

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

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**Board Minutes**

**February 26, 2024**

**Executive Session 5:30 p.m.**

To discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) To receive information about and interview prospective employees. IC 5-14- 1.5-6.1(b)(5)

The Executive Session began at 5:30 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 ended at approximately 6:35 p.m.

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

- I. Call to Order  
Mrs. Soloe called the meeting to order at 6:41p.m.
  
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
  
- III. Recognition of Visitors
  
- IV. Superintendent's Report
  - a. [Homebound Report](#)
  - b. [Staff Exit Survey](#)
  - c. [Facility Improvement Projects](#)  
SHS Ag and Art room has been completed and students are in use.
  - d. [Enrollment and February ADM](#)  
ADM for February 1st was 2,519 students. That is a 32 student decline from the fall. It is not abnormal for February to have fewer students than the fall but it is definitely something that we need to take a look at this spring to see what if anything can be done to retain more students between those count dates.

e. Student Achievements

FFA - 2024 District Proficiency Results

1st place - Kailyn Gibson - Diversified Agriculture Production

Emma Mason - Equine Science - Entrepreneurship

Marley Fleenor - Sheep Production

2nd Place - Madilyn Holliday - Diversified Livestock Production

Erica Thomas - Goat Production

Madi Meagher - Poultry Production

3rd Place - Brynley Culley - Diversified Livestock Production

Randi Palmer - Sipe - Swine Production Entrepreneurship

4th Place - Savannah Watson - Equine Science Placement

JES was recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as meeting the state's 95% Literacy Goal for the 2023 IREAD Assessment. JES passed with 97.3% This incredible accomplishment was a testament to our dedicated teachers, who led classrooms with passion and purpose, and our phonics-based curriculum, which proved to be a winning formula for our students' success.

We couldn't be prouder of our students and staff for their hard work and commitment to academic excellence. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this amazing achievement!

SMS

Congratulations to the eight students who traveled to Cincinnati on February 20th and competed in the The Great History Challenge Regional Championship. SMS qualified six students at this event who can now move on to the National Championship to be held in Chicago in May. Those who earned an opportunity to move on include: Greyson Campbell (6th); Griffin Owens and Lance Broyer (7th); and Joey Heacock, Finn Sawin, and Clancy Myers (8th). In addition to qualifying for the Nationals, three SMS students were also recognized for placing in the Top 5 for their grade level. Those students are: Greyson Campbell (6th), Griffin Owens (7th), and Finn Sawin (8th).

Also, we are hosting the Boys' Basketball Sectional this week right here at Meyer Gym so come out and enjoy some great basketball and cheer on our Warriors to victory right here at home.

SHS - Giving a shout out to Beth Walton and Tonya Callahan for their dedication to the Warrior Pantry. This is a once a month service available to all SCSD2 Families and Staff. These two ladies oversee the set up and pick up system and work out any other logistics that are needed. Thank you both for your service in helping our district service others.

V. Consideration of Modification to the Agenda and Approval

Dr. Slaton asked permission to modify the agenda as follows:

Add:

1. [Kailee Campbell - SMS 4 hr/182 days Cook - Termination](#)
2. [Chris Owens - SMS Baseball - Volunteer](#)
3. [Ethan Morgan - SES 5.75 hr/180 days Aide TO SES 7 hr/180 days Aide](#)
4. [Dana Caudill - SES 7 hr/180 days Aide To SES 5.75 hr/180 Aide](#)
5. [Carter Bowles - SMS Co-Ed Golf Coach](#)
6. [Christopher Bartley - SHS Varsity Football Assistant](#)
7. [Lauren Taylor - Transfer from SES 7 hr/180 days Aide TO SES 5.75 hr/180 days Aide](#)
8. Permission to post SES 7 hr/180 days Aide
9. Bank Reconciliation
10. Policy Change to Purchases Requiring Board Approval at \$5,000 (previously \$25,000)

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

VI. Consent Agenda

Mrs. Broady made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, seconded by Mr. Zollman.  
Motion carried 5-0.

A. Consideration of Board Minutes [2/12/24](#)

B. Financial Considerations

1. Payroll Claims [2/20/24](#)
2. Regular Claims
  - a. Regular Claims [2/9/24 - 2/22/24](#)

C. Personnel Recommendations

1. Retirement(s)
  - a. [Cheryl Miller - VFES 4th Grade Teacher](#)  
Cheryl has announced her intent to retire after 27 years at Vienna-Finley Elementary. She taught 3rd grade for a year, kindergarten for 9 years, and has spent the last 17 years teaching fourth grade. Along the way she coached Math and Spell Bowl, and served as a Just Say No sponsor, and she gave an ACL in the faculty-student basketball game a few years back. We'll celebrate with her later this spring. Dr. Slaton thanked Ms. Miller for her years of service at Scott District 2.
2. Resignation(s)
  - a. [Heather Farrell - SES 5.75 hr/180 days Aide](#)
  - b. [Tim Boley - SMS 5.75 hr/180 days Custodian](#)
3. Certified Staff Recommendation(s)
  - a. [Lyndsey Ritchie - JES Maternity Leave for Gabby Hubbard](#)  
Gabby will be starting her leave a week earlier than planned and will be covered by Blake Bischoff.

4. Support Staff Recommendation(s)
    - a. [Sean Eversole - JES 7 hr/175 days Title 1 Tutor](#)
  5. Transfer Recommendation(s)
    - a. [Jeff Cox- SHS Principal- 2 Year Contract- 2024-2025 & 2025-2026](#)
  6. ECA Volunteer(s)
    - a. [Jameson Hale - SMS Baseball](#)
  7. Leave Request(s)
    - a. [Emma Stricker - ELA Maternity leave starting 3/21/24](#)
    - b. [Lana Coverdale - SHS starting February 27th.](#)
    - c. [Charlotte Grissom - SHS 2/5/24 - 2/29/24](#)
  8. [Positions to Post](#)
    - a. SES 5.75 hr/180 days Aide
    - b. SMS 5.75 hr/180 days Custodian
    - c. SHS Assistant Principal
    - d. VFES Teacher
- D. [Surplus Property Disposal](#)
- Note: This will be a recurring item on the Consent Agenda for the Board to review each tab. Our policy and guidelines were referenced when creating this tool, including having the superintendent and business manager digitally approve each of the items added by the schools. Once the Board approves disposal, the meeting date will be added to the form to give official permission to the principals to dispose of the items.

## VII. Other Business

- A. [Board Resolution To Approve Tax Anticipation Warrant For The First Half of 2024](#)  
Mrs. Craig made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Zollman. Motion carried 5-0.
- B. [Resolution To Transfer Amounts From The Education Fund To The Operations Fund](#)  
Mr. Best made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Zollman. Motion carried 5-0.
- C. [Resolution To Deposit Amounts From Interest Earned To The Operations Fund](#)  
Mr. Zollman made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Craig. Motion carried 5-0.
- D. [Church, Church, Hittle, & Antrim Engagement Letter](#)  
Mrs. Craig made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Broady. Motion carried 5-0.
- E. Discussion and Update on Future Projects  
Dr. Slaton wanted to publicly talk about the future project (i.e. SHS Auditorium) since we have spent some time getting to this moment and also since we had already released our Request for Qualifications for Architect/Design Team and also for our Construction Manager as Constructor partner. The plan right now, with permission from the board, is to go ahead and interview those firms interested in being on our team but to delay any additional formal steps such as initial design and 1028 hearings until at least later into 2024 once we have a better handle on our finances and also on our future plan to get everything back to where it should be. The board were in favor of the idea and Board Secretary, Mr. Zollman agreed to be actively involved in the meetings.

F. Early Learning Academy Playground Expansion- Expansion Grant Funded

1. [Grant](#)

Dr. Slaton shared the recent Expansion Grant. This grant amount totals \$200,000 dollars and the school district has received these funds. He wanted the board to be able to view the entire grant if they wanted so they could see what was written in and what the plans were. Dr. Slaton highlighted the key things he felt the board should see. Most of the highlighting starts on Page 16. Dr. Slaton had a concern about the "Major Renovation" section as \$70,000 is nowhere close enough to covering the quote he has seen on renovating the science lab room into a kitchen (~\$165,000). In some preliminary discussions with Bobby, Pam, and Emily, Dr. Slaton wanted to see what space we could renovate for the \$70,000 to make a workable, usable kitchen that fits within this grant amount.

2. [Playground Quote](#)

Dr. Slaton asked approval to move forward with the playground expansion at the price quoted plus the cost of the dumpster.

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

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Mr. Zollman made a motion to approve items 1-8, seconded by Mr. Best. Motion carried 5-0.

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Mr. Best made a motion to approve items 9 & 10, seconded by Mr. Zollman. Motion carried 5-0.

Please keep the following families in your thoughts and prayers;

Ric Manns (SMS Teacher) grandmother passed away.

Lisa Manns (SMS Teacher) mother passed away.

Clarissa Akers (VFES Teacher) Step-Father, Sam Jones passed away

Holly Couch's (VFES Teacher) Step-Grandfather passed away

VIII. Adjourn

Mr. Zollman made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Mrs. Craig. Motion carried 5-0.

**Executive Session - Immediately Following the Regular Public Meeting - Canceled**

Upcoming Events:

NOTICE: Any member of the public who will be attending the board meeting and who will need an auxiliary aide should contact the Superintendent's Office at [812-752-8946](tel:812-752-8946) to permit advance preparation.