

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
JULY 14, 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
- Janet Stoermer – Member
- Laura Blake - Member

Consideration of Routine Items

The agenda of the July 14, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 4-0

The minutes of the June 9, 2025 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Laura Blake
Second: Tyler Hermann
Vote: 4-0

Superintendent's Report

IREAD and ILEARN scores for 2024-2025 will be released to schools on Wednesday, July 16, 2025.

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 June 2025.
3. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and grant permission to hire:
 - a. Khristian Seaton – SSMS 8th Grade ELA Teacher, effective July 2, 2025.
 - b. Kim Houston – SSHS Cook, effective June 25, 2025
 - c. Morgan Connell – Rockport Elementary Special Needs Teacher, effective July 14, 2025.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 4-0

Consideration of Administrative Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Science Textbook Adoptions for Environmental Science and Human Anatomy & Physiology for the 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 4-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Service Agreement to Serve as the Lead Educational Agent for the Southern Indiana Educational Center.

Motion: Laura Blake
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 4-0

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the In-Person Learning Plan for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Tyler Hermann
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 4-0

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the 5-Year Contract with Coca Cola to Provide Soft Drink and Beverages at South Spencer County School Corporation Schools.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
Second: Tyler Hermann
Vote: 4-0

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Teacher Evaluation Plan for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Laura Blake
Second: Janet Stoermer
Vote: 4-0

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the South Spencer County School Corporation Student and Family Handbook for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 4-0

7. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the South Spencer Classified Employee Handbook for 2025-2026 School Year.

Motion: Janet Stoermer

Second: Laura Blake

Vote: 4-0

8. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Resolution for South Spencer County School Corporation to Support Military Families and Our Applications to Become Purple Star Schools.

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: Laura Blake

Vote: 4-0

9. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved the Resolution to Enlarge the Public Employees' Retirement Fund.

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 4-0

10. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Permission to Pay Annual Membership in the Indiana Association of School Principals from the SSHS Interest Income Account.

Motion: Janet Stoermer

Second: Laura Blake

Vote: 4-0

11. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Accepted the Donation of a Full Drum Set from Sean Fuller.

Motion: Laura Blake
Second: Tyler Hermann
Vote: 4-0

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire:
 - a. Heather Robinson – Head Custodian at Rockport Elementary, effective August 1, 2025.
 - b. Erin Adams – Head Custodian at Luce Elementary, effective August 1, 2025.
 - c. Jennifer Douglas – Head Custodian at SSMS, effective August 1, 2025.
 - d. Marilyn Taylor – Head Custodian at SSHS, effective August 1, 2025.
 - e. Derrick Owens – 10 Month Evening Custodian at SSHS, effective immediately, pending background check.

Motion: Janet Stoermer
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 4-0

Informational Items

These were written reports to the Board.

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

Statements/Concerns of the Board

Melissa Middleton – Doris Meece, former bus driver for 30 years, passed away on July 12. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers. Ms. Thomas and several South Spencer students and parents just visited Europe. Looked like a wonderful time, but had a little hiccup on the way back. Half of the group made it home on time and the other half had to stay two extra days due to mechanical issues with the plane. They all made it back safely. The 2026 trip will be to Spain. Parents and students can get more information at the Back to School Bash. This is a great opportunity for students to travel out of state and with other students. Want to thank our maintenance crew for a fantastic job of keeping our buildings and properties clean and working on the sign at the high school. They have been working on things for a while. Unfortunately, some things are on backorder. Encourage parents to volunteer at our buildings and attend PTO meetings. All profits from Rockport Elementary’s Spring Carnival and Luce Elementary’s Fall Festival go back to the schools. Back to School Bash is July 31 at South Spencer High School from 5:30 – 7:30 PM.

Next Meeting Date

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, August 11, 2025 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

Adjournment

Time: 6:19 PM

Motion: Tyler Hermann

Second: Janet Stoermer

Vote: 4-0

Document Signing

All Students - All the Time