SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
Piasa, Illinois 62079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 16, 2011

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on August 16, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons Room in Piasa, Illinois. Rodney Bailey-President asked Don Little-Secretary to call roll showing those members present were: Rodney Bailey-President, Steve Reed-Vice President, Don Little-Secretary, Brad Gillespie, Randy Gallaher, Tim Baker, Mike Wegener, Brad Skertich-Superintendent and Rose Bagley-Recording Secretary. Visitors' sign-in sheet is attached.

A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Brad Gillespie to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting and the closed session meeting of July 19, 2011.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Randy Gallaher to approve the July bills and the consent agenda bills as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Brad Gillespie and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the imprest bills and the extra pay and substitute pay as presented.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve the financial report as presented for July, 2011 with fund balances in the Education Fund as $1,516,031, Operations and Maintenance Fund as $616,466, Transportation Fund as $56,750 and the Working Cash Fund as $1,309,602. The State of Illinois has notified us that they will not be paying the 22nd payment of $298,000. Our ADA will be dropping since our kindergarten class is smaller than our 2011 graduating class.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:
A thank you card was read from the Genevieve Logan Family for the memorial.

Darren Mosley, Matt Hasquin and Corey Pace gave a presentation on the 2011 Europe Trip with the students. They were gone nine days to Italy, Greece and France. Seventeen students, 3 teachers and 2 parents went on the trip. They thanked the board for making arrangements for the students to leave before school was out for the year because of the snow days. They reported that the students did a great job representing Southwestern as well as our Country. There has been interest from students in going on another trip in two years if possible.

Mark Bearley reported on the High School PSAE scores. In Reading the scores were: Academic Warning-11%, Below-46%, Meets-37% and Exceeds-5%. In Math the scores were: Academic Warning-10%, Below-38%, Meets-48% and Exceeds-3%. In Science the scores were: Academic Warning-7%, Below-44%, Meets-45% and Exceeds-$3%. To bring these scores up, the High School is making sure the students are in the right Math class and they are decreasing class sizes. They are reorganizing the English classes by having three tears of English classes and the goal will to be to move the students to the higher levels. They will have practice ACT tests twice a year. They are increasing the graduation requirements for Science from 2 years to 2.5 years. There will be new Science classes to choose from. They are increasing time for the 9th, 10th and 11th grades in Work Keys. The Juniors will have at least 10 hours of Winkeys. They are working on incentives for the students to do their best.

The building principals gave the AYP reports as presented. All schools are working to help the students to get their scores to meet or exceed.

Committee Reports:
A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Rodney Bailey to accept the minutes from the Policy Committee Meeting of August 11, 2011.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie and Bailey.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

Superintendent Report:

Employment:
Employment was tabled until after Executive Session.

Leave of Absence:
A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Randy Gallaher to approve a leave of absence for employee "A" from October 15th – December 21st, 2011.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey and Gallaher.
Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve a leave of absence for employee "B" from August 18th – October 14th, 2011.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Substitute List:
A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Mike Wegener to accept Substitute List #1 as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Enrollment: None

Suspension: None

District Highlights:
There were no District Highlights since the principals reported on the test results earlier.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:
The Board of Education considered attending the IASB Convention in Chicago November 18th – 20th. After some discussion, Don Little suggested that at least the Superintendent and President of the Board attend the Convention. Rodney Bailey volunteered to attend and to take care of his own transportation, food and lodging in the hopes that this would allow another member to attend. He only asked that the District pay for his registration. Steve Reed also made this same offer. It was decided that Rodney Bailey, Steve Reed and Brad Skertich would attend the IASB Convention in Chicago, IL.

New Business:
A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Brad Gillespie to increase referee/official pay for the 2011-12 school year as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

The approval of the contract agreement between the Southwestern CUSD #9 Board of Education and the Southwestern Education Association for the 2011-2012 school year was tabled until after closed session.

A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Steve Reed to adopt 5 of the 6 policies recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards as presented and attached. Policy 5:125 was not approved.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Closed Session:
A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Mike Wegener to Negotiations and Employment, "The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity". The board went into closed session at 8:47 p.m.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Gillespie.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

At 10:35 p.m. a motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Mike Wegener to open the meeting to regular session.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie and Bailey.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Resignations: None

Employment:
A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Brad Gillespie to recall Diane Ford and Pat Howarth as Teacher Aides for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey and Gallaher.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Mike Wegener to recall Haley Lyons as a two (2) hour Lunch Recess Monitor for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Randy Gallaher to employ Dave Robinson, Jeanne Middleton, Grace Vandygriff, Chris Hart, Cathy Sellers and Patty Boomer as Lunch/Recess Monitors for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher and Baker.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Brad Gillespie to employ Sheila Shaw as Computer Lab Assistant for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Reed, Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker and Wegener.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Brad Gillespie and seconded by Mike Wegener to employ Heather Ater and Amanda Madson as Pre-K Teachers for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Little, Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Reed.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Randy Gallaher to employ Lauren Greco as Middle School Cheerleading Coach for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed and Little.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Don Little and seconded by Brad Gillespie to employ Caitlyn Heitz as High School Assistant Volleyball Coach for the 2011-12 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Gillespie.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED.

Volunteers:
A motion was made by Randy Gallaher and seconded by Mike Wegener to approve Dan Grimes as a volunteer for High School Football, Gary Bowker as a volunteer for Cross Country, Patty Heineman and Elaine Grothaus as volunteers for Bowling and Andrea Hanson as a volunteer for Cheerleading for the 2011-2012 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little, Gillespie and Bailey.
Nay: None
MOTION CARRIED

Retirement: None

New Business:
A motion was made by Tim Baker and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the contract agreement between the Southwestern CUSD #9 Board of Education and the Southwestern Education Association for the 2011-2012 school year.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Gillespie, Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener and Little.
Nays: Reed
MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Mike Wegener and seconded by Brad Gillespie to adjourn the meeting.
Roll Call Vote:
Ayes: Bailey, Gallaher, Baker, Wegener, Reed, Little and Gillespie.
Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:43 p.m.

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Rosemary Bagley
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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Board Secretary