

South Madison Community School Corporation  
Board of School Trustees' Meeting  
November 21, 2019

The Board of School Trustees' of South Madison Community School Corporation met in a regular session on Thursday, November 21, 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 Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Jennifer Chestnut, Pendleton Heights Middle School Assistant Principal Tony Candiano, Kevin Smith, Pam Blackwell, Troy McKinley, Mark Armstrong, Brad Morrison, Jenna Blackwell, Chad Smith, Connie Jones, Steve Heath, friends and family of Pendleton Heights Middle School students Nolan Timothy Souders, Parker David Brown, Neleh Lauren Thompson, Everett Elijah Libler, Abigail Grace Davison, and Ryder Kayden Lawyer.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

School Board Vice President Richard "Buck" Evans 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 Vice President Richard "Buck" Evans 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.

**COMMENTS FROM PATRONS:**

There were no comments from Patrons.

**CORE PURPOSE/CORE GOAL/CORE VALUES:**

School Board Vice President Richard "Buck" Evans read the Core Purpose, Core Goal and Core Values.

**RECOGNITIONS:**

2.1 Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Jennifer Chestnut presented outstanding individuals who have contributed to the success of the school program.

Above and Beyond:	Pam Blackwell
Community Partnership:	Kevin Smith
Citizenship:	Nolan Timothy Souders
Trustworthiness:	Parker David Brown
Fairness:	Neleh Lauren Thompson
Responsibility:	Everett Elijah Libler
Respect:	Abigail Grace Davidson
Caring:	Ryder Kayden Lawyer

Board members congratulated students and parents on a job well done.

**REPORTS:**

3.1 Pendleton Heights Middle School Principal Jennifer Chestnut presented Pendleton Heights Middle School annual academic report as reflected in the school district's Students First Strategic Plan. Mrs. Chestnut reviewed the PHMS Vision of "Quality Education to Build a Better Tomorrow" and Mission "Pendleton Heights Middle School will work with the community and families to provide quality education for every student, with the purpose of instilling the importance of learning." Mrs. Chestnut discussed school grades beginning with the 2015-16 school year through 2018-2019; however, the 2018-2019 grades have not been released at this time. She reviewed attendance rate, and ILEARN Performance Scores for the new test with Language Arts at 59% and Math at 52.3%, which are lower due to the new testing format. Mrs. Chestnut also covered ways the building is trying to improve scores and initiatives.

Board members expressed appreciation to Mrs. Chestnut, Mr. Candiano and the PHMS staff for all their hard work.

**3.2 Maumee Bay Turf Center**

Maumee Bay Turf Center representatives Mark Armstrong and Brad Morrison gave an extensive presentation on a synthetic turf system and the products their company uses. Maumee Bay Turf Company is based out of Toledo, Ohio, is a small based company providing turf fields and providing top quality product and customer service. Their product is based on player safety and longevity. The company has installed the same turf in 14 NFL stadiums around the country and the Super Bowl has been played on this turf four out of the last six years. Mr. Morrison has provided a proposal for Superintendent Joe Buck and the Board's review. The Board has been discussing and considering the instillation of turf for several years.

**3.3 Report from Drug Free South Madison County Drug Coalition**

Bill Hutton reported on the Drug Free South Madison County Drug Coalition. A letter has been written to the Town Council in support of their consideration of a town ordinance prohibiting a new business from opening in the town of Pendleton and selling recreational marijuana. The letter addresses recreational marijuana being sold to South Madison students. Mr. Hutton welcomed any Board member, who wished, to sign the letter. December 4, 2019 will be the next Town Hall Meeting.

**MINUTES AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE VOUCHERS:**

4.1 Kaye Wolverton made the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of School Trustees on November 7, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 6 – 0.

4.2 Amy McGinnis made the motion to approve Accounts Payable Vouchers #1210 – 1377. The motion was seconded by Kaye Wolverton and approved 6 – 0.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Kaye Wolverton made the motion to approve Consent Items 5.1 through 5.4. The motion was seconded by Bill Hutton and approved 6 – 0.

**RESIGNATION**  
**Support Staff**

Megan Emrich  
Londa Bennett  
Jessica Madison

Instructional Assistant  
Instructional Assistant  
Instructional Assistant

Pendleton Elementary School - Primary  
Pendleton Elementary School – Primary  
Pendleton Elementary School - Primary

**RECOMMENDATION**  
**Certified Staff**

Amanda Keegan

Social Studies Teacher

Pendleton Heights High School

**TRIP REQUEST**

Pendleton Heights High School French Student to France, March 18 – 26, 2021

**DONATION APPROVAL**

East Elementary School to accept a monetary donation from Main Street Pendleton, Pendleton Christian Church, The Shirley Fund, and Kiwanis Club.

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS:**

6.1 Ken McCarty requested permission to renew the corporation’s health insurance with Unified Group Services and HM Life Insurance Company. Bill Hutton made the motion to approve renewal health insurance with Unified Group Services and HM Life Insurance Company. The motion was seconded by Mark Brizendine and approved 6 – 0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

7.1 Ken McCarty requested permission to enter into a lease rental agreement with Charles Jacobi to farm the corporation’s 30 acres located at the intersection of North Pendleton Avenue and 600 South. The lease period is effective January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020. Mark Brizendine made the motion to approve lease rental agreement with Mr. Jacobi. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis and approved 6 – 0.

**OTHER COMMUNICATION:**

8.1 There was no other communication from the public.  
8.2 There was no other communication from the Superintendent.  
8.3 Bill Hutton shared last Monday, the Elementary Spell Bowl was hosted at Daleville School Corporation. There were 97 schools in our division. Maple Ridge Elementary School placed 11<sup>th</sup> and Pendleton Elementary School – Primary placed 20<sup>th</sup>. Good job by all.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Kaye Wolverton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Amy McGinnis 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

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