

SOUTH SPENCER COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES
MAY 11, 2026

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

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

The following Board Members attended:

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

Consideration of Routine Items

The agenda of the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees was approved as presented.

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Laura Blake

Vote: 5-0

The minutes of the April 13, 2026 Regular Board Meeting, were approved as presented.

Motion: Janet Stoermer

Second: Tyler Hermann

Vote: 5-0

Superintendent's Report

Mr. French – recognized 2nd Semester SSMS Students of the Month

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 2026.
3. Accepted the retirement of the following, approved to post the position and grant permission to hire:
 - a. Martha Carver – Luce Elementary Teaching Assistant, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
 - b. Marilyn Taylor – SSHS 12 Month Custodian, effective July 10, 2026.

4. Accepted the resignation of the following, approved to post the positions and grant permission to hire:
 - a. Bridgett Houghton – Bus Route Driver, effective May 4, 2026
 - b. Inez Hurm – Rockport Elementary Cafeteria Assistant, effect May 20, 2026.
 - c. Megan Rapp – SSMS Cafeteria Assistant, effective May 20, 2026.
 - d. Kenny Garrett – SSMS Archery Sponsor, effective April 17, 2026.
 - e. Jaylen Taylor – SSHS Strength & Conditioning Coach, effective May 18, 2026.
5. Accepted the termination of the following:
 - a. Ashlyn Meyer – Rockport Elementary 1:1 Special Education Assistant, effective April 10, 2026.

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

Consideration of Administrative Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Held Second Reading of Proposed Updates and Changes to Policies.

Motion: George Schwoeppe
Second: Laura Blake
Vote: 5-0

2. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, Held First Reading of Proposed Changes to Policies.

No Action Taken

3. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Medication Administration Forms & Packet for 2026-2027 School Year.

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

4. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Naming Boy's Varsity Basketball Coach.

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

5. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Adoption of Middle School English Language Arts Textbook for 2026-2027 School Year.

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

6. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved Out-of-State/Overnight Trip for the Choir.

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

Consideration of Personnel Recommendations

1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approved to hire:
 - a. Allison Weichman – English Language Arts Teacher at SSHS, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - b. Brian Whitney – English Language Arts Teacher at SSMS, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - c. Travis Bush – Summer School Math Teacher at SSMS, effective Summer 2026.
 - d. Christine Kuester – Summer School English Language Arts Teacher at SSMS, effective Summer 2026.
 - e. Allie Bethe – IREAD Summer School Teacher, effective Summer 2026
 - f. Thomas “Cole” Hammers – Summer Band Woodwind & Visual Tech Assistant, effective Summer 2026.
 - g. Mason Hammers – Summer Band Percussion Assistant, effective Summer 2026.
 - h. Shelby (Harpenau) Hammers – Summer Band Color Guard Director, effective Summer 2026.
 - i. Fowler “Trey” Walters – School Bus Driver, SSCSC, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - j. Angie Mayo - School Bus Driver, SSCSC, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - k. Aimee Cole - School Bus Driver, SSCSC, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - l. Katelyn Robinson – 12 Month Custodian at SSHS, effective June 1, 2026.
 - m. Tori Lester – Teaching Assistant at Luce Elementary, Education Pathway, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - n. Cassidy Salkill - Teaching Assistant at Rockport Elementary, Education Pathway, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - o. Madison Parris - Teaching Assistant at Rockport Elementary, Education Pathway, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - p. Kelsey Hughes – Varsity Cheer Sponsor at SSHS, effective 2026-2027 School Year.
 - q. Maliyah Smith – Assistant Cheer Sponsor at SSHS, effective 2026-2027 School Year.

- r. Stephanie Jesse – Summer Bus Cleaner at Bus Garage, effective Summer 2026.
- s. Angie Mayo – Summer Bus Cleaner at Bus Garage, effective Summer 2026.
- t. Christina Anderson – Bus Driver for Boys & Girls Club Summer Program, effective June 8 to July 10, 2026.
- u. Jeff Daming – Athletic Fields Groundskeeper, effective May 4, 2026.
- v. Richard Wells – Athletic Fields Groundskeeper at baseball field, effective March 30, 2026.

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

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 – Congratulations to Pam Wilkinson, Veralyn Neal, Martha Carver and Marilyn Taylor on their retirement. Retirement is not a closing of a chapter it is a recognition of hard work, compassion and countless hours that have shaped the lives of many students that walk in through these buildings and also their colleagues. To our retiring teachers, thank you for the knowledge you have shared, the encouragement you have given and the patience you have shown. To our retiring assistant, thank you for being a strong source of support and kindness. The work you do behind the scenes to keep student moving forward and your dedication has made a difference in so many ways. Your care for students and staff have been deeply appreciated. To our retiring custodian, thank you for the pride you took in your work and for helping create a safe and welcoming environment for everyone who walked in the doors at South Spencer High School. Your hard work, dependability, and commitment have not gone unnoticed. Pam, Veralyn, Martha and Marilyn represent at the very heart of the education: service, commitment, teamwork and care for others. Each of you have contributed in your own unique way, but share one thing in common; you made South Spencer stronger. Thank you, all 4 of you, for many years of service, dedication and the legacy you leave behind. We wish you happiness, good help, relaxation and many blessed adventures in your next chapter. You have earned it! Senior recognition is Wednesday, May 13 at 6:00 PM in the gymnasium. Graduation is May 23 at 11:00 AM. Congratulations to the South Spencer Archery team. Nationals were this past weekend in Louisville. Reya Mullican shot a career high of 277. Kristin Schulte shot a personal best at 263. Overall, the archery team scored a 3240. Over 14,000 students that participated. Congrats to the middle school track team at PAC. Bristol Wertz was the girls’ long jump champion. Also, the 4x800 girls’ team crushed their own school record from earlier in the year: Bryley Monar, Harper Davis, Julianne Sarver and Madison Bell.

Next Meeting Date

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be Monday, June 8, 2026 at 6:00 PM in the multi-purpose room at South Spencer High School.

Adjournment

Time: 6:24 PM

Motion: George Schwoeppe

Second: Tyler Hermann

Vote: 5-0

Document Signing

All Students - All the Time