

South Madison Community School Corporation
Board of School Trustees' Meeting
May 2, 2019

The Board of School Trustees' of South Madison Community School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Administrative Services Center with board members Chris Boots, Mark Brizendine, Richard "Buck" Evans, Bill Hutton, Amy McGinnis, Joel Sandefur, and Kaye Wolverton present. Also in attendance were Superintendent Joe Buck, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Laura Miller, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Curriculum, Instruction and College and Career Readiness Dr. Mark Hall, Business Manager Ken McCarty and Corporation Treasurer Penny Myers. Others in attendance were Director of Special Education Lynn Mellinger, Maple Ridge Elementary School Principal John Lord, Maple Ridge Elementary School Assistant Principal Valerie Steger and family members Zach, Emmi and Amelie Steger, Heidi Moore, and Connie Jones.

CALL TO ORDER:

School Board President Chris Boots called the Regular Board of School Trustees' meeting to order beginning at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER:

School Board President Chris Boots asked everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and pause for a moment of silence.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA:

Superintendent Joe Buck stated there were no adjustments to the agenda.

CORE PURPOSE/CORE GOAL/CORE VALUES:

School Board President Chris Boots read the Core Purpose, Core Goal and Core Values.

COMMENTS FROM PATRONS:

There were no comments from Patrons.

REPORTS:

2.1 Board Committee Reports

Bill Hutton reported on WEEM 91.7 Radio Station at Pendleton Heights High School. Mr. Hutton shared this is a truly "student ran radio station" with adult guidance. The station will be sharing a new logo and website, and internet television. The students won 1/3 of the National Competition Awards, and WEEM is working with Hoof Print to sponsor a "Summer Feed Program". The radio program is growing with 82 students signed up for fall semester. Mr. Hutton shared a video produced by the WEEM video department of an active shooter drill conducted at PHHS, showing how the students and staff took necessary actions.

2.2 Dr. Laura Miller presented a review of Project Lead the Way. Dr. Miller shared this is a grant awarded by PLTW to be used for training purposes. When this item was first posted on the agenda, we were please to share that we received an addition \$9,500 to support on-site training for PLTW Launch programming for grades 3-6. In addition, we received three additional robotics kits. This week, the corporation received an additional \$2,100 for PLTW Launch Lead training, which will allow Mel's to advanced training so they are prepared to train additional teachers. This brings our grant funds for the project to \$85,000. Dr. Miller shared these funds are all necessary for grades 3-6 and all teachers have been trained to lead PLTW and DE STEM Connect modules. The original DLG was allocated for iPads and professional development. This allowed us to reallocate funds to purchase items such as Vernier motion probes, some additional components for the VEX Robots, snap circuits, and heat lamps for the elementary schools. We will be offering a curriculum development stipend to a group of teachers over the summer to further enhance our CK-12 textbook. This book was curated last year by our teachers and is provided to students at no cost to the parents. This summer we will be embedding additional video clips, providing links to interactives, and building a resource of labs for teachers. Because of this project, the district was able to repurpose 50 ipads into K-2 classrooms for daily use and saved the district funds for the replacement of the classroom devises when the old PC's were removed.

MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:

- 3.1 Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees on April 18, 2019. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton approved 7 – 0.
- 3.2 Richard "Buck" Evans made the motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers #2647 – 2744. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 7 – 0.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Bill Hutton made the motion to approve Consent Items 4.1 through 4.6. The motion was seconded by Richard "Buck" Evans and approved 7 – 0.

RETIREMENT

Administrative Staff

Lynn Mellinger

Director of Special Education

Administrative Services Center

Support Staff

Angie Sweet

Custodian

Pendleton Heights Middle School

Susan Scheckelhoff

Instructional Assistant

Pendleton Elementary School - Intermediate

RESIGNATION

Support Staff

Christopher Baker

Assistant to the Director of Transportation

Administrative Services Center

ECA Staff

Alex Griffin

6th Grade Boys Basketball Coach

East Elementary School

Da'Sha Boyd

Girls JV Basketball Coach

Pendleton Heights High School

DONATIONS

Pendleton Elementary School – Primary, monetary donation for Inclusive Playground project
East Elementary School – monetary donation form Music Department

TRIP REQUEST

Pendleton Heights High School, overnight Girls Cross Country Team Camp, July 22 – 25, 2019

FINANCIAL BUSINESS:

- 5.1 Ken McCarty recommended approval of contracts:
Discovery Education Subscriber Agreement
Richard “Buck” Evans made the motion to approve contract. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 7 – 0.
- 5.2 Ken McCarty requested permission to file a written request for Waiver from Implementation of Protected Taxes under IC 6-1.1-20.69.9. If approved, this will change how the property tax is allocated between funds but will not affect the amount of property tax collected. Mr. Buck shared the Circuit Breaker Report that was recently released by the Department of Local Government Finance for Madison County. The projected circuit breaker loss for South Madison Community School Corporation for 2019 is \$1,303,062. Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve the request for a waiver and expressed appreciation to Mr. Buck and Mr. McCarty for keeping on top of this. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 7 – 0.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 6.1 Dr. Mark Hall recommended the acceptance of 91 non-resident students for school year 2019-20. The adoption to accept non-resident applications in February allowed applications to be accepted March 1 – April 26, 2019. There were not enough applications to hold a lottery for student acceptance. Joel Sandefur made the motion to approve the acceptance of Non-Resident Students. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 7 – 0.
- 6.2 Dr. Mark Hall proposed the adoption of textbooks and digital resources in lieu of a textbook and instructional materials for AP Environmental Science, Construction Trades I & II and Photography I & II. Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve textbook adoption. The motion was seconded by Richard “Buck” Evans and approved 7 – 0.
- 6.3 Ken McCarty requested permission to dispose of surplus maintenance equipment. Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve the disposal of equipment. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 7 – 0.
- 6.4 Superintendent Joe Buck introduced and recommended Valerie Steger for Board approval as the new Principal of Maple Ridge Elementary School (MRES), effective July 1, 2019. Mrs. Steger will be replacing John Lord, who will be retiring June 30, 2019. Mr. Buck shared Mrs. Steger has seventeen years of experience in public education. Prior to being hired by South Madison Community School Corporation (SMCSC) in 2012, Mrs. Steger spent ten years in the classroom at Noblesville School Corporation as a sixth grade teacher. During the past seven years at South Madison, Mrs. Steger has been the Assistant Principal at MRES and the High Ability Coordinator for the District. Mr. Buck said as always, our goal is to continue the tradition of excellence in delivering education to the students of SMCSC. Mr. Buck said we will certainly miss Mr. Lord, but he is confident Mrs. Steger will continue the tradition of excellence at MRES. Mrs. Steger expressed appreciation to Mr. Buck and the Board members for their support and the opportunity. Mrs. Steger also expressed appreciation to John Lord for his support and leadership. Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve Valerie Steger as Principal at Maple Ridge Elementary School. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 7 – 0.

OTHER COMMUNICATION:

- 7.1 There was no communication from the public.
- 7.2 Superintendent Joe Buck congratulated Lynn Mellinger on her retirement. Mr. Buck also congratulated Pendleton Heights High School Principal Connie Rickert on her first Top 10 Percent Banquet as Principal. Mr. Buck said it is always a special evening, and everything went well. He congratulated the students for their accomplishments as well as the parents. Congratulations was also given to the faculty and staff who were recognized by the students for being important and influential during their educational careers.
- 7.3 All board members expressed congratulations to Lynn Mellinger and Valerie Steger and wished them well. Board members also expressed appreciation to John Lord for his 41 years of service.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Kaye Wolverton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. The motion was seconded by Richard “Buck” Evans and approved 7 – 0.

Chris Boots, President

Richard “Buck” Evans, Vice President

Bill Hutton, Secretary

Kaye Wolverton, Assistant Secretary

Mark Brizendine, Member

Amy McGinnis, Member

Joel Sandefur, Member

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of School Trustees of the South Madison Community School Corporation met in Executive Session immediately following the regular board meeting for discussion of the purchase or lease of real property by the governing body up to the time a contract or option to purchase or lease is executed by the parties (I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1 (2)(D), to receive information about and interview prospective employees. I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(5)

and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individuals employees. This subdivision does not apply to a discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits or employees during a budget process. I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(9).