roush and passed with a 3-0 vote. Smith's term was up in December and he did not plan to run for re-election.

The remaining personnel items were approved with one motion by Klefeker, seconded by Prible, and passed with a 3-0 vote.

b. Certified Recommendation – Kyle Penrod hired as math and physics teacher at jr/sr high school.

c. Certified Resignation – Christina Tarter, 2nd grade teacher; Abigail Manley, speech language pathologist; and Dick Burchard, driving instruction.

d. Classified Recommendation – Angela Ireland as 3rd shift custodian; and elementary Title I instructional aides Courtney Martens, Amy Mowery, Mary Powell, Natalie Taylor and Cierra Thompson.

e. ECA Coaching Recommendations – Football assistant coach Chad Smekens; 9th grade girls' basketball coach Katelyn Prible; JV boys' basketball coach Kyle Penrod.

2. **Appointment to the Wells County Public Library Board** – Ms. Debbie Acord was appointed as the joint representative of Northern Wells and Southern Wells school districts to the public library board following a motion by Prible, seconded by Roush and a 3-0 vote.
3. **Jr/Sr High School Digital Learning Handbook** – The handbook was approved on 1st reading with the only change being that students who forget their Chromebook two times in a semester will have an after school detention. This is a new procedure this school year. Prible made a motion, seconded by Roush, and the motion passed 3-0.
4. **Jr/Sr High School Book Rental** – A summary of book rental, including Chromebook, technology and course fees was prepared by secondary principal Mr. Chad Yencer and approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Roush.
5. **Elementary Student Handbook** – The elementary student handbook was approved on 1st reading with the mandated changes pertaining to bullying as required by the State of Indiana, following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Roush, and a 3-0 vote.
6. **2014-2015 School Lunch Pricing** – Corporation lunch prices will remain unchanged at \$1.90 for grades K-6; \$2.00 for 7-12 and \$2.75 for adults following a motion by Roush, seconded by Klefeker and a 3-0 vote.
7. **Conference Request** – A conference request for John Purcell, Peggy Haigh, Brittany Atkins, Dawn Allison to attend a Differentiating Instruction conference at Butler University was approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Roush, seconded by Prible.
8. **Revision of Support Staff Manual** – Craig recommended changing hiring policy to waive the probationary status of new employees that requires paying 90% of the wage for the first 90 days of employment. He recommended that newly hired employees receive the full pay rate immediately. The board approved the recommendation with a 3-0 vote following a motion Prible, seconded by Roush.

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VI. REPORTS:

Mr. Craig updated members on summer projects progress including flooring, lighting, internet wiring and installation of the camera security system in the elementary, painting of bathrooms in the elementary and ag building and dugouts. He also informed them about procedures for filling the school board vacancy.

The next board meeting will be a special meeting and budget workshop on Tuesday, July 29. The next regular meeting will be at 5 PM on Tuesday, August 19 which will also include approving the 2015 budget for advertising.

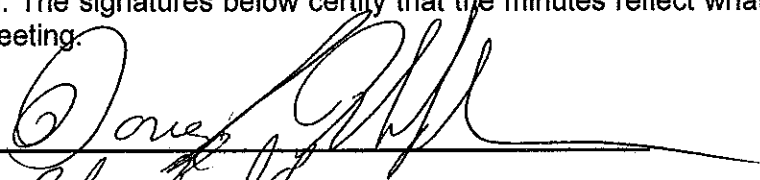
VII. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS:

All documents needing signed were duly signed.

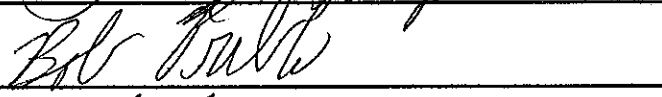
VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before the Board, Klefeker adjourned the public session at 6:40 PM. The signatures below certify that the minutes reflect what occurred in the regular meeting.

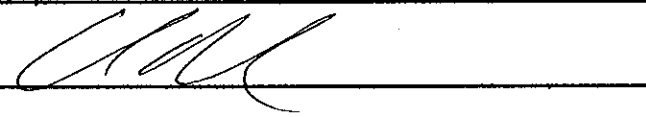
Doug Klefeker



Bob Prible



Chad Roush



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