

**SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES**  
**MAY 12, 2025**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance**

School board President, Melissa Middleton, called the meeting to order.

The following Board Members attended:

- Melissa Middleton – President
- Tyler Hermann – Vice President
- George Schwoeppe – Secretary
- Janet Stoermer – Member
- Laura Blake - Member

The meeting began with a moment of silence in honor of Matt Harmon. Matt was the voice at many sporting events for South Spencer over the past several years.

**Consideration of Routine Items**

The agenda of the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 5-0

The minutes of the April 14, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Janet Stoermer  
Second: Laura Blake  
Vote: 5-0

The minutes of the April 9, 2025 Special Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Vote: 5-0

**Statements from the Public**

John Hurley – Indiana Senate Bill 287 – board candidates will be required to declare some sort of political party affiliation including: Democratic, Republican, Independent or Nonpartisan. John

suggests Independent or Nonpartisan because this will remove the influence of political party bosses and political higher-ups from direct oversight of school boards. It will also mean the board, not political partisans, be responsible for filling vacancies.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Character Counts Winners – Mr. Trent Martin and Mr. Rick Hunt (presented by Mr. Hunt)

Middle School 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Students of the Month – Mr. Scot French (presented by Mr. Hunt)

Early College High School – Ms. Lori Hermann & Mr. Matt Martin

Mr. Schneider agreed with Ms. Hermann & Mr. Matt Martin with the direction that South Spencer is going. He thanked the teachers for their hard work and effort in obtaining extra licensure for these credits.

### **Consent Items**

1. Approved the payroll claim dockets and the accounts payable claims as presented in the board packet.
2. Approved the Treasurer's Financial reports for April 2025.
3. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and granted permission to hire:
  - a. Karen Bunch – Luce Elementary Daycare Assistant, effective May 21, 2025
  - b. Alexis Shelton – South Spencer Middle School Cheer Sponsor, effective May 2, 2025
  - c. Andrew Hagan – South Spencer High School FFA Sponsor, effective May 21, 2025
  - d. Rick Hunt – Rockport Elementary Principal, effective June 30, 2025

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: George Schwoeppe

Vote: 5-0

### **Consideration of Administrative Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Rockport Pre-School Handbook for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Laura Blake

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Breakfast and Lunch Prices for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Vote: 5-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Paid Teaching Internships for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Tyler Hermann  
Second: Janet Stoermer  
Discussion: Janet Stoermer thinks the internship program we have for our students is great for our students. It's another great opportunity for our students.  
Vote: 5-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the High School Science Textbook Adoption for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Laura Blake  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 5-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Overnight Trips for Girls Basketball Team.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
Second: Tyler Hermann  
Vote: 5-0

### **Consideration of Personnel Recommendations**

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire:
  - a. Jami Denham – Transfer from Literacy Coach to Academic Coach at Luce and Rockport Elementary, effective 2025-2026 school year.
  - b. Amy Chapman – Transfer from Literacy Coach to Interventionist position at Luce Elementary, effective 2025-2026 school year.
  - c. Tony Coomes – Summer Custodial position, effective May 27, 2025.
  - d. Kali Wink – Student Internship, Luce Elementary, effective 2025-2026 school year.
  - e. Kylea Donoho – Student Internship, Luce Elementary, effective 2025-2026 school year.
  - f. Brooklynn Ling – Student Internship, Luce Elementary, effective 2025-2026 school year.
  - g. Clayton Manire – ECA Position – Assistant Band Director (50%) and Summer Band Percussion Assistant at South Spencer High School, effective April 18, 2025.
  - h. Cody Eaves – ECA Position – FFA Sponsor at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.

- i. Alexis Ling – ECA Position – Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- j. Doug Hadley – ECA Position – Boys Varsity Soccer Head Coach at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- k. Orion Calhoun – ECA Position – Boys Soccer Assistant Coach at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- l. Jeremy Wilson – ECA Position – Middle School Boys Soccer Coach at South Spencer Middle School, effective 20225-2026 school year.
- m. Katie Calhoun – ECA Position – Girls Varsity Soccer Head Coach at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- n. Alexia Barnett – ECA Position – Girls Soccer Assistant Coach (50%) at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- o. Haley Ballenilla – ECA Position – Girls Soccer Assistant Coach (50%) at South Spencer High School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- p. Brittany Lambert – ECA Position – Middle School Girls Soccer Coach at South Spencer Middle School, effective 2025-2026 school year.
- q. Olivia Booher – Summer Band Woodwind & Visual Tech at South Spencer High School, effective Summer 2025.
- r. Cooper White – Summer Band Brass & Visual Tech at South Spencer High School, effective Summer 2025.
- s. Becky Harpenau – Summer Band Color Guard Director at South Spencer High School, effective Summer 2025.
- t. Sidney Stanley – Summer Band Color Guard Assistant Director at South Spencer High School effective Summer 2025.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
 Second: Janet Stoermer  
 Vote: 5-0

- u. Alivia Middleton – ECA Position – Assistant Softball Coach at South Spencer High School, effective immediately.

Motion: George Schwoeppe  
 Second: Janet Stoermer  
 Vote: 4-0-1 (Melissa Middleton Abstained)

**Informational Items**

These were written reports to the Board.

- 1. Technology Report
- 2. Maintenance Report
- 3. Transportation Report
- 4. New Volunteers Report

### **Statements/Concerns of the Board**

Melissa Middleton – thoughts and prayers to Matt Harmon’s family. Melissa recently did walk-throughs at Luce Elementary and South Spencer Middle School and High School and will have one coming up for Rockport Elementary. She was extremely pleased. Principals were all courteous and kind. The walkthroughs were all beneficial. She got to see students interacting with teachers, with one another and with administration. Last week was Staff Appreciation Week. Every single staff member is extremely important in our school system. Meals-to-go this summer from June 12- July 24. Please contact Mr. Josh Deck with questions. Mr. Hunt, a big congratulations to you. Good luck! Congratulations to the archery team. They had Nationals last week and scored their season high. Congratulations to the girls tennis team. They are on a winning streak. Graduation is May 24, 2025 at 2 PM in the gymnasium. Senior parade will be May 23, 2025 at 6:00 PM starting in the Rockport City Park. Last day of school is May 21. Back-to-school Bash will be July 31, 2025 at high school from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Best of luck to graduating class. You’re starting a new chapter. Make this new chapter more memorable than these last 4 years here at South Spencer.

### **Next Meeting Date**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 9, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

### **Adjournment**

Time: 6:41 PM

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Laura Blake

Vote: 5-0

### **Document Signing**

All Students - All the Time