

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9  
Piasa, Illinois 62079

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 19, 2007

The regular scheduled meeting of the Southwestern Board of Education was called to order by President-Julie Loy at 7:00 p.m. Julie Loy-President asked the Board Secretary-Steve Ritzhaupt to call roll showing those members present were: Julie Loy-President, Frank Rothe-Vice President, Steve Ritzhaupt-Secretary, Steve Reed, Jim Wickenhauser, Marty Johnson and Rodney Bailey. Larry Elsea-Superintendent and Pat Milner-Recording Secretary were also present.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Frank Rothe to approve the regular school board minutes of May 15, 2007 and the executive session minutes of May 15, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to approve the special school board meeting minutes of May 23, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to approve the May bills and the consent agenda bills.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Jim Wickehauser to approve the imprest bills and the extra pay and substitute pay.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the financial report as presented by Larry Elsea, Superintendent for the month ending May 30, 2007.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt and Johnson

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence:

Julie Loy read a thank you to the Board of Education from Lori Hopkins, Director of Teacher Education and Clinical Placement at Blackburn College commending the administration and staff for their cooperation with the student teachers placed within the Southwestern School District.

Mrs. Loy read a thank you from Marie Reed for the flowers sent when her mother, Irene Meyer passed away and a thank you was read from the Medora Elementary Staff for the end of the year BBQ lunch and flowers sent during education week. Virginia Raby wrote a thank you for the privilege of teaching the gifted elementary students of Southwestern stating she will be forever grateful for her years at Southwestern.

Mr. Elsea gave a report of the Facilities Committee which met on Thursday – June 7, 2007 at 6:00 a.m. at the Superintendent's Office. Mr. Elsea reviewed a proposal to connect a sewer line from the football field concession stand to the District's septic system. A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to authorize the construction of the sewer line at a cost not to exceed \$5,345.00 as presented and recommended by the Facilities Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt and Johnson

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Marty Johnson to authorize the superintendent to bid the construction of a 24' x 60' storage shed per specifications approved by the Facilities Committee.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson and Bailey

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the facilities committee minutes of June 7, 2007 as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to accept resignations from:

Barbara Erwin	ISS Supervisor
Darla Towell	Bus Driver

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Frank Rothe to employ the following for the 2007-2008 school year:

Craig Marshall	Boys JV Basketball, MS Girls Basketball and HS Asst Track Coach
Jennifer Huelsmann	HS/MS Social Worker
Pat Johnson	TAG Teacher 3/5 FTE
Tiffany Hanslow	Extend School Year – Summer 2007
Tammy Rosentreter	Shipman Special Education
Michelle Woelfel	MS Art
Michelle Woelfel	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball
Alison Christy	EC/Special Education
Jessica Scott	HS Football Cheerleading
Amanda Berry	MS Student Council sponsor
Tammy Donahue	Medora Cafeteria Manager
Cheryl Bangert	HS ISS Supervisor
Adam Rothe	Shipman 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Bailey, Loy and Rothe

Nays: Reed, Johnson and Wickenhauser

MOTION CARRIED.

Family Medical Leave of Absence: None

Substitute List: None

Mr. Elsea presented the end of the year enrollment report showing one expulsion for the entire 2006-2007 school year with suspensions remaining steady. Enrollment is down from the beginning of the year which reflects early graduation.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to accept the enrollment report as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to display the FY08 Budget for public viewing for 30 days and hold a Public Hearing on July 19, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. to approve the budget.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Mr. Elsea recognized the accomplishments of our FFA Students.

- The Southwestern FFA Display Team placed first at the state competition.
- Mary Huebener participated in the talent program at the state convention singing the *National Anthem* and *I Could Only Imagine*.
- Jessica McKee was awarded the highest degree the state can award, the State FFA Degree
- Samantha Lucker was recognized as a state finalist in public speaking for her third place state finish in creed speaking.
- Kayla Graham retired as the Section 15 President.
- Ashley Hanold was named as the Illinois candidate for National FFA President.

Mr. Elsea announced that Southwestern Middle School, Brighton North Elementary, Medora and Shipman have all made AYP by “good” numbers. Mr. Elsea presented a motivational CD entitled “From Good To Great!

Sue Betts asked to be recognized on behalf of the HS Track team requesting that the Board move the graduation date for the Class of 2008 to be set on a Sunday. Her reason for this request is that students making the State Track finals may have to choose between their High School Graduation and participating in the State Track finals.

New Business:

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to adopt the Prevailing Wage Rate and Resolution as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenahuser and seconded by Frank Rothe to approve the garbage, milk, bakery and pest management bids accepting low bids as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was held in regard to the bids received for the New Holland tractor the district had for sale and advertised to receive bids.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to reject all bids received because they were not as high as anticipated.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy and Rothe

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Frank Rothe and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve the 2006-2007 School Calendar with revisions as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to accept the state contract low bid to purchase high school furniture not to exceed \$49,860.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Johnson, Bailey, Wickenahuser, Loy, Rothe, Reed and Ritzhaupt

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to approve low bid for copy machine lease as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Rodney Bailey to approve the 2007-2008 Student Handbook with revisions presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to approve the bid to purchase a new lawn mower purchasing low bid from Konneker-Brown as presented.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser, Loy, Rothe and Reed

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Jim Wickenhauser and seconded by Steve Reed to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a student issue and personnel (administrators).

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

At 11:35 p.m. a motion was made by Steve Ritzhaupt and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to open the meeting to regular session.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Jim Wickenhauser to reduce the time of administrator Lynne Chism from full time to 2/5 time.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey, Wickenhauser and Loy

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Steve Reed and seconded by Steve Ritzhaupt to adjourn the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Loy, Rothe, Reed, Ritzhaupt, Johnson, Bailey and Wickenhauser

Nays: None

MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

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Pat Milner  
Recording Secretary

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Board President

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