

**SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE and PUBLIC MEETINGS
May 17, 2016**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: An Executive Session was held to discuss, prior to any determination, an individual's status as an employee as permitted by IC 5-14-1.5-1, with President Chad Roush, Vice-President Kevin Scott, Secretary Aaron Westfall, Liaison Doug Klefeker and Superintendent James Craig.

PUBLIC MEETING: The public session was opened with prayer by Westfall at 5:35 PM. Also attending were principals Chad Yencer and John Purcell, corporation treasurer Vicki Andrews, corporation secretary Robin Minniear, Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner, and student Rachel Harvey.

I. MEETING ORGANIZATION:

1. **Approve Agenda** --Roush made a motion to approve the agenda, was seconded by Klefeker, and the motion passed 4-0.
2. **Approve Minutes** – Klefeker made a motion to approve the corrected minutes of the April 19 board meeting and was seconded by Scott, with the motion passing 4-0.

II. FINANCIAL ITEMS:

1. **Claims:** Scott made a motion to approve claims for May, was seconded by Westfall, and the motion carried 4-0.
2. **Fund Reports:** Fund reports for May were approved with a 4-0 vote, after a motion by Scott, seconded by Westfall.
3. **Financial Reports and Bank Reconciliation:** Klefeker made a motion to approve financial reports and bank reconciliation statement as presented, was seconded by Roush, and the motion carried 4-0.
4. **Grant Acceptance:** Wells County Foundation grants accepted with a 4-0 vote after a motion by Klefeker; seconded by Westfall: \$5,650 for Tissue Trek Tragedy-Stimulating Student Observation written by David Butler; \$3,330 for the Healthy Kids Food Garden as written by Katelyn Prible; and \$1,000 for document cameras as written by Laura McKinney.

III. COMMUNITY INPUT: Recognition of Staff Member: A recognition was received from state program leader Alyson McIntyre-Reiger of the IDOE Family and Consumer Sciences commending Janel Franks "for her contributions to Indiana's Statewide Family and Consumer Sciences Professional Development Conference...Janel's willingness to serve and share is a testimony to her commitment to excellence in education and to Family and Consumer Sciences. Janel is also beginning her term as the incoming President for the AAFCS Indiana Affiliate. Her position helps to guide professional development for all teachers...Please help me in thanking her for her dedication, her service and her willingness to help other teachers in Indiana."

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Personnel:**

- a. **ECA Approval** -- The following positions were approved as extra-curricular coaches for the 2016-2017 seasons: Football: varsity Steve Yencer; coordinator John Fouts; assistants Ross Palmer, Todd Bebout; JV Nick Miller and Gary Paxson; junior high Triston Niblick and Landon Cassiday. Volleyball: varsity Lynn Blevins; assistant Amber Horton; junior high Mike Carter and Katie Leas. Cross Country: varsity Chase Anderson, assistant Taylor Thompson and Monica Edgeman; volunteer Rob Edgeman; junior high Bob Pace, assistant junior high Bob Pace; volunteer junior high Dale Miller and Shelly Gates. Golf: Charles Harris. Cheerleading: varsity Danika Banter; JV Katelyn Prible and Jayme Biberstine; junior high Sara Steele; Basketball: varsity girls Meghan Slusher, assistant Katelyn Prible, 9th John Fouts, 8th Shawna Neuenschwander, 7th Mike Carter, elementary Mike Carter, intramural Kelsey McKinney; Varsity boys Ben Burman, assistant boys Joel Roush, JV boys Kyle Penrod, 7th Dale Miller, elementary boys Ben Burman, intramural boys Mike Carter. Wrestling Ryan Landis, assistant Levi Jones, volunteers Zach Melton, Ben Fiechter, Darin Fiechter, Brandon Biberstine, junior high Ryan Landis, Jon Striker; Concessions: Monica Edgeman Tina Blevins. All recommendations were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Westfall.
 - b. **Classified Resignation** -- Laura Hanauer submitted her resignation as special needs aide following the conclusion of the school year. This was accepted with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Klefeker.
 - c. **Substitute Pay Rate** -- Mr. James Schwarzkopf has been serving as a substitute teacher for a maternity leave in visual arts. He will be paid a daily rate of \$187.50 following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Roush, and a 4-0 vote.
 - d. **Summer Work, Bus Cleaners** -- To assist with summer painting duties, Mike Carter and Bob Pace are employed for a maximum of 100 hours total at \$12 per hour. Bus cleaners Angie Simpson and Cammy Robles will be employed at \$9 per hour for a total of 200 hours following a motion by Roush, seconded by Westfall, and a 4-0 vote.
 - e. **Certified Resignations** -- Social studies instructor Ashley Hedden submitted her resignation. In addition, a retirement was received from Jaimi Grimm. It was recommended to pay out her retirement this summer. All recommendations were approved following a motion by Westfall, seconded by Scott, and a 4-0 vote.
 - f. **Superintendent Contract Adjustment** -- Mr. Craig requested that his severance from unused sick days be paid in a lump sum rather than into an annuity. He noted that there was no difference in expenditure. This was agreed following a 4-0 vote, after a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Westfall.
2. **Summer Projects:** Roush made a motion, seconded by Westfall, and the board voted 4-0 for the following: 500 Dell Chromebooks from CDI with one year warranty for \$114,500; Shaw carpet tiles and installation for elementary classrooms from Kemper Flooring for \$125,712; elementary well, labor, installation and removal of old tank for \$85,791.
 3. **Elementary, HS Math Textbook Adoption:** Purcell and Yencer discussed a cohesive math curriculum. In the elementary, this will result in slightly lower primary textbook bills, while upper grades will be more expensive with the addition of Chromebooks. Total secondary bills will include new Chromebooks as well as individual class selections. Purcell noted that a blended format of paper and pencil is currently being used but now a more difficult and rigorous course needs to be considered. Roush expressed his opposition to distributing Chromebooks to the 4th grade students and said he would vehemently object to going to any

lower grades. Klefeker made a motion approving the proposal, was seconded by Westfall. Each voted in favor of the motion and were joined by Scott, with Roush voting in opposition.




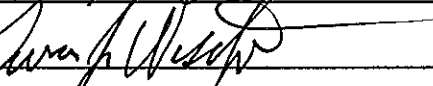
4. **HS Student Handbook:** There were no changes to the high school student handbook for the 2016-2017 school year, and the renewal was approved following a motion by Scott, seconded by Westfall, and a 4-0 vote.
5. **Summer Credit Recovery:** A request was granted for Mrs. Amy Smekens to work this summer as a monitor for summer credit recovery for select students who failed course requirements needed for graduation with the class of 2016. She will work three half days to review student progress, supervise and monitor course exams as needed for a total of 12 hours. This was approved by Klefeker, seconded by Westfall, and passed with a 4-0 vote.
6. **Field Trip Requests:** Roush made a motion approving the following fields trips, was seconded by Westfall, and the motion passed 4-0: FFA Livestock May 6-7; FFA achievement trip May 31-June 1; FFA Convention June 13-16; Cross Country July 18-22.
7. **Fundraiser Requests --** The following fundraisers were approved with a 4-0 vote after a motion by Roush, seconded by Westfall: FCCLA cinnamon roll sales; volleyball camp; and cheerleading East of Chicago buffet.

V. REPORTS:

Mr. Craig noted that this was his final meeting. He expressed thanks to many, including Mr. Werling for his cooperation and putting up with his expectations, the administrators, the central office staff, and the past and current board meetings, stating that this was a very unique situation and "I never dreamed I would be able to enjoy things and enjoy people I work for" as I have here. Complimentary statements on behalf of the board were returned by Klefeker and Scott. The next board meeting will be at 5 PM on Tuesday, June 21.

VI. SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS: All documents needing signed were duly signed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The signatures below certify that the minutes accurately reflect what occurred in the regular meeting and that only those items permitted by Indiana Code were discussed in the executive session.

DOUG KLEFEKER	
CHAD ROUSH	
KEVIN SCOTT	
AARON WESTFALL	
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