

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

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SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION

Minutes of  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Education at the  
Lifetime Education Center  
321 So Fifth St.  
Rockport, IN 47635  
December 8, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Jeff Roberts,  
at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL:	Mr. Jeff Roberts, President	Present
	Mr. David Hemmer, Vice President	Present
	Mr. Barbara Tuley, Secretary	Present
	Mr. George Schwoeppe, Member	Absent
	Mr. Derek Allen, Member	Present
	Mrs. Candis Haskell, Superintendent	Present
	Mr. Eric Ayer, Attorney	Present

NEWS MEDIA:	Journal Democrat	Present
	Spencer County Leader	Present

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD – DECEMBER 8, 2014 - 7:00 PM. IN THE BOARD ROOM OF THE A.H. KENNEDY LIFETIME EDUCATION CENTER.

2014-219      **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The meeting was called to order by School Board President, Jeff Roberts. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

2014-220      **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda of the December 8, 2014 regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Derek Allen  
Vote: 4 – 0

2014-221      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 10, 2014 Regular Meeting minutes and Executive Session minutes of the Board were approved as presented.

Motion: Barbara Tuley  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

2014-222      **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- The 1<sup>st</sup> snow day of the school year was Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to be made up on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Our annual Christmas break is Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- One of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students went to participate in the "Punt, Pass and Kick" competition in Indianapolis where he placed 1<sup>st</sup> for our area. We will know in a few weeks where he finished overall in the state.

2014-223      **RECOGNITIONS**

The annual corporation Christmas card was designed this year by Andrea Cross, an 11<sup>th</sup> grader at South Spencer High School. Congratulations on a job well done. We will be having her design printed and mailed on behalf of the corporation.

2014-224

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Karin Hammond – Constellation Energy (formerly Proliance) presented the natural gas report on services over the past two years. In the 2013-2014 school year the natural gas prices were much lower than the previous years, which created a savings in utility costs. She explained that the new contract will have a reduction on the delivery cost from \$0.45 to \$0.37 ½ - which covers the cost of getting the gas to our area from the Gulf of Mexico. Mrs. Hammond requested that the board approve the proposed two year contract renewal as presented.

Jeff Roberts addressed the public to make sure that the incoming school board members were ok with the decision to renew this contract for two years and are in complete understanding that this is not a new contract being introduced.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the renewal.

Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Barbara Tuley  
Vote: 4 – 0

2014-225

**STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

2014-226

**STATEMENTS/CONCERNS OF THE BOARD**

None

2014-227

**CONSENT ITEMS**

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and accounts payable claims numbered 1289 to 1413.
2. Accepted the resignation from Tina Nix from her position as the Secretary / ECA Treasurer at South Spencer High School, effective November 18, 2014.
3. Approved the FMLA request from Rebecca McCaffery to commence on November 17, 2014 lasting approximately 12 weeks.
4. Approved the transportation request from the SSHS Beta Club to travel to Owensboro, KY to participate in the annual "Gift Lift" shopping at Wal-Mart on December 9, 2014.
5. Accepted the resignation from Rita Tharp from her position a regular route school bus driver, effective Nov. 25, 2014; and approved to post the position.
6. Accepted the resignation from Nona Poole from her position a regular route school bus driver, effective December 5, 2014; and approved to post the position.

7. Accepted the resignation from Mike Howell from his position as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach at South Spencer High School, effective immediately and approved to post the position.
8. Accepted the resignation from David Marx from his position Corporation Treasurer for South Spencer County Schools.
9. Accepted the resignation from Dale White from his position as the Head Volleyball coach for South Spencer High School and approved to post the position.
10. Accepted the resignation from Ann White from her position as the Assistant Volleyball coach for South Spencer High School and approved to post the position.

Motion: David Hemmer  
 Second: Barbara Tuley  
 Vote: 4 – 0

2014-228 **OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

None

2014-229 **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

None

2014-230 **ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS**

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved post the position of special needs teaching assistant for Luce Elementary school, working 3 hours a day for the remainder of the school year.

Motion: Derek Allen  
 Second: Barbara Tuley  
 Vote: 4 – 0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to reduce Caleb Gravemeirs' teaching contract from full-time to 75% for the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the 2014-2015 school year.

Motion: David Hemmer  
 Second: Barbara Tuley  
 Vote: 4 – 0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to post the position of Chemistry Teacher for South Spencer High School, working 1 period a day for the remainder of the school year.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Melissa Lester as a Cook for South Spencer Middle School working 4 hours per day at the part time rate of \$7.83 per hour.

Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Derek Allen  
Vote: 4 – 0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to increase Rachelle Gardner's cafeteria hours at South Spencer Middle School from 4 hours to 5.5 hours a day with a pay rate of \$11.40 an hour, effective December 1, 2014.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Mallory Flowers and Jenna Arnold for the position of Co-Sponsors of the SSHS Prom; splitting the co-sponsor stipend equally.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: Barbara Tuley  
Vote: 4 – 0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to transfer Melissa Davis to the position of Corporation Treasurer, effective December 1, 2014 and post the position of Secretary / Deputy Treasurer.

Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Barbara Tuley  
Vote: 4 – 0

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to employ Diane Parsley on as needed basis to assist in the Corporation office at a rate of \$25.25 per hour.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, granted permission to hire the following positions prior to the January 2015 school board meeting:

- 2 regular route bus drivers
- Freshman Boys Basketball Coach

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

2014-231

**NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the following SSHS seniors for early graduation, mid-term 2014-15.

- Mickey Hoggard
- Jessica Ritchie
- Chelsey Scales
- Brooke Wilson

Motion: Barbara Tuley  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved May 23, 2015 as the last day to accept non-resident student transfers into South Spencer County Schools for the 2014-15 school year.

Motion: Derek Allen  
Second: Barbara Tuley  
Vote: 4 – 0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the contract agreement between the South Spencer Athletic Departments and Midwest Graphix, LLC to be the supplier of apparel through the online store located on the new Athletic website.

Motion: Barbara Tuley  
Second: David Hemmer  
Vote: 4 – 0

B. OTHER

2014-232 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

These were written reports to the Board.

1. Technology Report
2. Maintenance Report
3. Transportation Report

2014-233 **MISCELLANEOUS**

None

2014-234 **NEXT MEETING DATE**

There will be an executive Session Meeting on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the corporation conference room of the Superintendent's office.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM in the Board Room of the A. H. Kennedy Lifetime Education Center.

2014-235 **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: David Hemmer  
Second: Barbara Tuley  
Vote: 4 – 0

Time: 7:28 PM

2014-236 **DOCUMENT SIGNING**

Note: There will be an executive session at 6:00 PM in the corporation conference room of the superintendent's office, 321 S. 5<sup>th</sup> St. prior to the regular meeting. The purpose of the executive session is in accordance with the I.C.5-14-1.5-6 (b) (1).