

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

REORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

The Southwestern Community Unit School District #9 Board of Education held their reorganizational board meeting on May 9, 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 Kim Albert, Recording Secretary, to call roll showing those members present as: Andrew Bagley, Jenny Hanks, Donna Loy, Jason Oertel, Jacob Reno, Nicholas Strohbeck, and Dr. Kevin Bowman-Superintendent. Andrew Ruyle was in attendance to be seated as a newly elected board member.

Andrew Bagley-President, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment: None

The board reviewed the canvass election results as presented by the County Clerk. A motion was made by Jacob Reno and seconded by Donna Loy to accept the canvass results as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Andrew Bagley, Board President, presided over the swearing in of the newly elected members. Members were being sworn in to serve a 4-year term on the Southwestern Board of Education. Members taking their official oath of office were:

Jason Oertel
Jacob Reno
Andrew Ruyle
Nicholas Strohbeck

Immediately following the seating of the new board members, President Bagley announced his resignation effective immediately.

Upon the resignation of the board president, Superintendent Bowman took charge of the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn sine die. A motion was made by Jacob Reno and seconded by Jenny Hanks to adjourn sine die.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, and Strohbeck

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Superintendent, Dr. Bowman, presided over the election of the President Pro Tem. Jason Oertel nominated Dr. K. Bowman to be President Pro Tem. Jenny Hanks seconded the said motion. Dr. Bowman asked for all in favor vote. All members were in favor.

President Pro Tem, Dr. K. Bowman, asked for nominations for Board President. Jacob Reno nominated Jason Oertel for President of the Board. There were no other nominations. All members were in favor of Jason Oertel being President of the Southwestern Board of Education to serve a two-year term.

JASON OERTEL ELECTED AS PRESIDENT

Jason Oertel, newly elected President, presided over the rest of the elections.

Donna Loy nominated Nicholas Strohbeck for Vice President of the Board. There were no other nominations. Jason Oertel asked if there were any objections; seeing none he asked that all in favor of Nicholas Strohbeck being Vice President please state by saying "I." All were in favor.

NICHOLAS STROHBECK ELECTED VICE PRESIDENT

Nicholas Strohbeck nominated Jenny Hanks for Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Hanks accepted the nomination, and all members were in favor of such.

JENNY HANKS ELECTED SECRETARY

A motion was made by Nicholas Strohbeck and seconded by Jacob Reno to set the meeting time and place for the regular Board of Education meetings as the third Tuesday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the Middle School Commons except for the July meeting which will be Wednesday, July 19, 2023.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, and Strohbeck

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Jacob Reno made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Donna Loy made the second motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, and Hanks

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Kim Albert
Recording Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 9, 2023

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on May 9, 2023, at 7:17 p.m. in the Middle School Commons in Piasa, Illinois. Jason Oertel, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. and asked Kim Albert, Recording Secretary, to call roll showing those members present as: Jenny Hanks, Donna Loy, Jason Oertel, Jacob Reno, Andrew Ruyle, Nicholas Strohbeck, and Dr. Kevin Bowman, Superintendent.

Public Comment: Mr. Owens spoke to the board regarding youth wrestling and the possibility of starting a wrestling program at the high school level.

Correspondence and Recognition:

Board President Oertel congratulated Corbin Tutterow on all his Scholar bowl accomplishments recently: 1A Scholastic Bowl All-State First Team (2nd year in a row) and National All-Star team as third highest scorer in the tournament.

Also, the board recognized the Scholar Bowl Team on 2nd place in the NAQT small School National Championship!! This is quite an accomplishment for Southwestern!

Southwestern Librarian, Amy Albanese, was present and presented O. Harrop with an award for her essay that she entered in the Letters for Literature contest. Ms. Harrop's essay was advanced to the semi-final round. Congratulations Ms. Harrop!

Administrators Reports:

Mr. Bearley, High School Principal, had numerous announcements for the board. He reiterated the Scholar Bowl teams 2nd place in National Small School Championship and that he would be treating them to dinner soon for recognition. The high school recently conducted cardboard boot races again thanks to Mr. French and Mr. Beilsmith. The races were held last week on Fun Day along with an obstacle course, snow cones, football game, etc. The National Guard brought the obstacle course for fun day, and Mr. Bearley thanked them for that. Seniors were also recognized on this day. The Senior Awards were held May 8th. Mr. Bearley thanked everyone for the support which in turn means many scholarships for the seniors.

Mr. Bearley reported that he has been conducting mock interviews for the teacher prep students. The students have been doing a great job in their interviews. Thank you Mrs. Robinson. The prom will be held at the Gallery at Lewis & Clark Community College this year on Sat., May 13th. May 19th will be the Senior breakfast and walk through at the grade schools. Mr. Bearley also mentioned the Mr. Hanslow and he had recognized the seniors that played three sports during the year and that a banner will be on the wall for graduation recognition.

Middle School Principal, Shannon Bowman, stated that the middle school students would be going to IMerge Community Center for fun day and then return to school for an awards ceremony and more activities. The 6th grade track/field day and tour of the middle school will be happening soon. Also, Mrs. Bowman thanked Art Teacher, Holly Campbell, for the vinyl decals on the lockers in the Middle School.

Shipman Elementary Principal, Rhonda Wooldridge, recently traveled to Bloomington to obtain the State Art Show in which a previous 4th grade student, J. Edwards, had her winning artwork displayed. The Art show will be on display through the end of the school year at Medora Intermediate library. Also, Ms. Wooldridge also mentioned that this is Teacher/Staff Appreciation week with activities happening in her building. Shipman will have an end of year fun day as well. And 2nd graders will be coming to Shipman for a tour and 4th graders will be heading to Medora Intermediate for their tour soon.

Mrs. Reed, Brighton North Primary Principal, reported on the recent Week of the Young Child held at Brighton. She reported 91 families attended Family Reading Night and that 157 loved ones had been in the school during the week for lunch. She also thanked Mr. Bearley and the high school students that came to talk to Brighton North students about the high school and then read to each classroom a book entitled See More Bluffs and the Piasa Bird.

Mrs. Reed also reported that Pre-K screenings were held recently and that there will be 25 new students in Pre-K thus far. A Kindergarten kick-off was recently held with 35 new students attending. On May 5th Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Reno, arranged for the St. Louis Dairy Council to come to the school for a visit. The council brought a trailer with a dairy cow in it plus a video for the students to watch. While at the school, the cow was milked, and students were instructed regarding the procedure(s).

Mrs. Renken, Special Education Coordinator, mentioned last Friday there was a meeting for the Restraint Time-Out Committee to update the district plan. When the time-out restraint plan is complete, it will be submitted to the State Board of Education for approval. She also indicated that all IEP's will be done by the end of this week.

Mr. Hopkins, Medora Intermediate Principal, stated they had 103 guests for Donuts during Book Fair week as well as every student got one free book. Also, Mr. Hopkins reported on the Art Show currently in his building with J. Edwards art piece on display! Her piece is one of the forty-six in the Art Show display for the state of IL. End of year activities are arranged. Mr. Hopkins also reported on summer school that will be happening soon. T. McQuay and her daughters are requesting permission to do a pergola project for Girl Scout recognition at the Medora Intermediate School over the memory garden that is already present. There will be a meeting with Mr. Ruyle in Maintenance to discuss this further.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Bowman reported enrollment at 1195.

District Update:

Dr. Bowman congratulated the Scholar Bowl team on their fantastic win! He reported and thanked the board for approving the fence that has been recently placed around Brighton North playground. He also thanked Mr. French and his class/volunteers for the hard work helping to form and pour the concrete for a new agriculture shed. Dr. Bowman also reported that there has been some dirt work being done in the area for the new building addition behind the high school.

Dr. Bowman also thanked the teachers/staff and the board as well for supporting all staff as it is Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week!

Items for Discussion or Acknowledgement:

Resignations acknowledged by the board included:

Board President-Andrew Bagley

Items Considered for Action...

Consent Agenda:

Items discussed in the consent agenda included the following...the financial report with balances as of April 30, 2023, being: Education Fund \$6,611,298.00, Operations/Maintenance \$1,275,694.00, Transportation \$883,302.00, Working Cash \$3,276,893.00, with the total being \$12,047,187.00, County Schools Facilities Sales Tax Revenue for April was \$48429.36; April bills...Imprest bills...extra and substitute pay...substitute list...regular board meeting minutes from April 18, 2023, permission to prepare the budget for FY2024, and permission to set the Amended Budget Hearing for 6:45pm on June 20, 2023.

Superintendent Bowman reported that the 4th payment of 1.5 million was received from the county recently. Otherwise, there was nothing new to report regarding the financial report.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, and Strohbeck

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Nicholas Strohbeck made a motion to approve Jon Baumberger be hired as the Medora Intermediate School Principal for the 2023-2024 school year. Jacob Reno made the second motion to hire Mr. Baumberger.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, and Hanks

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Loy made the first motion with Jason Oertel seconding to approve Board Policy Issue #111 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, Hanks, and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no changes to the Consolidated District Plan. With no changes, Andrew Ruyle made a motion to approve with Donna Loy seconding the approval.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, Hanks, Loy, and Oertel

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The board approved the CTE Intergovernmental Agreement which helps pay for our Vocational Classes/Supplies after Jacob Reno made a motion and Nicholas Strohbeck seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ruyle, Strohbeck, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, and Reno

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

No Science Teacher has been hired yet for the High School Science position.

Special Education Secretary, Elaine Grothaus, has been reassigned to Shipman Elementary as the new Secretary. Jenny Hanks and Andrew Ruyle made the motions for the reassignment.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Strohbeck, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, and Ruyle

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Jill Darr will be employed as the Special Education Secretary for the 2023-2024 School Year after motions were made by Donna Loy and Jason Oertel respectively.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Hanks, Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, and Strohbeck

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A Leave of Absence was granted to Employee A after Nicholas Strohbeck made the first motion, Jenny Hanks made the second motion, and all voted yes.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, and Hanks

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Nicholas Strohbeck made a motion to move into closed session with Jenny Hanks seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Oertel, Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, Hanks, and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TIME: 7:58pm

Jacob Reno made a motion to move back into open session with Andrew Ruyle seconding the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reno, Ruyle, Strohbeck, Hanks, Loy, and Oertel

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

TIME: 8:24pm

Andrew Ruyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Donna Loy seconding the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ruyle, Strohbeck, Hanks, Loy, Oertel, and Reno

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:27pm.

Kim Albert
Recording Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary