

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

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 19, 2023

The Southwestern Board of Education met in regular session on July 19, 2023, at 7:00 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: Donna Loy, Jason Oertel, Jacob Reno(shortly after roll call), Andrew Ruyle, Nicholas Strohbeck, Dr. Kevin Bowman, Superintendent, and Kim Albert, Recording Secretary.

Public Comment: None

District Highlights: Dr. Bowman updated the board regarding the summer construction projects currently being done. The board members toured the Middle School gym and the High School gym to see the construction.

Correspondence and Recognition:

Brad Schuchman took the new board member Oath of Office; he is filling a vacancy on the board.

Superintendent Report:

Superintendent Bowman thanked all the custodians and maintenance staff for all the hard work being done this summer. The buildings are being thoroughly cleaned and will be ready for students to return in August. Dr. Bowman reported on the progress of the construction projects being done this summer and stated that the HVAC project is going well, but the HVAC units are not expected to arrive until Sept./Oct.

Dr. Bowman discussed the districts tuition waiver and the EBF funding plan which will be coming up in the next few months.

Items for Discussion or Acknowledgement:

The board acknowledged two resignations this month: HS Secretary, K. Hillis, and A. Burns, Elementary Full-time Substitute Teacher.

Items Considered for Action...

Consent Agenda:

Items discussed in the consent agenda included the following...the financial report with balances as of June 30, 2023, as follows: Education Fund \$6,033,681.00, Operations/Maintenance \$1,051,783.00, Transportation \$783,711.00, Working Cash \$3,280,582.00, with the total being \$11,149,757.00, County Schools Facilities Sales Tax Revenue for June was \$55,456.98; July bills...Imprest bills...extra and substitute

pay...substitute list (none) ...regular board meeting minutes from June 20, 2023, and the Amended FY23 Budget Hearing Minutes June 20, 2023.

Superintendent Bowman gave the financial report update with no issues reported. June 30, 2023, is the end of the districts fiscal year. The district's annual audit will take place the week of July 24th.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Jason Oertel made a motion to set the date and time to display the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget on September 19, 2023, at 6:45pm. Jacob Reno seconded said motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

K. Ross, Special Education Teacher, was approved to be re-assigned from Shipman Elementary to the Middle School after motions were made and approved by Andrew Ruyle and Donna Loy.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Loy made a motion to employ Julie Ruyle as a new Elementary Teacher and Brad Schuchman seconded said motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Andrew Ruyle made a motion with Jacob Reno seconding the motion to employ Cole Hagen as a Full-Time Substitute Teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

After discussion, it was approved to purchase a John Deere Gator for the district from Sloan Implement.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The board approved the 5-Year Notice of Retirement for Andrea Moore. Nicholas Strohbeck made a motion to accept with Jacob Reno seconding the said motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Karen Walters 5-Year Notice of Retirement was also granted. Donna Loy and Brad Schuchman made the motions to approve such.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Karen Lowis also requested a 5-Year Notice to Retire and was granted after motions were made to approve by Jason Oertel and Jacob Reno.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The board approved the re-assignment of M. Bland from the HS lunchroom to the Shipman lunchroom. Andrew Ruyle and Donna Loy made the motions, respectively.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Donna Loy made a motion to approve Board Policy Issue 112 with Brad Schuchman making the second motion to approve.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

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Jacob Reno made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Nicholas Strohbeck seconding the motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Kim Albert
Recording Secretary

Board President

Board Secretary