

**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**SEPTEMBER 12, 2022**

**Budget Hearing** – Happened one hour prior to the start of this meeting of the board.

**Call to Order /Pledge of Allegiance**

School Board President, Janet Stoermer, called the meeting to order. Everyone in attendance stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following Board Members attended:

- Janet Stoermer - President
- Melissa Middleton – Vice President
- Chris Brown – Secretary
- Matt Bunner – Member
- George Schwoeppe - Member

**Consideration of Routine Items**

**A.** The agenda of the September 12, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: Chris Brown  
Vote: 5-0

**B.** The minutes of the August 8, 2022 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Chris Brown  
Vote: 5-0

**Superintendent’s Report**

Lisa Bridgewater – School Psychologist with the SIEC. Introduce herself and her therapy dog. Explained what they do and the training they have been through together.

**Consent Items**

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims numbered 854 – 977.
2. Approved the Treasurer’s financial report.
3. Accepted the resignations of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
  - a. Lisa Will – SSMS Teacher’s Aide – Effective August 26, 2022

- b. Cara Matthews – HS/MS Activities Director – Effective September 5, 2022
  - c. Lindsey Neu – Rockport Elementary Multi Media Specialist – Effective September 9, 2022
  - d. Monica Daming – SSHA Athletic / Attendance Secretary – Effective September 14, 2022
  - e. Sara Voges – Luce Elementary Health Aide – Effective September 23, 2022
  - f. Kristi McCabe – Title I Teacher at Saint Bernard – Effective September 12, 2022
4. Approved FMLA for the following:
- a. Michelle Wright – Continuous FMLA from 7-17-2022 to 9-8-2022
  - b. Sidney Seaton – Continuous FMLA from 9-6-2022 to 11-1-2022
  - c. Tracy Speer-Horn – Intermittent FMLA from 8-1-2022 to 7-31-2023
  - d. Sara Campbell – Continuous FMLA from 7-11-22 to 9-11-2022

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

### **Consideration of Administrative Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Board Policy 3220.01, Teacher Appreciation Grant for 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the pay increases for Non-Certified Staff, school year employee's effective September 12, 2022 and calendar year employee's effective January 1, 2023.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the pay increases for Bus Drivers, effective 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Maintenance Classification proposal.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, reaffirmed Board Policy 8405A – Use of animals in the classroom and on school premises.

Motion: Chris Brown  
Second: Melissa Middleton  
Vote: 5-0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the use of investment income to purchase South Spencer High School an institutional membership to the Indiana Association of School Principals.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 5-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to continue exploration of options to develop corporation property.

Motion: Matt Bunner  
Second: George Schwoeppe  
Vote: 3-2

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Choir trip to the Cincinnati Reds game on September 14, 2022.

Motion: Chris Brown  
Second: Matt Bunner  
Vote: 5-0

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved new Volunteers for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Melissa Middleton  
Vote: 4-0  
Matt Bunner abstained from voting

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved by resolution to transfer the balance of fund 1940 to the education fund.

Motion: Chris Brown  
Second: George Schwoeppe  
Vote: 5-0

## **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Kristi McCabe, Title I teacher at Saint Bernard, for the 2022-2023 school year.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Madison Williams, Multi-Media Specialist at Rockport Elementary, effective September 12, 2022.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Spencer Kirchgessner, Teacher's Aide at South Spencer Middle School, effective August 25, 2022.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Sherri Risse, South Spencer High School Prom Sponsor, effective September 12, 2022.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Matt Bunner

Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Kaylynn Higgins, Rockport Elementary Special Education teacher, effective September 6, 2022.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Matt Bunner

Vote: 5-0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Darren Ewing, South Spencer School Corporation Bus Mechanic, effective August 29, 2022.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Jenna Higdon, South Spencer School Corporation Speech Language Pathologist, effective September 12, 2022.

Motion: Chris Brown

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Adam Schumacher, South Spencer School Corporation Skilled Maintenance Position, pending clear background check, effective September 26, 2022.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Melissa Middleton

Vote: 5-0

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire the following ECA appointment for the 2022-2023 school year:
  - a. Reagan Lashley – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach
  - b. Barb Bretz – HS/MS Activities Director
  - c. Cara Matthews – Varsity/JV Swim Coach
  - d. Caleb Gravemier – Varsity/JV Assistant Swim Coach
  - e. Brittany Lambert – Varsity/JV Dive Coach
  - f. John Wells – MS Swim Coach

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire, Barbra Bretz, Rockport Elementary Special Education Teachers Aide, effective September 13, 2022.

Motion: Melissa Middleton

Second: George Schwoeppe

Vote: 5-0

### **Informational Items**

These were written reports to the Board.

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

**Next Meeting Date**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, October 17, 2022 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

**Adjournment**

Time: 7:02 PM

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Chris Brown

Vote: 5-0

**Document Signing**

*All Students - All the Time*