

South Madison Community School Corporation  
Board of School Trustees' Meeting  
May 16, 2019

The Board of School Trustees' of South Madison Community School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, May 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Administrative Services Center with board members Chris Boots, Mark Brizendine, Bill Hutton, Joel Sandefur, and Kaye Wolverton present. Richard "Buck" Evans and Amy McGinnis were unavailable for meeting. 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, East Elementary School Principal Andrew Kruer, East Elementary School Assistant Principal Brandon DeHart, Pendleton Elementary School Primary Principal Eric Schill, Pendleton Elementary School Intermediate Principal Arlene Bennett, Pendleton Heights Middle School Assistant Principal Jenny Chestnut, Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Dan Joyce, Pendleton Heights High School Principal Connie Rickert, Transportation Director Candy Stewart, Amy Sigler, Stephanie Westcott, Tamara Stowers, Adam Ballard, Naomi Sandefur, Griffin McCarty, Connie Jones, and family and friends of retirees Mary Ann Bolinger, Janet Miller, Sara Smith, Cathy Tudor, Kathy Jones, Marcia Farr, Susan Scheckelhoff, Dan Joyce, John Lord, Lynn Mellinger, Nellie Seal, Bobbie Valentine and Doug Valentine.

**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.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

The School Board of Trustees' recognized and celebrated the 2018/2019 retirees:

Connie Rickert introduced and presented awards to retirees for Pendleton Heights High School:

Mary Ann Bolinger – 39 years

Janet Miller – 23 years

Sarah Smith – 10 years

Cathy Tudor – 29.5 years

Kathy Jones – 35 years

Andrew Kruer introduced and presented an award to retiree for East Elementary School:

Marcia Farr – 36.5 years

Arlene Bennett introduced and presented an award to retiree for Pendleton Elementary School – Intermediate:

Susan Scheckelhoff – 21 years

Dan Joyce introduced and presented an award to retiree for Pendleton Heights Middle School:

Angie Sweet – 10 years

Dr. Mark Hall introduced and presented an award to retiree for Pendleton Heights Middle School:

Dan Joyce – 39 years

Dr. Laura Miller introduced and presented an award to retiree for Maple Ridge Elementary School:

John Lord – 41 years

Superintendent Joe Buck introduced and presented an award to retiree for Director of Special Education

Lynn Mellinger – 30 years

Candy Stewart introduced and presented awards to retirees for Transportation Department:

Nellie Seal – 37 years

Bobbie Valentine – 11 years

Doug Valentine – 11 years

**REPORTS:**

**3.1 Board Committee Reports**

Kaye Wolverton reported on the FCCLA Committee meeting, shared teaching students for career preparations, programs and events in the department.

Bill Hutton reported on the Construction Trades Meeting, the progress of Doug Wilson starting the program back up, the students getting real experience in the job field, the donations from companies and the great job by this team of teacher and students.

**3.2** Dr. Mark Hall, Valerie Steger and Andrew Kruer presented the High Ability Report to the Board of School Trustees'. They discussed student and teacher benefits, and current REACH structure challenges, shared Grades 3 – 8 ISTEP+ Growth Scores in Language Arts and Math, proposed changes and sample schedule, and model changes. Mrs. Steger shared South Madison Community School Corporation is at a time of higher demands and expectations of our staff and students. In order to meet the increased curricular demands, our programming must adapt and allow for students to receive adequate differentiated instruction in all subject areas. Transitioning to a cluster model allows students and staff to be able to dedicate and devote time to focus on academics while differentiating for the needs of the high ability learner. Bill Hutton commented the adjustments are for the right reasons and meets the needs of the students.

**MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:**

- 4.1 Bill Hutton made the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees on May 2, 2019. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton approved 5 – 0.
- 4.2 Mark Brizendine made the motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers #2745 – 2890. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 5 – 0.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Joel Sandefur made the motion to approve Consent Items 5.1 through 5.6. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 5 – 0.

**RETIREMENT****Support Staff**

Catherine Jones	Assistant Cafeteria Manager	Pendleton Heights High School
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**RESIGNATION****ECA Staff**

Tearle Diggins	CTE (Vocational) Director	Pendleton Heights High School
Amy Claxon	Beta Club Sponsor	Pendleton Heights High School
Lana Moore	Beta Club Sponsor	Pendleton Heights High School

**RECOMENDATION****Certified Staff**

Robert Stevens	French Teacher	Pendleton Heights Middle School / Pendleton Heights High School
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**Support Staff**

Nicole Widener	Summer Part-Time Custodian	Pendleton Heights Middle School
Harry "Bruce" Hilton	Part-Time Custodian	Pendleton Heights Middle School

**Summer School Staff**

Grade 3 Reading Teachers:

Heather Snodgrass  
Meaghan Reth  
Lynn Priest

Kindergarten Camp Teacher:

Laura Sommerville  
Sarah Miller  
Jill Wolverton

East Elementary School  
Maple Ridge Elementary School  
Pendleton Elementary School – Primary

High School Virtual Summer School:

Chad Cook

Grade 3 Instructional Aides:

Jami Hewitt  
Megan Emrich  
Katrina Cross  
Nicole Kuckewish

Kindergarten Camp Instructional Aides:

Gina Sluss  
Tammi Dawson  
Bobbi Gibson

East Elementary School  
Pendleton Elementary School – Primary  
Maple Ridge Elementary School

**TRIP REQUEST**

Pendleton Heights High School, Future Farmers of America to State Livestock Judging, May 17 – 18, 2019

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

- 6.1 Ken McCarty recommended approval of contract:  
Edmentum, Pendleton Heights High School and Carnegie Learning Center  
Scientific Learning, Reading Assistant and Fast Forward – Elementary Schools  
Dell, Dell3100 Chromebooks for 2019-20 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
Mark Brizendine made the motion to approve contracts. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 5 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 7.1 Dr. Mark Hall recommended the acceptance of 4 non-resident students for school year 2019-20. These are for grades 7, 9, 10 and 11. At this time, applications received after the April 26 deadline will be accepted and students approved only if space is available in the school and grade level, the student meets the criteria for acceptance, and the student will be enrolled for the enrollment count day by the Indiana Department of Education. The applications will be presented to the School Board for approval. Bill Hutton made the motion to approve acceptance of Non-Resident Students. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 5 – 0.
- 7.2 Dr. Mark Hall presented the first reading of revisions and edits for the 2019-20 elementary, middle and high school student/parent handbooks. Handbooks will be presented at the June 6, 2019 Board Meeting for approval.
- 7.3 Superintendent Joe Buck announced and congratulated Jennifer Chestnut as new Principal of Pendleton Heights Middle School and Tony Candiano as new Assistant Principal of Pendleton Heights Middle School. Mrs. Chestnut will be replacing Dan Joyce, who will be retiring

June 30, 2019. Bill Hutton made the motion to approve Jennifer Chestnut as Principal at Pendleton Heights Middle School. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 5 – 0. Bill Hutton made the motion to approve Tony Candiano as Assistant Principal at Pendleton Heights Middle School. The motion was seconded by Joel Sandefur and approved 5 – 0. Mrs. Chestnut expressed appreciation to the School Board members and administration for their support and the experience she has learned working with Bill Hutton, John Lord and Dan Joyce.

**OTHER COMMUNICATION:**

- 8.1 Adam Ballard spoke to School Board members regarding Kindergarten Early Entrance testing and concerns. Discussion continued regarding policy and appeal process, new laws and funding.
- 8.2 Superintendent Joe Buck shared it was a great evening and congratulated all the retirees. Mr. Buck also congratulated Connie Rickert on her first Senior Awards and over \$2 million in scholarships awarded.
- 8.3 Bill Hutton shared he spent time at Pendleton Heights Middle School in the reality store. This is where students learn to set up “real world” life experiences, buying home, management of checkbook, etc. Mr. Hutton proudly shared he gave more “high-fives” and “double high-fives” to students using their learning skills.  
Mark Brizendine congratulated all those retiring and enjoyed hearing their career stories.  
Joel Sandefur shared he can relate to the career stories as being from a family of educators and wished Jenny the best in her new position.  
Chris Boots proudly shared his oldest daughter has accepted a 4<sup>th</sup> grade teaching position, but unfortunately not at South Madison.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Kaye Wolverton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 5 – 0.

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Chris Boots, President

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Richard “Buck” Evans, Vice President

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Bill Hutton, Secretary

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Kaye Wolverton, Assistant Secretary

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Mark Brizendine, Member

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Amy McGinnis, Member

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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 to receive information about and interview prospective employees and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This subdivision does not apply to the discussion of the salary, compensation, or benefits of employees during a budget process. Also 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 (5)((9)(2)(D)).