

SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of School Trustees
Public Board Meeting
February 17, 2015

PUBLIC MEETING: The meeting was called to order with prayer by Aaron Westfall at 5:04 PM. Those present were President Chad Roush, VP Kevin Scott, Secretary Aaron Westfall, Liaison Doug Klefeker, Superintendent James Craig.

And corporation treasurer Vicki Andrews, corporation secretary Robin Minniear, activities director Ben Mann, secondary principal Chad Yencer, and maintenance supervisor Ryan King.

Also present were Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner, Andrew Robarge and Jeremy Hardy of Commonwealth Engineers Inc., and citizen Letty Stauffer. Arriving later were FFA students Brandt Couch, Jackson Sills, Ben Shaffer, Lori Pluimer, Damian Watters and Abe Herr, and sponsor Steve Stauffer.

PUBLIC MEETING:

I. MEETING ORGANIZATION:

1. **Approve Agenda** – Klefeker moved to accept the agenda, was seconded by Westfall, and the motion carried 4-0.
2. **Approve Minutes** – The minutes of the January 12 and January 26 board meetings were reviewed by board members and approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Westfall.

II. FINANCIAL ITEMS:

1. **Claims** – After consideration, Scott made a motion to approve the February claims and was seconded by Westfall. The motion passed 4-0.
2. **Fund Reports** – Klefeker made a motion to approve corporation fund reports, was seconded by Westfall, and motion passed 4-0.

III. COMMUNITY INPUT: none.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **FFA 2015 Program of Activities** -- The FFA representatives went over the 2015 program of activities, which details all of the events, conventions, contests and fundraisers that the club participates in over the calendar year. The board members congratulated the members on their activities and wished them well in their endeavors.
2. **Personnel Recommendations** – Board members approved the maternity leave request of social students teacher Ashley Hedden, the unpaid extended leave request of bus driver Connie Ramseyer, and the recommendation for track volunteers Taylor Beetz and Ashley Melton. Klefeker made a motion in favor and was seconded by Roush.

3. **Consideration to Purchase Salt Spreader** -- Roush made a motion to purchase a rear mount cargo box salt spreader for the Kubota utility tractor for \$4,200. The purchase will be made from Affolder Implement Sales. Westfall seconded the motion, which passed with a 4-0 vote.
4. **Conference Requests** – Numerous conference requests were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Scott. Staff members scheduled to attend include William Cline, Peggy Haigh, Kristi Jenney, Kevin Lavanchy, Paula McMillan, Jane Meshberger, Susan Oswalt, Chris Painter, Gary Paxson, Martha Paxson, John Purcell, Joel Roush, and Steve Yencer.
5. **Field Trip Requests** -- Overnight or out of state field trips were approved for FCCLA to Indianapolis March 8-10; InHarmony and HS Band and Choirs to Kings Island April 25; Livestock Judging Team to Lakeland, Ill. March 20-21, Joliet, Ill. April 10-11 and ICC April 17-18. A motion in favor was made by Westfall and was seconded by Scott, Motion passed 4-0.
6. **Fundraiser Requests** – Fundraisers were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Roush. These were athletics selling laundry detergent, HS student council computer compatibility, Post Prom Pizza Hut buffet, Music Boosters annual spring dinner, Art Club elementary art camp, yearbook and music department Sadie Hawkins Dance, and student council and yearbook Raiders Got Talent.
7. **Facility Rental Request** – A request for a wrestling program was tabled so Mr. Mann could find out more information about the program.

V. **REPORTS:**

Mr. Robarge and Mr. Hardy of Commonwealth Engineers gave an extensive report on the options for dealing with the drinking well water and sewage treatment plant. No action was taken.

Mr. Craig distributed a list that the board had assembled of possible projects and wish list of improvements to be undertaken over the next three years, to include updating lighting, flooring, lockers, parking lot and concrete, fencing, furnishings, and athletic facilities.

These were discussed and the board members did approve a bid from Fuhrman Electric to replace pole top fixtures and update exterior parking lot lighting for \$59,617 with work to commence immediately.

The next meeting of the board will be at 5 PM on Tuesday, March 10.




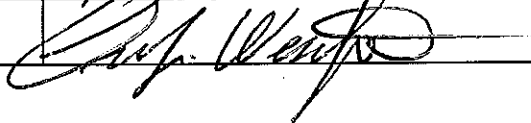
I. **SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS:**

All documents needing signed were duly signed.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to come before the Board, Roush adjourned at 8:55 PM.

The signatures below certify that the minutes reflect what occurred in the regular meeting.

Doug Klefeker	
Chad Roush	
Kevin Scott	
Aaron Westfall	

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Southern Wells Community Schools**