

**Scott County School District 2  
School Board of Education Meeting  
Central Office Board Room  
375 East McClain Avenue  
Scottsburg, IN 47170**

**Board Minutes  
January 12, 2016**

**Executive Session - 5:00 p.m.**

- I. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to: (C) The implementation of security systems; (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety measures, plans and systems; (6) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction; (9) To discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee.

The Executive Session was held at 5:00 p.m. with all members present along with Dr. Slaton. There was no subject discussed other than that specified on the agenda. The Executive Session adjourned at approximately 6:08 p.m.

**Reorganizational Meeting - 6:00 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order  
Dr. Slaton called the Reorganizational Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
- II. Election of Board Officers  
Dr. Slaton asked for nominations for the 2016 Board President. Mr. Moore nominated Mr. Kendall to remain as President. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Mays and carried 4-0. Dr. Slaton turned the meeting over to Mr. Kendall who asked for nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Roberts nominated Mr. Mays, the nomination was seconded by Mr. Kendall and carried 4-0. Mrs. Soloe nominated Mrs. Roberts to be Board Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Mays and carried 4-0.
- III. Committee Appointments
- A. ISBA Legislative Liaison (1) (Jason Kendall)
  - B. SSU Policy Representative (1) (Josh Mays)
  - C. Board of Finance (5) (Entire School Board Serves)
  - D. Transportation Committee (2) (Andrea Soloe & Ron Moore)
- Mr. Moore made a motion to keep all committee appointments the same as last year. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

IV. District Appointments

A. Corporation Treasurer Positions

Dr. Slaton recommended the following corporation treasurer positions:

Ms. Melinda Sparkman as District Treasurer

Mrs. Lisa Spicer as District Deputy Treasurer

Mrs. Maurica Kimberlin as Scottsburg High School Extra-Curricular Account Treasurer

Mrs. Tammy Mosier as Elementary and Middle School Extra-Curricular Account Treasurer

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Soloe. Motion carried 5-0.

B. [Legal Services Contract](#)

Dr. Slaton notified the Board that Mr. Mike Carter had decided to resign as Scott 2 School Board Attorney. He thanked Mr. Carter for his many years of service to the Board. He then recommended Mr. Joshua Stigdon, attorney at Houston, Thompson & Lewis in Scottsburg as Scott 2 School Board Attorney. He also recommended the law firm of Lewis & Kappes in Indianapolis on an "as-needed" basis. Mr. Mays made

a

motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Soloe. Motion carried 5-0.

C. Clerk to the Board

Dr. Slaton recommended Mrs. Connie Rose as Clerk to the Board. Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mays. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Board Representative to Wilson Center, Prosser School of Technology, and the Madison Area Educational Special Services Unit

Mr. Mays made a motion to have Dr. Slaton continue to serve as the Board representative to these institutions. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

V. Board Member Compensation

Mr. Mays made a motion that as per State Statute, the Board members receive \$2,000 per year in compensation for their services, plus \$112 per regular meeting attended and \$62 per special meeting attended to be paid quarterly. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VI. [Board Meeting Dates & Times](#)

Board meeting dates were approved in November and will continue to be held at the Administration Office Board Room on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, with the Executive Sessions beginning at 5 p.m. and Regular Meetings at 6 p.m. unless otherwise advertised.

VII. Adjourn

Mr. Mays made a motion to adjourn the Reorganizational Meeting at 6:16 p.m. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

**Regular Board Meeting - Immediately Following Reorganizational Meeting**

I. Call to Order

Mr. Kendall called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Recognition of Visitors

SMS Principal Ms. Kristin Nass read a [letter](#) thanking Nutrition and Wellness Director Leigh Anne Peterson for everything she has done to improve the food, portions, and climate in the cafeteria at the middle school. She stated that more students are eating, the food is great, financial assistance is well-coordinated and the kitchen is professional. She thanked Mrs. Peterson for her innovative leadership and dedication to the kids and for making a positive difference at SMS and in the District. She stated that SMS wished her the best as she moves forward in her career.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. [Guidance Department/Career Trips](#) - Barb Decker

SMS Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Barb Decker, addressed the Board regarding the 8th grade career exploration trips. She explained that the purpose of the trips is to allow students to explore various career interests and to help in their choice of high school classes. She provided a list of trips taken this year and some of the different things students were able to learn as a result. Students complete a short questionnaire prior to and after they take the trip to assess what they learn and they also write thank you letters to the businesses visited. Mrs. Decker stated that 100% of the students say that they were able to increase their knowledge through the trip and she shared positive comments from parents regarding the importance of the trips. She stated that some of the businesses invite students to come back to job shadow. She added that it is very helpful for the business people to stress the importance of graduating from high school and when they share other steps the students need to take to succeed in these careers. Mrs. Decker thanked the Board for allowing the students these opportunities.

B. [Homebound Report](#)

Dr. Slaton provided the homebound report for review, noting that there are currently five students receiving homebound instruction, four due to medical issues and one due to behavioral issues.

V. Consideration of Modification to the Agenda and Approval

Dr. Slaton asked permission to modify the agenda by adding: 1) the resignation of Brian Roberts as SHS Boys' Tennis Coach; 2) posting SHS Boys' Tennis Coach position; 3) removal of leave request for New Tech staff; and 4) posting a Special Education Aide position (4 days per week/ 7 hours per day for the remainder of semester).

Mrs.

Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda with the modifications. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VI. Consideration of Board Minutes

Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes from the [December 1, 2015](#) Executive Session and the [December 2, 2015](#) Board meeting as presented. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VII. Financial Considerations

A. Expenditure Summaries

1. [December 2015](#)
  2. [January 2016](#)
- B. Payroll Claims
1. [December 3, 2015](#)
  2. [December 17, 2015](#)
  3. [January 4, 2016](#)
- C. Regular Claims
1. [November 23-30, 2015](#)
  2. [December 1-4, 2015](#)
  3. [December 7-11, 2015](#)
  4. [December 14-18, 2015](#)
  5. [December 21-28, 2015](#)
  6. [January 12, 2016](#)
- D. Monthly Financial Reports
1. [November 30, 2015](#)
  2. [December 31, 2015](#)
- E. [Bank Reconciliation Summary \(Nov. 2015\)](#)
- Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve Items A through E. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- F. Permission to Purchase/Renew
1. [Career Cruising \\$5,598](#)
  2. [Wilson Center \\$2,572](#)
  3. [Five-Star Technology Solutions \\$3,500](#)
  4. [Forecasts Analytics \\$5,000](#)
  5. [1997 International Model 3800 School Buses \\$5,000](#)
- Mr. Mays made a motion to approve purchases and renewals. Mr. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- G. [Consideration of Warrior Field CPF Request](#)
- Dr. Slaton shared a letter from SHS Football Coach Kyle Mullins regarding the need for the field to be leveled to provide the safest and best playing surface and requesting consideration from the Board to help cover the cost of the field renovation. Dr. Slaton stated that if the Board is willing to contribute to this approximately \$20,000 project, it could be funded through Athletic CPF or the safety bond since it is a student-athlete safety issue. Mr. Moore stated that he was in favor of covering the cost. Mr. Kendall asked to see the long-term plan for athletic facilities before making a decision. Dr. Slaton will send the plan to the Board for review. Mrs. Roberts asked if any of the other needs on the list would qualify to come from the safety grant and Dr. Slaton responded that he did not think they would but he will check. He stated that there should be between twenty and thirty thousand dollars left in the safety bond. Mrs. Roberts requested the status of the funding/Booster Club contribution analysis by ECA which was requested during the November Board meeting at the high school. The administration indicated the analysis had not been completed and would need more time to pull the information together. They agreed to have the analysis

available for Board review by the February 23rd Board meeting. Mrs. Roberts indicated that this would be helpful in determining how much we are going to spend on each ECA in the future and to ensure we are being equitable in school contributions to each of the ECA's

H. Consideration of Professional Leave Cost Overage

1. [Tiffany Barrett](#)

Mrs. Barrett attended the Principal's Conference in Indianapolis on Nov. 22-24. She did not plan to spend the night, but one of the evenings lasted so late that she ended up staying at the hotel.

She

asked for reimbursement of \$167.19, which is over 10 percent of the originally approved amount of \$250.

2. [Jaclyn Goode](#)

Mrs. Goode attended the Safety Specialist Basic Training in Indianapolis on November 17 and 18. She planned to ride with another teacher, however due to an illness in the other teacher's family, Mrs. Goode drove herself, resulting in a mileage claim of \$100, which is over 10 percent of the originally approved amount of \$80.

Mr. Mays made a motion to cover both overages due to these extenuating circumstances. Mr. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.

I. Consideration of Jacob Johanningsmeier Contract

Dr. Slaton recommended that Mr. Jacob Johanningsmeier's salary be adjusted from \$62,508.97 to \$72,450 effective December 16, 2015, which was the date he received his administrative license. The salary will be prorated as has been the practice in the past when others have obtained their licenses mid-year. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Operations

A. Personnel Recommendations

1. Retirement(s)

a. [Edward Cozart - JES 12 Month Custodian \(effective 1-29-16\)](#)

Dr. Slaton thanked Mr. Cozart for all of his years of service to Scott 2. Mr. Cozart has served the District in several capacities since 1990, including as Director of Transportation, bus driver, custodian and History Club Sponsor! He wished Mr. Cozart well in his retirement years and hopes that he will attend the banquet in the spring to celebrate all Scott 2 retirees.

2. Resignation(s)

a. [Mark Watkins - Assistant Superintendent \(effective end of 2015-16 school year\)](#)

b. [Chris Franklin - Girls' Varsity/JV Cheer Coach](#)

c. [Zach Pedigo - SMS 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher \(effective 12-4-15\)](#)

d. Brian Roberts - SHS Boys' Tennis Coach - **added 1-12-16**

3. Certified Staff Recommendation(s)

a. [Patrick Bulington - SMS 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher](#)

4. Support Staff Recommendation(s)

- a. [Brenda McNeely - VFES 3 Hour Custodian](#)
- b. [Kelly Buckner - SCSD2 Nurse](#)
- 5. ECA Staff Recommendation(s)
  - a. [Cindy Howser - SHS Girls' Cheer Team Sponsor](#)
  - b. [Angie Richey - SMS Destination Imagination Coach](#)
  - c. [Lesa Gordon - VFES Destination Imagination Coach](#)
  - d. [Ahunuar Huerta - SHS Girls' Varsity Track Coach](#)
  - e. [Carla Zellers - SHS Varsity Softball Coach](#)
  - f. [Patty Clancy - SMS Girls' Track Coach](#)
  - g. [Bobby Ashley - SMS Girls' Asst. Track Coach](#)
  - h. [B.J. Best - SMS Boys' Asst. Track Coach](#)
- 6. Professional Leave Request(s)
  - a. [Curtis Turner - Kentucky Music Educators Conference, Louisville, KY, Feb. 4-5](#)
  - b. [Curtis Turner - WKU Honors Band Clinic, Bowling Green, KY, Jan. 21-23](#)
  - c. [Tiarra English - Maternity Leave April 4, 2016 through end of school year](#)
  - d. [Caroline VanGosen - State Forestry & Entomology Contest, Lafayette, IN, Dec. 11-12](#)  
(NOTE: Approved via email 12-10-15)
  - e. [Katie Sawin & Patty Clancy - Oppositional, Defiant & Disruptive Children, Louisville, KY, Feb. 2](#)
  - f. [Dustin Marshall - ICASE Spring Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Feb. 4-5](#)
  - g. [Nick South - National Council for History Instruction, Niagara, NY, Apr. 20-22](#)
  - h. [Jacob Johanningsmeier, Ondra Couch, Ashlee Hafer, Jaclyn Morguelan, Tiarra English, Kasee Hobbs - Visit Niles New Tech School, Niles, MI, Jan. 15 - \*\*Removed 1-12-16\*\*](#)
- 7. Field Trip Request(s)
  - a. [SHS Honors Band - WKU Honors Band Clinic, Bowling Green, KY, Jan. 21-23](#)
  - b. [SHS Winter Percussion - Winter Percussion Contest, Indianapolis IN, Mar. 5-6](#)
  - c. [SHS Winter Percussion - Winter Percussion Mid-South Championships, Bowling Green, KY, Mar. 11-13](#)
  - d. [SHS Winter Percussion - Winter Percussion World Championships, Dayton, OH, Apr. 13-15](#)
  - e. [SHS FFA - State Forestry & Entomology Contest, Lafayette, IN, Dec. 11-12](#)  
(NOTE: Approved via email 12-10-15)
  - f. [SHS Model UN - Model UN Conference, Ann Arbor, MI, Jan. 13-17](#)
- 8. [Consideration of Superintendent's Contract](#)
- 9. [Permission to Post](#)
  - a. SMS 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher (Posted 12-4-15)
  - b. Girls' Varsity/JV Cheer Coach (Posted 12-4-15)
  - c. JES 12 Month/8 hour Custodian
  - d. SHS Boys' Tennis Coach - **added 1-12-16**
  - e. Special Ed Aide (4 days/7 hrs rest of year) - **added 1-12-16**

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve Items 1 through 9. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

IX. Facilities

A. Permission to Waive Rental Fees

1. [Driver Education Classes](#)

Dr. Slaton informed the Board that Drivers Ed LLC has proposed offering Driver Education classes

on the SHS Campus and have asked for rental fees to be waived. The Board asked for more information such as, what Drivers Ed LLC is paying at the Lifelong Learning Center where they currently offer their program, how many students are involved in the program at this time and

how

much the company profits from students. There was discussion amongst the Board about the benefits to students and if perhaps Scott 2 students could take the class at a discounted cost in exchange for rental fees being waived. Concern was also voiced about taking income away from the Lifelong Learning Center since it provides great services to so many in our community.

2. [ISBA Leadership Seminar](#)

The Indiana School Board Association asked that rental fees be waived for a 3 hour leadership seminar at SMS on February 22. They will waive the \$90 charge for anyone from Scott 2 to

attend

the seminar. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to waive the fees. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

X. Curriculum, Instruction & Grants

A. [Permission to Apply for 2015 NSLP Equipment Grant](#)

Indiana is receiving \$532,065 in funding from the USDA through the 2015 Agriculture Appropriations Act to

award grants to purchase equipment to serve healthier meals and meet updated meal patterns, with emphasis on improving food safety and expanding access. They expect to award between 30 and 40 grants with a maximum of \$20,000 per award. Mrs. Peterson requested permission to apply for funding to purchase preparation/holding/serving equipment for JES and LES. Items requested are part of the cafeteria plan, prepared prior to this school year, and based on requests from cafeteria managers. The grant written for JES includes requests for funding to purchase a proofing/warming cabinet and new serving lines. LES funding would cover the purchase of a proofing/warming cabinet as well as a steamer. Total funding amounts are approximately \$14,000 for JES and \$13,000 for LES. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve seconded by Mrs. Soloe. Motion carried 5-0.

XI. Other Business

A. [Thank You Note\(s\)](#)

Thank you notes were received from SES Custodian Denny Ward, JES Secretary Mary Lou Ward, and VFES Teacher Angie Thomas for remembrances sent after the passing of Denny's mother and from LES Cafeteria Manager Jewell Shanklin after the loss of her mother-in-law.

B. [Facility Use Request Form Revision](#) - Informational

Dr. Slaton informed the Board that the Facility Use Request Form has been revised to comply with a mandate from the state requiring a verbatim "warning" be attached to the form. Signs must also be posted

at each school. The warning states:

*Under Indiana law, a school is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in physical fitness activities at this location if the death or injury results from the inherent risks of the physical fitness activity. Inherent risks of physical fitness activities include risks of injury inherent in exercise, the nature of a sport, the use of exercise equipment, or the use of a facility provided by a school. Inherent risks also include the potential that you may act in a negligent manner that may contribute to your injury or death, or that other participants may act in a manner that may result in injury or death to you. You are assuming the risk of participating in this physical fitness activity.*

Mr. Kendall questioned the recent decision of the administration to allow some eighth grade students to take careers or health online and to allow some freshmen to switch from the regular classroom to an online class. He did not see how this could be in the best educational interest of the students when so many freshmen failed the online class last year that the administration had to work out a way to offer the class in regular classrooms. He was concerned that this was offered to select students, that it could affect vocational funding for the regular classes, and that the Board had not been aware of this practice.

Dr. Slaton, Mr. Manns and Ms. Nass addressed Mr. Kendall's concerns during the discussion that followed explaining that when the eighth grade students turned in their 4 year plans and met with counselors some of them realized that they were not going to be able to fit all of the dual credit classes they had hoped to take into their schedules and asked about the possibility of taking health or careers online to alleviate the problem. If the students were deemed capable of being successful in the online classes, they were allowed to do so. Some freshmen who were enrolled in the regular class then asked to switch to the online class. High school counselor Mrs. Mount provided a list of those students deemed able to handle the online class to Mr. Manns and they were then allowed to switch to the online class, opening their schedule to be placed in other regular classrooms. He stated that it was not the advanced students who were failing the online class last year, so this was not seen as an issue. Approximately 23 eighth grade students and 7 or 8 high school students were involved. Questions were raised about how quickly the process moved and wondered if that had to do with the student(s) involved. Both principals agreed that their practice is to try to accommodate students if possible, regardless of who that student is.

Mrs. Roberts asked if improvements had been noticed in the students who took regular classes versus the online classes last year. Mr. Manns will get that information for the Board.

XII. Adjourn

Mrs. Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

---

Jason Kendall, President

---

Josh Mays, Vice President



---

Christy Roberts, Secretary

---

Ron Moore, Member

---

Andrea Soloe, Member