

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9  
Brighton, Illinois 62012

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 18, 2023

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on April 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle School Commons in Piasa, Illinois. Andrew Bagley, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and asked Randy Gallaher, Board Secretary, to call roll showing those members present as: Andrew Bagley, Randy Gallaher, Jenny Hanks, Donna Loy, Jason Oertel, Jacob Reno, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Superintendent, and Kim Albert, Recording Secretary. Nicholas Strohbeck, Board Member, was absent. Andrew Bagley, President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence and Recognition:** The board recognized the Drama Club for their recent performance as well as their sponsor, Ms. Gustafson. It was a very good performance, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Also recognized at the meeting were the Special Olympic participants. Mrs. Ernst is the sponsor, and she introduced each player attending the meeting as well as having a short video presentation of them. The athletes each received medals and went on to the state basketball skills competition over a past weekend.

President Bagley also thanked Board Member, Randy Gallaher, for his years of service to the Southwestern Board of Education. Mr. Gallaher did not run for re-election this year. Mr. Gallaher was presented with a Southwestern tumbler and cookies.

**Administrators Reports:**

Mr. Bearley, High School Principal, thanked Mrs. Ruyle and Mr. French for the wonderful job that they had done on the Drama Clubs set for the recent play. Also, he reported on the great job that Ms. Wray does with the HS band and that the band had recently received a first place at a contest. He also mentioned that the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders had just finished taking the PSAT & SAT tests, and that he was thankful for Mrs. Spencer-Mull for taking care of the accommodations for the testing.

Middle School Principal, Shannon Bowman, stated that Ms. Wray, Band Teacher, does a great job and that there are 62 Middle School band members this year. She reported that the band and the track team are doing good. The Middle School will be having their Spring dance on April 28<sup>th</sup> and the students are excited for this event. Mrs. Bowman also reported that state testing will be concluding in the Middle School this week.

Shipman Elementary Principal, Rhonda Wooldridge, and Brighton North Principal, Kim Reed, showed the board a video about the recent Book Blast with the books being delivered to the students. They both agreed that this was a great experience, and it will be done again next year. Each school received money towards more books.

Mrs. Renken, Special Education Coordinator, reported that the required testing is almost done as well as the IEP meetings that are required yearly. She also mentioned a meeting to be held next month that will entail obtaining support for students that are home schooled that have disabilities.

### **Superintendent Report:**

Superintendent Bowman reported enrollment at 1196 and the number of discipline issues has rose slightly.

### **District Update:**

Dr. Bowman gave an update to the board regarding the Shipman concession stand at the ball diamond updates including a new roof and new doors which look very nice. A new van has been delivered for use in the district. Dr. Bowman also congratulated the athletic/scholar bowl departments on their successful season for far this spring.

Superintendent Bowman reported on Summer School for this year which will be starting June 5, 2023, and will be held Monday-Thursday with the last day being June 29<sup>th</sup>. Note, Summer School will not be held on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Summer school will begin at 8am and end at 11am. This year Summer school will be held at Shipman Elementary, Medora Intermediate, Southwestern Middle School, and the High School.

### **Items for Discussion or Acknowledgement:**

Resignations acknowledged by the board included:

HS Science Teacher-K. Moscardelli  
Shipman Elementary Secretary-V. Lucas

The board thanked the employees for their service!

The board acknowledged Board Policy Issue #111 with no action needed.

### **Items Considered for Action...**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Items discussed in the consent agenda included the following...the financial report with balances as of March 31, 2023, being: Education Fund \$5,879,467.00, Operations/Maintenance \$1,148,971.00, Transportation \$781,900.00, Working Cash \$3,263,421.00, with the total being \$11,073,759.00, County Schools Facilities Sales Tax Revenue for March was \$62,654.64; March bills...Imprest bills...extra and substitute

pay...substitute list...regular board meeting minutes from March 21, 2023, closed session board minutes from March 21, 2023, permission to seek fuel bids, bread, milk, and food bids, as well as trash removal and pest control bids. Also included in the Consent Agenda was the Southwestern Middle School Membership in the IESA for 2023-2024 School year.

Superintendent Bowman reported that the district recently received the fourth tax levy payment from Macoupin County which was not reflected in the financial report yet. Dr. Bowman also informed the board that the budget will be amended in June.

Jacob Reno made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with Jason Oertel seconding the motion for such.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, and Reno

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Andrew Bagley made a motion to approve the appointment of the individuals identified in the list marked Exhibit A to the corresponding fall and winter extra-curricular activities therein for the 23-24 school year with Jacob Reno seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, and Bagley

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Jason Oertel made a motion to approve Summer School for 2022-2023 scheduled to start June 5, 2023. Donna Loy seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Bagley, and Gallaher

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Kristen Ross was approved as the Middle School Assistant Track Coach after Donna Loy and Jason Oertel made the approval motions and vote taken.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Bagley, Gallaher, and Hanks

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Dan Allen, Special Education Teacher, will be reassigned to the Middle School from Medora Intermediate effective 2023-2024 School year. Donna Loy made the first motion to approve his reassignment with Andrew Bagley seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Oertel, Reno, Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, and Loy

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The district decided to hire two Instructional Coaches with one being located at Brighton North and one at Shipman Elementary. Andrew Bagley made the motion to approve P. Price being hired at Brighton North and B. Seymour being hired as Shipman Elementary Instructional Coaches. Jacob Reno seconded the motion for such.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reno, Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, and Oertel

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The board voted to employ Kristen Button as a Middle School Language Arts Teacher for the 2023-2024 School year after Randy Gallaher made a motion with Donna Loy seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, and Reno

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Randy Gallaher made a motion to employ Devien Schaefer as a Teacher Aide with Jacob Reno making the second motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, and Bagley

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Superintendent Bowman requested that the board approve posting for a Special Education Teacher for Brighton North Primary for the 2023-2024 school year. Jenny Hanks made a motion to approve, and Andrew Bagley made the second motion to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Bagley, and Gallaher

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The board voted to post for an Assistant Director of Maintenance. Jason Oertel and Donna Loy made the motions, respectively.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Bagley, Gallaher, and Hanks

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Bill Mitchell will be hired as Summer Mowing help after Randy Gallaher made a motion to hire him. Jacob Reno seconded the motion to hire him.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Oertel, Reno, Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, and Loy

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Jacob Reno made a motion to approve a lift bus proposal that was presented to the board. Jason Oertel made a second motion to approve. This purchase will be included in the 2023-2024 school budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reno, Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, and Oertel

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval to increase the Official's Pay for the 2023-2024 School year was granted after Andrew Bagley made a motion for such and Jenny Hanks made the second motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bagley, Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, and Reno

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Dr. Bowman requested the board approve a fence to be installed at Brighton North Primary. Jason Oertel and Andrew Bagley made the motions to approve of the fence installation.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Gallaher, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, and Bagley

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Jacob Reno made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Randy Gallaher seconding the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Bagley, and Gallaher

Nays: None

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm.**

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Kim Albert  
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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Board Secretary