

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD  
 SUNMAN-DEARBORN COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
 RIPLEY AND DEARBORN COUNTIES, INDIANA  
 MAY 16, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of School Trustees of the Sunman-Dearborn Community School Corporation was held May 16, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. EST, in Room #142 at East Central High School with the following individuals in attendance: Brandon Burress, Joe Graf, Joyce Huffman, John McKay, Jeff Lyness, Glenn Scholl, School Attorney Frank Kramer, Superintendent Dr. Jeff Hendrix, Director of Support Services Tom Harris, Director of Financial Operations Charles Blake, Director of Human Resources Mary Ann Baines and Recording Secretary Cheri Huff. Board Member Michael Norman was not present.

Mr. Lyness called the open meeting to order at 7:02 pm EST leading the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Lyness stated that there was a change to the agenda. There will be an additional presentation by S-DIS students following agenda item #4.

Mr. Lyness recognized the Sunman-Dearborn Middle School Parent Advisory Committee. Mrs. Baudendistel, Principal of the Middle School, explained the idea behind the Parent Advisory Committee and introduced Kathy Francis to speak on behalf of the committee. Kathy shared the vision and mission of the committee and also the different things the committee was involved with this school year. She stated that if someone wanted to be involved in the committee to contact Mrs. Baudendistel. Future plans include the creation of a Resource Center with the Journalism class at the Middle School making the brochures.

Mr. Lyness recognized representatives from Protection 1 Security Solutions. Keith Watters and Ken Meyer gave a presentation on the new security system installed at North Dearborn including company background, the importance of school security, and how the system is used.

Mr. Lyness recognized S-DIS students for a presentation. Julie Schroeder and Ashley Tebbe, teachers at S-DIS, introduced students Carson Hunt and Jay Hubert who were part of the “How to” landscaping project at the Intermediate School. Julie and Ashley explained the details of the project noting it covered Reading and Math standards. They thanked local businesses for their participation and donations.

Mr. Lyness read the items on the consent agenda.

- 5.1 Approval of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on April 11, 2013
- 5.2 Approval of claims for payment 117741 - 118025
- 5.3 Approval of personnel report

**Request for Medical Leave**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
	BE/Staff member	5/20/2013 – 6/30/13

**Recommendation for Employment**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>
Stewart Durham	Homebound Instructor
Jane O’Grady	Homebound Instructor
Brandon Loveless	EC/Math Teacher
Brandon Loveless	EC/Summer Remediation Coordinator
Joshua Luckhaupt	EC/Math Teacher
Karen Hunter	Student Data Specialist
Pam Donohue	EC/Student Council Sponsor
Robyn Stuhan	MS/Cheer Coach
William Theising	SE/Instructional Assistant
Sam Kohorst	Mowing

**Accept Letters of Retirement**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rita Alig	ND/PE Teacher	5/24/2013
Roberta Helfer	ND/Instructional Assistant	5/23/2013
Sharon Schwegman	SE/Instructional Assistant	5/23/2013
Jane Werner	SE/Food & Nutr. Serv. Manager	5/23/2013

**Accept Letters of Resignation**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Pam Donohue	EC/Jr. Class Sponsor	5/24/2013
Maureen Stenger	EC/Food & Nutr. Serv. Asst. Mgr.	5/23/2013
Brandy Bittner	EC/Teacher	5/24/2013
Nicole Oswald	SE/Instructional Assistant	5/23/2013
Lenore Hynes	Grant Coordinator	6/30/2013
Samantha Hensley	EC/Volleyball Coach	5/16/2013
Teresa Phelps	MS/Instructional Assistant	4/26/2013

**Request for Job Share**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Barbara Wuestefeld/Cristin Dietz	ND/Teachers	2013-14 school year
Lee Anne Dole/Krista Wuestefeld	ND/Teachers	2013-14 school year

**Request for Termination**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Building &amp; Assignment</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nick Powell	EC/Boys Golf Coach	5/13/2013

5.4 Approval of overnight field trips

- *Brenda Osman taking 3 FCCLA students to the State Officer Meeting in Indianapolis; leaving on June 10, 2013 and returning on June 13, 2013.*
- *Brenda Osman taking 10-16 FCCLA students to the National FCCLA Conference in Nashville, TN; leaving on July 7, 2013 and returning on July 11, 2013.*
- *David Disbro and Steve Lewis taking 30-40 boys basketball players to the Done Basketball Camp in Ft. Wayne, IN; leaving on June 27, 2013 and returning on June 30, 2013.*
- *Kevin Moore taking 10-12 girls basketball players to the Indiana Wesleyan University Shootout in Marion, IN; leaving on June 6, 2013 and returning on June 7, 2013.*
- *Roy Johnson taking 8 FFA students to the Indiana 4-H/FFA Livestock and Dairy Judging at Purdue University; leaving on May 17, 2013 and returning on May 18, 2013.*
- *Roy Johnson taking 7-8 FFA students to the Indiana FFA State Convention at Purdue University; leaving on June 18, 2013 and returning on June 20, 2013.*

Mr. Lyness asked if the Board would like any items broken out individually.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve with one motion and one vote Consent Agenda items 5.1 through and including 5.4 as presented.

Mr. Scholl made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, to approve consent agenda items 5.1 through and including 5.4. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness moved to Action Items.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the S-DIS handbook for the 2013-14 school year as presented in the board packet.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the S-DIS handbook for the 2013-14 school year. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the elementary handbooks for the 2013-14 school year as presented in the board packet, including the addition in regards to student absences.

Mr. Scholl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the elementary handbooks for the 2013-14 school year. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the book bills for S-DMS for the 2013-14 school year as presented in the board packet.

Mr. Burress made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, to approve the book bills for S-DMS for the 2013-14 school year. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the book bills for S-DIS for the 2013-14 school year as presented in the board packet, including the revision of the Reading books.

Mr. Scholl made a motion, seconded by Mr. Burress, to approve the book bills for S-DIS for the 2013-14 school year. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve the elementary school book bills for the 2013-14 school year as presented in the board packet.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huffman, to approve the elementary school book bills for the 2013-14 school year. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked the elementary principals present if they would like to comment on the full day kindergarten program.

Mr. Bond stated they handled all of the problems that they expected to occur and believes that the benefits of full day kindergarten far outweigh the problems. He believes it was a positive experience. Mrs. Morton stated that all of her students were full day and that their growth has been amazing. She added that the kindergarten teachers are excited that the first grade is getting young readers.

Dr. Hendrix stated that funding is available again for full day kindergarten and therefore recommends that the Board approve the full day kindergarten program for the 2013-14 school year.

Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scholl, to approve the full day kindergarten program for the 2013-14 school year. The motion carried by voice vote.

Dr. Hendrix recommended that the Board approve ECHS to conduct the High School Survey of Student Engagement; an online survey through the CEEP program at Indiana University conducted in the fall and the spring.

Mrs. Huffman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Graf, to approve the High School Survey of Student Engagement. Mr. Lyness asked if the survey is voluntary or mandatory. Mr. Shipley stated that students can opt out. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked Mr. Kramer to speak in regards to the Spotlight Theatre.

Mr. Kramer described the background of the school's contract with Spotlight Theatre noting they did not pay for two performances which amounts to about \$3700 dollars. After discussion with Spotlight Theatre, they said they are not paying us what they owe. Mr. Kramer proposes and recommends that the school corporation sue Spotlight Theatre for \$3500.00. Mr. Kramer stated that he would agree to work on a contingent fee basis for this suit, meaning if we do not win he does not get paid. If we do win, he will be paid 1/3 of the \$3500 dollars and the school would get the rest.

Mr. Scholl and Mr. Graf stated that they are in support of the suit. Mr. Scholl made a motion, seconded by Mr. McKay, to allow Mr. Kramer to proceed with suing Spotlight Theatre for \$3500 dollars. The motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Lyness asked Mr. Shipley to comment on the driver's education program at East Central. Mr. Shipley explained the background of the program and some of the issues we are facing; including the staff that is certified to teach the program and the cost being charged to enroll in the program. Mr. Shipley recommends that the driver's education program end at the conclusion of the 2012-13 school year.

Mr. Lyness stated that the Board will review the information and to bring it back at the June Board Meeting for a vote.

Dr. Hendrix suggested that we should not offer any more classes after May 28, 2013 due to staffing issues.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mrs. Copenhaver.

Mrs. Copenhaver happily reported that our corporation is exempt from raising lunch prices for next school year due to having a healthy fund balance. Prices will remain the same for the 2013-14 school year at \$2.00 for lunch, \$0.40 reduced lunch, \$1.25 for breakfast, and \$.30 reduced breakfast.

Mr. Lyness recognized Mr. Blake.

Mr. Blake reviewed the Financial Report for April 2013. He stated that the state changed again how we will be funded. They want to make sure that the dollar follows the child. Discussion took place on how this affects the budgeting process. Mr. Lyness reminded the Board of the ISBA seminar in June if anyone is interested in attending.

Mr. Lyness asked Mr. Loudon how our systems handled the ISTEP testing issues. Mr. Loudon said that our systems were fine, it was the DOE and their contract with CTB; CTB could not handle the load. The resolution was to test half the students at a time.

Mr. Lyness asked for public comments and read the public comments policy.

Rollie Hollowell, Flagstone Drive in West Harrison, would like to have drug testing approved for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders at S-DIS. He stated that the PTO will pay for it and kits can be passed out at open house. Mr. Lyness said the Board will discuss it and get back to him.

Donna Parniuk, 23544 Blue Ridge Dr. in Lawrenceburg, asked questions in regards to Health Care Reform. Mr. Lyness asked her to submit her questions in writing to the School Board and they will get back to her.

Deysi Oehlman, 6323 E. Co. Rd. 1100 N. in Sunman, stated she was here to advocate for the special education students at S-DIS. She shared their daily schedule and stated that they get so much inclusion and interaction with the other students at S-DIS. She is concerned about their well-being if the special education classes at S-DIS get moved to the Middle School.

Patty Pierce, 5880 Falcon Way in Guilford, spoke in regards to the special education program at S-DIS.

Jennifer Ringer, 20472 Matterhorn Dr. in Lawrenceburg, read a letter dated May 13, 2013 that she wrote to the School Board and Dr. Hendrix in regards to student/teacher ratio at Bright Elementary.

Lynn Bleha, 1883 Cove Circle in Lawrenceburg, commented on Mrs. Deysi's class at S-DIS noting her son had a wonderful experience in her class.

Amber Humble, 20877 Georgetown Rd. in Lawrenceburg, asked how the concern about class size at Bright Elementary will move forward. Mr. Lyness stated that it will be conveyed to the public once the Board discusses it.

Jeannie Herman, 10706 West Rd. in Harrison, supports Mrs. Deysi and her program. She also asked what door to enter for Board meetings. Mr. Lyness responded door 15.

Jeff Bond, 28580 Maune Rd. in Brookville, wanted to publically speak about a student present at the meeting, Leah South who is part of the Destination Imagination team. He stated that they won the Renaissance Award and 1<sup>st</sup> place at Regionals. This is the first time in Sunman-Dearborn history that a 1<sup>st</sup> year team has ever gone this far. At the Global Competition they will compete against other U. S. schools and 14 other countries.

Kathy Francis, 20575 Longview Dr. in Lawrenceburg, spoke about Destination Imagination and how a program of this type draws people to our corporation. She also commented on the drug presentation that Bright Christian Church put on a few weeks ago and suggested that the school system educate parents on drugs and cyber bullying.

Mr. Lyness asked for comments from the SDEA. There were no comments.

Mr. Lyness recognized building Principals to report on their schools.

Mr. Shipley, EC, reported on end of year festivities including the awards program, senior picnic, graduation practice and the graduation ceremony. He also spoke about the Business Professionals of America national competition, the FFA banquet, and the horticultural program. He recognized Luke Weisenbach, student, for his alternative method for finding derivatives and invited all to watch Luke work the problem on May 20, 2013 at 3:00 pm in room 163.

Mrs. Vennemeier, IS, thanked Mrs. Schroeder and Mrs. Tebbe for their landscape project and also thanked the PTO and all the volunteers that have helped this year.

Ms. Morton, SE, thanked the Tiger Paws for all their work this school year.

Mrs. Baudendistel, MS, thanked the parents of the Parent Advisory Committee for being there tonight. She also reported that S-DMS has been named a 4-star school by the DOE, attendance rates increased this school year, the first annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be May 21, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the PAC, awards day is May 23, 2013 and the staff/student basketball game is also May 23, 2013.

Mr. Lyness asked for Board comments.

Mr. Lyness advised the public to watch the website for a possible change in meeting location for the June Board meeting. He publically recognized the retirees and asked them to stand if present. He thanked them for their years of service with Sunman-Dearborn. Mr. Lyness invited everyone to a reception in the cafeteria immediately following this meeting.

In response to some of the public comments, Mr. Lyness stated that this time of year, class size is looked at and a lot of things have to be considered including funding from the state. He stated that the Board is required to make tough decisions and that they work with the Principals and Administration as a team to make the best decisions.

Mr. Lyness recognized Dr. Hendrix.

Dr. Hendrix commented on staffing, the Special Education program at S-DIS, Common Core Standards, and Health Care Reform. He added, in regards to bullying, that HEA1423 was just received this week which is a new law that establishes bullying prevention programs in the schools. Dr. Hendrix stated that we have great teachers and great students; he commended the Middle School for their 4-star award and thanked everyone for their hard work.

There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Graf made a motion, seconded by Mr. Scholl, to adjourn the meeting at 9:43 pm EST. The motion carried by voice vote.