

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

**Board Minutes  
August 11, 2015**

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

- I. IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2) For discussion of strategy with respect to: (5) to receive information about and interview prospective employees; (6) with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction.

The Executive Session began 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 dismissed at approximately 5:55 p.m.

**New Teacher Reception 6:00 p.m.**

A brief reception to welcome all teachers who are new to Scott 2 was held prior to the regular meeting.

**Regular Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order  
President Kendall called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recognition of Visitors  
Ms. Leanne Doty and Ms. Wanda Yokum were in attendance from the Scottsburg Bowling Lanes to expound on what they offer the youth of Scott County. Ms. Doty stated that bowling is an activity that every child can do for the rest of their lives and she would like to work with the schools to pass along information to students and parents regarding opportunities for bowling teams, instruction in bowling, and bowling scholarships. She noted that Scottsburg Lanes provided two \$200 scholarships this past year along with a \$100 scholarship to each senior on the high school bowling team. She added that numerous bowling scholarships are available throughout the state. Ms. Doty invited

the Board to a free outing at Scottsburg Lanes for all Scott 2 students and faculty on Tuesday, September 8, from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

IV. Superintendent's Report

A. Facility Update

1. [LES Gym Floor](#)
2. [JES Walking Path](#)

Dr. Slaton showed a picture of the new floor in the Lexington Elementary gym/cafeteria which has dramatically changed the appearance of that facility. He stated that the goal is to get this type floor in

every

elementary school over the next three years. Dr. Slaton also shared a picture of the new walking track

and

shelter house that the PTO installed at Johnson Elementary. He added that some of the teachers were planning to walk on the track to provide a good example to the students. He thanked the PTO for their

work

and stated that we are excited for opportunities to partner with the PTO organizations as we continue to upgrade our facilities.

B. [Homebound Update](#)

The District has two students receiving homebound instruction due to medical issues at this time.

C. [Enrollment Update](#)

Enrollment is currently 2,614 which is up 25 from the end of the 2014-15 school year, but still lower than

the

start of the last school year. (A few students who have not shown up for school are still unaccounted for,

so

this number will change.) Mrs. Roberts asked if we have looked into the reasons students have left the District and the reasons new students have chosen to attend Scott 2. Dr. Slaton answered that he will

share

a document with the Board with information taken from students as they exit which will address some of

the

reasons students left. He stated that football and some of the new "Scott 2 - A Place of Possibility" and Choose Scott 2 marketing efforts had brought students to Scott 2. He noted a family who enrolled their students after receiving the postcard in the mail. Dr. Slaton stated that he hoped the Ohio River bridge project will help our community economically which could help enrollment. He also said that Ivy Tech has offered to partner with Scott 2 to continue with some of the billboard promotions of what we offer our kids.

D. [High School Class Sizes](#)

SHS Principal Manns briefed the Board on the process that goes into building the master schedule at the high school. They start by getting the course requests from students and providing those numbers to the department heads to calculate how many sections are needed of each class. The administrators then work to make a schedule, aligning New Tech and HSTW block classes and limiting conflicts with dual

credit

classes as much as possible. He noted that unfortunately, students change their minds often and used

one

example where a class had 62 student requests in March, but dwindled to 45 by August.

Mr. Johanningsmeier gave a breakdown of the linked spreadsheet showing class sizes, noting that most departments are between 20-24 students per class with the high school class size average being 21.4.

He

pointed out the vocational classes and explained that the new funding formula will bring in approximately \$75,000 more than was received last year for a total of an estimated \$361,900 in vocational funding. Mr. Kendall asked where improvements could be made to balance class sizes. Mr. Johanningsmeier stated that some of the steps the high school administration wants to take include being sure they offer vocational classes that get funding and finding ways to get more stable course request numbers earlier. He added that he feels we are maxing out what we can offer, while it is a great idea to offer so many options, the singleton classes make scheduling very difficult. Mr. Johanningsmeier said that block classes have to be aligned so students can choose their electives and that the value of dual credit classes to our students has to be determined, which is not the decision of the high school administration. Mr. Kendall asked about the Intern class and it was explained that this class allows students to intern at local businesses in professions of their choice. The teacher meets with the business person at least twice, which is quite time consuming. He stated that the businesses preferred a 9 - 11 a.m. time slot to have interns, which means that students in dual credit classes were not able to take the intern class. When asked by Mr. Kendall how those class sizes could be increased to 15-20 instead of 8, Mr. Johanningsmeier responded that it would be very difficult for a teacher to arrange that many meetings with the business representatives and that it would also be difficult to place that many students in intern positions locally. There is also a GPA requirement and the students must be 18 years of age for any medical internships.

Assistant Principal Hammons shared that the high school has received thanks from several parents over the past few years who have been able to save considerable amounts of money when their students go to college because of the dual credit classes that were offered at SHS. Mrs. Hammons noted one homeschooled student who was going to the Virtual School to take a few classes until they realized how much could be saved by taking dual credit classes at SHS. That student is now at the high school to take advantage of those classes. She stated that dual credit classes are of great benefit to students and that they help attract students to Scott 2.

Mr. Kendall stated that his biggest concern is the high school classes that have less than 10 students

when

we have third grade teachers who have much larger classes and their students are taking IREAD3 and ISTEP for the first time. He wants to be sure we are doing everything we can to address this ongoing

issue.

E. Assessment Update

Dr. Watkins informed the Board that for the past five years the state has offered formative assessment at

no

charge to any school that chose to sign up (acuity grades 3-8, Mclass/Dibbles K-2, and ECA at the high school). This year the State Board of Education has decided to let schools choose which formative assessment they want to use and they have approved a funding formula for formative assessment grants

that will provide up to \$17.45 per pupil in grades 3-10 and use any unencumbered dollars to fund K-2 formative assessment. A Formative Assessment Committee is looking at which choice is best for Scott 2 and are now considering NWEA or Renaissance Learning.

Dr. Watkins stated that we have been notified that final ISTEP scores and letter grades will not be completed until sometime in December. He received notification that the IREAD 3 summer results were in and thirteen students who failed previously have now passed, with five students not passing. He estimated that this would raise our percentage from 83.5 to about 89.7 percent. He added that another factor that could raise our percentage would be if special education students did not pass, they would receive a waiver.

V. Consideration of Modification to the Agenda and Approval

Dr. Slaton asked permission to add the following items to the agenda: 1) Recommendation of Arla Burns as 5.5 Hour SES Cook; 2) Request from Karen Anderson for Unpaid Family Leave August 13 - November 5; 3) Resignation of Scott Murphy as SHS Boys' Freshmen Basketball Coach; 4) Permission to Post SES 5th Grade 5.75 Special Education Aide and SHS Boys' Freshmen Basketball Coach. Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the agenda with specified modifications. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VI. Consideration of Board Minutes

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the minutes from the [August 4, 2015](#) Board meeting as presented. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VII. Financial Considerations

A. [Expenditure Summary](#)

B. Regular Claims

1. [July 13 - 17, 2015](#)
2. [July 20 - 31, 2015](#)
3. [August 11, 2015](#)

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve regular claims. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

C. Permission to Purchase/Renew

1. [Simplex Grinnel Maintenance Contract Renewal \\$18,247.93](#)

This is for the second year renewal of the maintenance contract covering fire alarm inspections for the District, labor on fire alarm service calls during normal business hours, fire alarm panel parts and replacement batteries. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve seconded by Mr. Mays.

Motion

carried 5-0.

2. [2015-16 Concession Contract](#)

Ms. Sparkman asked for approval of the 2015-16 concession contract noting that the Warriorette and Band boosters decided to switch roles/percentages from last year's agreement. Mrs. Soloe

made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Roberts. Motion carried 5-0.

- D. [Permission to Pay Final \(Retainage\) Payment for New Tech High School Project](#) \$14,860.95  
This is the final retainage payment for the New Tech High School project that was never paid. The payment was withheld in the event of any pending litigation from 2 defaulted subcontractors, Lexington Ironworks and A&M Specialties, Inc. The statute of limitations and any opportunity for seeking remedy has expired and it is believed that these companies are no longer in business. This will be paid out of the construction account.
- Mr. Moore made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Soloe. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. [Monthly Financial Report](#)  
Ms. Sparkman provided the monthly financial report noting that the General Fund is now at \$722,000 due to three payrolls in July but the balance should go back up. She noted that revenue continues to be greater than expenses with the budget running approximately \$766,000 less than we had permission to spend. She added that all bills for the construction projects from the 2013 bond issue have been paid leaving a balance of \$150,720 that can now be used to address safety issues.
- F. [Bank Reconciliation Summary](#)  
Board members signed the June 2015 bank reconciliation summary.

## VIII. Operations

- A. Personnel Recommendations
1. Resignation(s)
    - a. [Teresa Sanders as SHS 5.5 Hour Custodian](#)
    - b. [Scott Murphy - SHS Boys' Freshmen Basketball Coach](#) - added 8-11-15
  2. Certified Recommendation(s)
    - a. [Michelle Moon as SES High Ability Coordinator](#)
    - b. [SHS Math Teacher - Mr. Brandon Tormoehlen](#)
  3. Support Staff Recommendation(s)
    - a. [Cindy Waters as SHS 7 Hour Cafeteria Manager](#)
    - b. [Arla Burns as SES 5.5 Hour Cook](#) - added 8-11-15
  4. ECA Recommendation(s)
    - a. [Amy Johnson as VFES Bus Supervisor](#)
    - b. [Mike Sims & Michelle Mihalik as SHS Freshman Class Co-Sponsors](#)
    - c. [Tracy South as LES Student Council Sponsor](#)
  5. Professional Leave Requests
    - a. [Melinda Sparkman to Forecast 5 National Conference, Naperville, IL, Oct. 7-8](#)
    - b. [Karen Anderson - Unpaid Family Leave - Aug. 13 - Nov. 5](#) - added 8-11-15
  6. [Permission to Post](#)
    - a. SHS 5.5 Hour Custodian

- b. SHS 6 Hour Cook
- c. SES 5.75 Hour 5th Grade Special Education Aide - **added 8-11-15**
- d. SHS Boys' Freshmen Basketball Coach - **added 8-11-15**

Mr. Moore stated that he hated to lose Scott Murphy as an assistant coach, but understood that his new job did not allow the time needed to coach. He also asked if the cafeteria hours would change at the high school or if any of the other kitchen staff would have to change hours. Mrs. Peterson stated that no schedules would change. *(Note: The Board had been asked if it would be permissible for Mrs. Waters to come in 30 minutes early in order to leave 30 minutes early during a six week period in the spring to enable her to run her greenhouse business.)* Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve all personnel items. Mr. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.

IX. Other Business

A. [Thank You Card](#)

Dr. Slaton shared a card that was received from 4th grade VFES student, Lucas Toppe, thanking the Board for the opportunity to attend a "Polar Opposites" station at the zoo through the high ability program.

Mr. Moore thanked Dr. Slaton and Mrs. Rose for helping to keep all of the beginning of school transfers and new hires straight.

Mrs. Roberts asked if the administration was assessing what will have to be done as we take over the Special Services department, such as specific equipment that may need to be purchased, equipment that SSU is currently using that we may be able to purchase, and which funds will be used to make those purchases. Dr. Slaton related that the process will entail a separation agreement and he has obtained a copy of a recent one from another school to help him begin to prepare. The goal is to get that conversation started so we can get busy with what we can transition over and what we have to purchase. He said that in other schools, equipment has been a huge issue. We have asked for an inventory of all equipment they are using at this time. Dr. Slaton said that he, Mr. Marshall, and Ms. Sparkman have had conversations with Madison Consolidated Schools, who have completed this process, that have been very helpful.

Ms. Sparkman said the money will have to come from the general fund and CPF. There will not be a separate Special Education CPF, but there is district money allocated to that. She also asked for extra in the general fund for 2016 in anticipation of this move. Mrs. Roberts asked if we could use the spare CPF money now to safeguard what we might need next year. Ms. Sparkman stated that would be a good idea, but she was not sure how soon we would be able to have a clear idea of what purchases need to be made. Dr. Slaton also noted that Lewis Kappes represents Scott 2 and the co-op so we will probably have to excuse those attorneys and get other counsel. (This has not yet been officially determined.)

Mrs. Roberts asked if anyone had talked to the teachers who currently work for SSU. Dr. Slaton said that they are planning to meet with them to alleviate some of their concerns. He also mentioned that they are already working on salary issues since SSU's pay scale differs from that of Scott 2, especially in regard to aides who have specialty skills. Dr. Slaton feels that they should have a better grasp on the whole picture in September or October.

Mr. Kendall shared that he was stopped by a parent who wanted to thank teachers at the high school, one in particular,

who is tutoring her daughter on her own time. She said that last year, multiple teachers volunteered their time to help her student when she was struggling. Mr. Kendall offered kudos to all of those teachers who go above and beyond for students on their own without being asked and stated that their efforts are greatly appreciated.

X. Adjourn

Mrs. Roberts made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

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Jason Kendall, President

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Christy Roberts, Vice President

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Josh Mays, Secretary

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Ron Moore, Member

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Andrea Soloe, Member