

April 21, 2015

SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of School Trustees
Public Board Meeting
Executive Session Following
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PUBLIC MEETING: The meeting was called to order with prayer by Secretary Aaron Westfall at 5 PM. Others present were VP Kevin Scott, Liaison Doug Klefeker, and Superintendent James Craig.

Also elementary principal John Purcell, secondary principal Chad Yencer, corporation treasurer Vicki Andrews, Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner, 6th grade teachers Deb Coleman and Nikki Barcus, teachers Mike Carter and Steve Stauffer, and citizens Caryn Johnson, Wayne Reinhard and Paul Schriver.

PUBLIC MEETING:

I. MEETING ORGANIZATION:

- 1. Approve Agenda** – Westfall moved to accept the agenda, was seconded by Westfall, and the motion carried 3-0.
- 2. Approve Minutes** – The minutes of the April 7 board meeting were reviewed by board members and approved with a 3-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Westfall.

II. FINANCIAL ITEMS:

- 1. Claims** – After consideration, Klefeker made a motion to approve the April claims and was seconded by Westfall. The motion passed 3-0.
- 2. Fund Reports** – Westfall made a motion to approve corporation fund reports, was seconded by Scott, and motion passed 3-0.
- 3. Additional Appropriation Resolution** -- The board held a hearing and then passed a resolution 3-0 on an additional appropriation to Rainy Day Fund for \$700,000 for the many summer projects planned this year. Klefeker made a motion, seconded by Westfall.

III. COMMUNITY INPUT: PIE Representative Caryn Johnson told the board the organization would like to donate a Gaga Pit, an outdoor recreational facility in which several children can play a dodgeball-type game. Corporation employees will assemble.

Mrs. Coleman and Mrs. Barcus said the 6th grade teaching team would like to replace student chairs with stability balls and add five standing desks to each classroom for next school year. Students have shared three stability balls and six standing desks for

the last two months and teachers have observed that students are more alert and engaged in learning. Students who have difficulty sitting in class have benefited from use of balls and standing. Total cost is \$4,786 and they are applying for a \$1-2,000 grant. Westfall made a motion to approve the purchase, was seconded by Klefeker, and the action carried 3-0.

Wayne Reinhard noted that he has a water treatment system installed by The Water Mill of Fort Wayne on his farm. It cost about \$20,000. He challenged the board members to explore options before spending money on the proposal to hook up with the Montpelier Water Treatment Facility.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Personnel

a. Certified Resignation -- A letter of resignation was received from language arts instructor Kelly Plank, effective at the end of this school year. She also resigned her extra-curricular positions of junior high volleyball and volunteer softball coach. This was accepted with a 3-0 vote after a motion by Westfall, seconded by Klefeker.

b. ECA Resignation -- Westfall made a motion to accept the resignation of varsity cheer sponsor Brandy Rheinhart, was seconded by Scott, and it carried 3-0.

2. Summer Project Recommendations – The board approved a large list of summer projects following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Westfall and a 3-0 vote. These included: Fuhrman Electric of Decatur, \$4,880 to replace electric routing/lighting fixtures in ag garage; Kemper Flooring of Ossian, \$55,176.20 for carpet, moulding in elementary hallways and pod areas; JGBowers of Marion, \$88,490 to replace ceiling tile and lighting in high school hallways, main entrance foyer and Raiderdome foyer; TRI-L Construction of Celina, Ohio, \$5,800 to replace steps at Central Office area and steps at rear of high school; James S. Jackson Contracts of Bluffton, \$21,865 to replace 41 classroom and office doors in high school.

This is in addition to the previously approved projects of high school windows, classroom lighting, flooring, lockers, commons area, outdoor lighting, and parking lot resurfacing. The softball scoreboard posts are set and the electricity will be trenched in when weather permits. Bollard lights and bus heater receptacles still have to be placed.

3. Conference Request – Conference requests were considered for Keenan Leichty to attend a football clinic and Steve Yencer to attend PESI summer workshop. These were approved 3-0 following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Klefeker. David Butler was invited to attend the Science Teacher Enrichment Program in Kauai, Hawaii, and asked the corporation to assist with his air travel expenses of \$1,601. All other housing, transportation and meals were to be paid for him. The board members decided to pay \$400 toward his expenses after a motion by

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Klefeker, seconded by Westfall, and a 4-0 vote with Roush having joined the meeting at this point.

4. **Field Trip Requests** -- The following overnight or out-of-state field trip requests were approved following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Scott, and a 4-0 vote: FCCLA to state executive council meeting April 24-25; 6th Grade to McCormick's Creek State Park May 13-15; Varsity Boys' Basketball to Findlay University June 24-25; Varsity Football to Trine University July 22-25; and Varsity Cross Country to Salamonie Reservoir July 27-31.
5. **Fundraiser Requests** – Fundraiser requests were approved after a motion by Westfall, seconded by Roush and a 4-0 vote as follows: FCCLA East of Chicago Pizza Night, Bake Sale and 5K Family Walk/Run; Volleyball 31 Bag Bingo, Car Wash and Summer VB Camp; Boys' Basketball Youth Camp and Skills Academy; Varsity Football Youth Camp and Discount Cards.

V. REPORTS:

The next meeting of the board will be at 5 PM Tuesday, May 19.

VI. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS:

All documents needing signed were duly signed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before the Board, the public session was adjourned at 6:40 PM and the members entered an executive session with respect to an individual over whom the board has jurisdiction and to discuss, prior to a determination, that individuals status as an employee.

The signatures below certify that the minutes reflect what occurred in the regular meeting and that only that items allowed by law were discussed in the executive session.

<i>Doug Klefeker</i>	
<i>Chad Roush</i>	
<i>Kevin Scott</i>	
<i>Aaron Westfall</i>	
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