

South Madison Community School Corporation  
Board of School Trustees' Meeting  
September 5, 2019

The Board of School Trustees' of South Madison Community School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Administrative Services Center with board members Chris Boots, Mark Brizendine, Bill Hutton, Amy McGinnis, Joel Sandefur and Kaye Wolverton present. Board member Richard "Buck" Evans was not available 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 Steve Bill, Heidi Moore, Baylee Wilson, Allyson Hayes, Connie Jones and members from Girls BSA Pack 242 John Huther (leader), Dakota Huther, Sienna Huther, and Celia Head.

**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 Steve Bill, Board Representative to the Pendleton Park Board, reported on the Pendleton Park Department. Mr. Bill shared Ron Barnhard retired and there have been three newly hired individuals Aaron Burris, Donny Myers and Denise McKee. He reviewed upgrades to the Park Department and areas under construction. "Friends of the Park", a new committee of volunteers will be joining forces with Urban Forestry Department on Saturday, October 19, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. for Community Day.
- 2.2 Dr. Mark Hall reported on the district ILEARN results. Testing results were released September 4, 2019 for all Indiana school corporations and individual schools are posted on the Indiana Department of Education website. Dr. Hall reviewed South Madison's scores, and proudly announced South Madison Community School Corporation scores were above the State average and also was the top performing school corporation in Madison County.

**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 August 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton approved 6 – 0.
- 3.2 Bill Hutton made the motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers #368 – 577. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 6 – 0.
- 3.3 Joel Sandefur made the motion to approve Hancock Madison Shelby Education Services Accounts Payable Vouchers #6973 – 6976. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 6 – 0.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Kaye Wolverton made the motion to approve Consent Items 4.1 through 4.8. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 6 – 0.

**RESIGNATION**

**Certified Staff**

Shawanda Jones  
Shelbie Rodeman

Spanish Teacher  
Social Studies Teacher

Pendleton Heights High School  
Pendleton Heights High School

**Support Staff**

Brian Rodeman  
Braden Albert

Special Education Instructional Assistant  
Computer Technician

Pendleton Heights High School  
Administrative Services Center

**ECA Staff**

Josh White  
Wendy Hubble

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Basketball Coach  
Freshman Softball Coach

Pendleton Heights Middle School  
Pendleton Heights High School

**RECOMENDATION**

**Support Staff**

Johnathan Junco  
Andrea Van Hof

Custodian  
Beginning Band Staff

Pendleton Elementary School – Primary  
Pendleton Heights Middle School

**ECA Staff**

Paul Claxon  
Alicia Escue-Cox  
Amanda Safford

Robotics Club Sponsor  
AIM Club Sponsor  
Swim Coach

Pendleton Elementary School – Intermediate  
Pendleton Heights Middle School  
Pendleton Heights Middle School

**LEAVE REQUEST**

Jessica Widener

Custodian

Maple Ridge Elementary School

**TRIP REQUEST**

Pendleton Heights High School Spanish Classes, to Spain June 8 – June 16, 2020

**DONATIONS**

Pendleton Elementary School – Primary request to accept monetary donation from Robert McCartney and Family  
Pendleton Heights Middle School request to accept donations from Mr. Luke Clelland of La Banderita for Spanish class and Spanish Club

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

- 5.1 Ken McCarty recommended approval of contract:  
Pacers Sports & Entertainment and Pendleton Elementary Primary School  
Greenfield Tent Rental and Pendleton Heights High School Homecoming tent rental  
Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve contracts. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 6 – 0.
- 5.2 Ken McCarty requested permission to post the 2020 budget. The Department of Local Government Finance (DLFG) requires the three year CPF plan and five year bus replacement to be posted on the school corporation website and the DLFG website at least ten (10) days prior to the public hearing on September 19, 2019. Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve posting the 2020 budget. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 6 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6.1 Dr. Mark Hall recommended the acceptance of three (3) non-resident students for school year 2019-20. This brings the total of 162 non-resident students for the 2019/2020 school year, which is 29 more non-resident students at this time last over the 2018-2019 school year. Dr. Hall requested to permission from this point forward to accept late non-resident applications as has been done in the past, during the summer to approve applications to enroll students in school prior to count day, only if they student applicants meet the criteria for acceptance and space is available in the grade and the school requested. These student applications would be presented to the Board for approval retroactively at the next scheduled Board meeting. Bill Hutton made the motion to approve acceptance of Non-Resident Students. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 6 – 0.

**OTHER COMMUNICATION:**

- 7.1 John Huther shared the Girls BSA Troop 242 Weblows II Troop are based out of Markleville and currently have 11 female scouts.
- 7.2 There was no communication from the Superintendent.
- 7.3 Kaye Wolverton requested an updated committee sheet.  
Bill Hutton shared about the Redevelopment Committee Meeting on August 22, 2019. The road extension to Fall Creek Road from Heritage Way will not be happening for now. Mr. Hutton also shared information about the upcoming impact on the school due to the extension from State Road 38 to Layton Road west to the Guide Lamp building. This will be used as a residential extension and has been in the works for two years. Pendleton will pay 20%, Anderson will pay 75% and federal money will cover the remainder for the extension project. This extension option was chosen in order not to cross Interstate 69.  
Chris Boots shared a card from Judy Rhoades, widow of John Rhoades, that expressed her family’s appreciation for the honor and dedication of the girls cross country course at PHHS in John’s memory.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Amy McGinnis made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 6 – 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

**TEACHER RETIREMENT FUND (TRF) SAVINGS DETERMINATION MEETING**

- 9.1 Superintendent Joe Buck opened the public meeting at 7:41 p.m. The meeting was called to comply with Public Law 108-2019, also known as HEA1001 (2019), which states, in pertinent part: “After July 1, 2019, and before October 1, 2019, the governing body of each school corporation shall determine at a public meeting the following: (1) The dollar amount of the reduction in school corporation’s employer contribution rate under subsection (b). (2) The actions the governing body of the school corporation intends to take with the amount described in subdivision (1).”  
Accordingly, it is recommended that the Board of School Trustees of the South Madison Community School Corporation determine that the total dollar amount of the reduction in the employer contribution rate is expected to be \$260,480. Of this amount, \$232,138 is attributed to the savings provided by the contribution rate reduction for bargaining unit employees, with the remainder of the total dollar reduction, \$28,342, is attributed to administrative employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement.

It is further recommended that the Board of School Trustees of School Corporation use the amounts noted above to enhance employee compensation.

Bill Hutton made the motion to approve the recommendation on the reduction in the school corporation's employer contribution rate for the Indiana Teacher Retirement Fund (TRF). The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 6 – 0.

**ADJOURNMENT OF TRF SAVINGS DETERMINATION MEETING:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Joel Sandefur made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 6 – 0.

**SEA 390 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SOUTH MADISON CLASSROOM TEACHERS ASSOCIATION AND SOUTH MADISON COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

11.1 Superintendent Joe Buck opened the public hearing beginning at 7:47 p.m. This was a Public Hearing, which is required by Senate Enrolled Act 390, 2019. Time was offered for public testimony at the hearing pursuant to Indiana Code 20-29-6-1 (a) regarding teacher compensation and collective bargaining. There was no public testimony.

**ADJOURNMENT OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Kaye Wolverton made a motion to adjourn the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 6 – 0.

**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 assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems; and 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 (3)(2)(D).