

SOUTHERN WELLS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Board of School Trustees
Public Board Meeting
Executive Session
September 16, 2014

PUBLIC MEETING: President Doug Klefeker called the meeting to order and Vice President Bob Prible gave prayer at 5 PM. Others present were Secretary Chad Roush and Liaison Shelley Mossburg, Superintendent James Craig, corporation treasurer Vicki Andrews and Glen Werling of the Bluffton News-Banner; as well as citizen Leon Gaiser.

I. MEETING ORGANIZATION:

1. Approve Agenda – The agenda for the meeting was approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Prible.

2. Approve Minutes – Minutes of the August 19 regular meeting and September 2 executive session were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Roush, seconded by Mossburg.

II. FINANCIAL ITEMS:

1. Claims – After consideration, Prible made a motion to approve the September claims and was seconded by Roush. The motion passed 4-0.

2. Fund Reports – Board members were updated on corporation funds. Prible made a motion to accept all reports, seconded by Roush and motion passed 4-0.

3. 2014 Budget Hearing – A public hearing on the 2015 Budget for all funds, the Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan was held with no comment.

III. COMMUNITY INPUT: none.

IV. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Personnel

A. **Certified Recommendation** – Following recommendation from elementary principal John Purcell, board members approved the hiring of Miss Susan Oswald as 4th grade teacher to complete the year following the resignation of Mrs. Atkins on August 29. Klefeker made a motion in favor, was seconded by Prible, and the motion carried 4-0.

B. **Classified Recommendation** – Purcell also recommended Emilee Melton as a Title I instructional assistant and to move Nicole Phillippe into the special education aide position to replace Miss Oswald. These changes were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Prible.

C. **ECA Recommendations** – ECA recommendations were received from activities director Ben Mann and approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Prible, seconded by Mossburg. These were: elementary art Susan Burgan; secondary art Sydney Walter; concessions Monica Aker and Tina Blevins; elementary choir Jean Hughes; FFA Steve Stauffer; livestock judging Randy Mounsey; junior and senior FCCLA Janel Franks; NHS Ashley Hedden;

instrumental music Mike Haigh; language club Jaimi Grimm; newspaper Ben Burman; yearbook Betsy Smith; junior sponsors Mike Haigh, Jeni Meeks, Vicki Andrews and Chad Smekens; senior sponsors Pete Oleson, Steve Stauffer, Vicki Andrews; sophomore Chad Smekens; freshman Amy Smekens; 8th Betsy Smith; 7th Kelsey Bonewit; senior high student council Monica Aker; junior high student council Amy Smekens; Sunshine Chris Hartman.

- D. **ECA Resignation** – A resignation was accepted with a 4-0 vote from JV football coach Jacob Miller after a motion by Roush, seconded by Prible.
 - E. **Volunteer Recommendation** – Mrs. Nellie Sleppy has been accepted as a volunteer in the high school guidance area following a motion by Klefeker, seconded by Mossburg, and a 4-0 vote.
 - F. **Classified Employee Leave of Absence** – An unpaid leave of absence for a bus driver was approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Roush, seconded by Prible.
- 2. **Conference Requests** – Numerous conference requests were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Roush, seconded by Prible. Staff members attending the various meetings will include John Purcell, Jill Mounsey, Chase Anderson, Kristi Jenney, Amy Palmer, Becca Frazee, Dawn Allison, Megan Workinger, Kyle Penrod, Dave Butler, Ben Burman, Joel Roush, Kelly Plank, Betsy Smith, Kelsey McKinney, Jeni Meeks, Doug Hunt, Sydney Walter, Chris Painter and Keenan Leichty.
 - 3. **Fundraiser Requests** – Fundraiser requests for FCCLA, athletic transportation, softball, PIE, boys' basketball and high school student council were approved with a 4-0 vote following a motion by Prible, seconded by Roush.

V. **REPORTS:**

Mr. Craig read a letter from a Park Tudor parent, the varsity football team which we played for Homecoming on September 12, complimenting the high school band for playing their school song as well as the football staff and athletic department for providing water and being sportsmanlike following the game.

Average Daily Membership count from September 12 showed membership down slightly at 825.5 students from 832 last year in February. The September 2013 count was 823 students, however.

There was a discussion on window replacement at the high school with no solid numbers having been received yet.

The next regular meeting will be at 5 PM on Tuesday, October 21.

VI. **SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS:**

All documents needing signed were duly signed.

VII. **ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to come before the Board, Klefeker adjourned the public session at 6 PM. An executive session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining followed.

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

DOUG KLEFEKER	
SHELLEY MOSSBURG	
BOB PRIBLE	
CHAD ROUSH	

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