

**Scott County School District 2  
School Board of Education Meeting  
Scottsburg Middle School Band Room  
425 South Third Street  
Scottsburg, IN 47170**

**Board Minutes  
February 28, 2017**

**Executive Session - 5:00 p.m. (Room 200)**

- I. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 For discussion of strategy with respect to (2) (B) Initiation of litigation or litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing; (3) For discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems.

The Executive Session started at 5:00 p.m. with all members present with the exception of Mrs. Roberts. Dr.

Slaton

was also in attendance. There was no subject discussed other than that specified on the agenda. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

**Regular Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m. (Band Room)**

- I. Call to Order  
Mr. Kendall called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. (Mrs. Roberts arrived for the Regular meeting.)
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recognition of Visitors
- IV. Superintendent's Report
- A. [Homebound Report](#)  
Dr. Slaton noted that 5 students are currently receiving homebound instruction due to medical issues and 4 due to behavioral issues.
- B. [Virtual School Report](#)  
There are 26 students enrolled in Virtual School.
- C. [ISTEP Presentations - VFES & JES](#)  
Dr. Slaton announced that Mr. South's mother in law, Dee Dee Copple, passed away unexpectedly earlier in the morning. Mrs. Copple is the mother of Tracy South and Eric Copple. He asked that everyone remember these families in their thoughts and prayers during this incredibly difficult time. Dr. Slaton thanked  
VFES Principal Tiffany Barrett for stepping up to switch places with Mr. South, who was scheduled to

present LES ISTEP results, and stated that Mr. South would present at the March meeting.

At this time JES Principal Chris Routt explained the changes in how the 2016 ISTEP+ School Letter Grades were calculated using both the performance domain and growth domain. He and VFES Principal Tiffany Barrett discussed the strategies and data their schools are using to target intervention groups for improvement. Both schools received a grade of B.

- V. Consideration of Modification to the Agenda and Approval  
Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- VI. Consideration of Board Minutes  
Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the minutes from the [February 13, 2017](#) Executive Session and the [February 14, 2017](#) Board Meeting and Hearings as presented. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- VII. Financial Considerations
- A. [Expenditure Summary](#)
- B. Payroll Claims
1. [February 23, 2017](#)
- C. Regular Claims
1. [February 1-10, 2017](#)
2. [February 13-17, 2017](#)
3. [February 28, 2017](#)
- Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve all claims. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- D. [Bank Reconciliation Summary January 2017](#)
- E. Permission to Purchase/Renew
1. [CIM Technology Solutions \\$13,135](#)
2. [AP Exams \\$1,848](#)
3. [Cottingim Enterprises Inc. Pay App. 1 - Greenhouse](#) - \$46,580.35
- Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve all payments. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- F. Permission to Declare Basketball Goals Surplus  
Mr. Lowry asked permission to declare as surplus the old basketball goals that were used to convert the McClain Hall goals to 8 foot in order to sell them. They are no longer needed as Coach Jameson purchased more portable goals that hang off existing rims. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Moore. Motion carried 5-0.
- G. Permission to Add SMS Girls' Soccer Coach  
Dr. Slaton recommended splitting the girls' and boys' soccer programs at the middle school level in order to help grow the girls' program. This would add a girls' coach with the annual salary to match the boys' soccer coach of \$1,413. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mays. Motion carried 5-0.
- H. [2017 Football Stipend Division](#)

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Dr. Slaton recommended approval of the proposed 2017 football stipends per the original plan. He noted that this would mean an increased cost of \$6,503 and added that Coach Mullins would continue to have right to divide up the total amount as he sees fit for the overall number of coaches that he feels he needs his program. (for example, he could cut the \$3,245 per assistant coach in half to have two assistants instead of one). Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mays. Motion carried 5-0.

I. 2007 SMS Bond Refinancing Discussion and Decision

[Refunding Estimates 2-20-17](#)

[New Debt Estimates](#)

[Upcoming District Projects for Future Bond Issuance](#)

[SMS Refinance - Prioritized List of Potential Projects](#)

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Dr. Slaton and Mr. Mike Therber, Therber & Brock Representative, discussed options for refinancing of

2007 SMS Bond. Possible options included:

- 1) Refinancing and saving the interest only
- 2) Refinancing with no extension to the payment structure and generating cash for projects  
(Generating an estimated \$325,000 for projects and \$1,235,118 in additional interest)
- 3) Refinancing with a one payment extension to generate cash for projects  
(Generating an estimated \$935,000 for projects and \$154,662 in additional interest)
- 4) Refinancing with a two-payment extension to generate cash for projects  
(Generating an estimated \$1,540,000 for projects and \$318,020 in additional interest)
- 5) Refinancing with a three payment extension to generate cash for projects  
(Generating an estimated \$1,980,000 for projects and \$489,497 in additional interest)

Several documents were linked for the Board's review and consideration, including not only refinancing options, but capabilities and considerations for future bond issuances and a project list with the different refinancing scenarios and illustrations. Mr. Therber provided estimates of how much cash should be generated for each option and looked at the additional interest involved for each. He also discussed the need to keep the debt capacity levels stable and to leave room for future projects in case of emergencies. Mr. Therber stated that the funds generated would need to be spent within three years.

Mrs. Roberts voiced concerns about how bonds have been structured in the past to weigh heavily toward the end of the term, spending more money in interest, rather than using that money for facility improvements. Mr. Therber stated that when making long-term plans they try to fill debt service up as much as they can to leave room for future projects/needs that could come up, adding that the District could choose to pay early to reduce interest if possible. Mrs. Roberts stated that she favored the one pay option and Mr. Moore stated that he also favored that option.

Mr. Kendall asked Dr. Slaton what he determined to be the real needs, stating that he felt that would determine which refinancing option should be approved. Dr. Slaton referred to the list of potential projects and stated that his recommendation would be the two-payment extension which he felt would allow many of those projects to be completed, making great improvements to the Third Street and middle school

campus. He added that the 2 payment extension would not strap the corporation and make it difficult to deal with other projects around the District. Mr. Kendall said that he did not see an advantage to the one payment extension versus the two payment extension as long as it doesn't affect how soon projects at SHS can be started.

SMS Principal Kristin Nass urged the Board to take into consideration the state-wide reductions to capital projects funding which will limit what can be done to facilities through that avenue, along with the need to avoid letting the middle school get in the condition the high school is now dealing with. Mrs. Roberts remarked that at the start of the conversation about potential projects, there was more concern about an activities center than facility improvements. Ms. Nass agreed and Dr. Slaton added that there was a dire need for gym space and they felt that an activities center would have served a lot of students, however at this point the financial picture has changed enough that there will not be funds generated for that type of facility.

Differences in the priority of potential projects were discussed at length with the consensus being that determinations on exactly what order the projects would be done would be finalized at upcoming work sessions. Mrs. Roberts felt that the Board and administration should weigh needs vs wants to be sure taxpayer money is used in the most efficient manner.

Mr. Kendall stated that using funds generated from the bond issuance at SMS rather than using CPF to do some of these projects, will allow for reallocating SMS CPF over the next couple of years to be used at SHS and some of the older facilities as needed.

Dr. Slaton recommended refinancing and extending the payment by two payments through 2025 which will generate a little over 1.5 million for projects (assuming today's interest rates). Mrs. Soloe made a motion to extend the payment by two payments through 2025. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 3-2 with Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Moore casting dissenting votes.

## VIII. Operations

### A. Personnel Recommendations

#### 1. Retirement(s)

a. [Kathy Anderkin - SMS 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher](#)

b. [Brady Wells - SMS Physical Education Teacher](#)

Dr. Slaton announced that two teachers have decided to retire at the end of this school year, the first being Mrs. Kathy Anderkin who has taught Language Arts at SMS for 28 years. He added that

during her time in Scott 2 she has not only been an excellent teacher but also a leader in many other ways including serving as department chair, team leader, student council sponsor and discussion team member. He noted that Mrs. Anderkin has also mentored countless teachers over

the years. He stated that she will definitely be missed and wished her the very best in retirement.

Mr. Brady Wells will also retire at the end of the year after 22 years in Scott 2. He started at SHS in 1995 where he taught English, health, and physical education. Mr. Wells served as Assistant Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach for 2 years before serving as head coach for 11 years. He took a break from basketball for a few years and took the program over again from 2014 to 2016. Mr. Wells transferred to SMS in 2012 to teach physical education. Dr. Slaton added that he could personally attest to his dedication to the students and athletes in Scott 2, not to mention his expertise as a marathon runner, and stated that we have been fortunate to have a man of his caliber as part of Scott 2. Dr. Slaton added that Mr. Wells will be coaching cross country and track at Hanover College and will teach some classes in physical education. Dr. Slaton said that he wanted to wish Mr. Wells the best as he begins this new chapter in his life and hoped that both Mrs. Anderkin and Mr. Wells will come to the Retirement Banquet in May to allow their colleagues to formally thank them for their many years of service to the students of Scott 2. Mr. Kendall added that the Board does appreciate both Mr. Wells and Mrs. Anderkin and their service.

2. Resignation(s)
  - a. [Sam Hopwood - SHS Boys' Soccer Coach](#)
  - b. [Holly Porter - Contracted Speech Therapist \(Effective 2-17-17\)](#)
  - c. [Kathy Anderkin - SMS Language Arts Department Chair \(End of 16-17 school year\)](#)
  - d. [Kathy Anderkin - SMS Voyager Team Leader \(End of 16-17 school year\)](#)
  - e. [Patty Clancy - 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach](#)
3. Certified Staff Recommendation(s)
  - a. [Rachelle Blaylock - SES 2nd Grade Teacher Maternity Leave \(Mar. 20 or 24 - end of school year\)](#)
4. Professional Leave Request(s)
  - a. [Shannon Mount - Lilly Grant Summit, Carmel, IN, March 13-14](#)
  - b. [Charles Bottorff - Advanced Safety Training, Indianapolis, IN, May 15-16](#)
  - c. [Tiffany Barrett - Advanced Safety Training, Indianapolis, IN, May 15-16](#)
  - d. [Scott Borden - ISTE, San Antonio, TX, June 25-29](#)
  - e. [Erick Lizenby - ISTE, San Antonio, TX, June 25-29](#)
5. Field Trip Request(s)
  - a. [VFES Kindergarten - Louisville Zoo, Louisville, KY, May 15](#)
6. [Permission to Post](#)
  - a. SMS 8th Grade Language Arts Teacher
  - b. SMS Physical Education Teacher
  - c. SHS Boys' Soccer Coach
  - d. SMS Language Arts Department Chair
  - e. SMS Voyager Team Leader
  - f. SMS 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach
  - g. Summer Boys' Basketball Stipend Position
  - h. Summer Girls' Basketball Stipend Position
  - i. Summer Baseball Stipend Position

- j. Summer Softball Stipend Position
- k. Summer Volleyball Stipend Position
- l. Summer Guard Stipend Position
- m. SMS Girls' Soccer Coach- Pending Permission Given Above

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve all personnel recommendations. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

IX. Policies

- A. [Preschool Special Education Manual](#) - Second Reading

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve the second reading of the Preschool Special Education Manual. Mr. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.

- B. [Naming School Buildings or Facilities - First Reading](#)

The policy on naming school buildings and facilities was presented for first reading. Mr. Kendall suggested

adding a certain number of years to the periodic review of the names and after some discussion the consensus was to make it 20 years. Mr. Lowry will add this to the guidelines and bring it back for the second reading in March.

- C. Volume 29, Number 1 - Second Reading

[Revised Bylaws Technology Update - Volume 29, No. 1](#)

[Policies - Volume 29, No. 1](#)

[Guidelines - Volume 29, No. 1](#)

[Forms - Volume 29, No. 1](#)

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve the second reading of the revisions to Volume 29. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

X. Other Business

- A. [Cards](#)

Dr. Slaton stated that the Board received a card from SMS teacher Tiffany Cople and her family for remembrances sent after the loss of her grandmother. He asked again that everyone remember Eric, Tracy, Nick, Tiffany and their families as they are now dealing with the loss of their mother and mother-in-law.

Mr. Kendall wanted to give a shout out to all of our teachers that go above and beyond every day for those of all of the students who take the test.

XI. Adjourn

Mr. Mays made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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Jason Kendall, President

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Josh Mays, Vice President

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Ron Moore, Secretary

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Christy Roberts, Member

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Andrea Soloe, Member