

Meeting: SOUTH CENTRAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING

Date: TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

Location: SOUTH CENTRAL COMMUNITY SCHOOL LIBRARY

<i>Persons Attending</i>	
1.	<i>Steven Koontz, President</i>
2.	<i>Todd Morrow, Vice-President</i>
3.	<i>Deborah Allen, Secretary</i>
4.	<i>Dominic Notaro, Deputy Secretary</i>
5.	<i>Geraldine Grott, Member</i>
6.	<i>Dr. Theodore Stevens, Superintendent</i>
7.	<i>Nicholas Kimmel, Elementary Principal</i>
8.	<i>Ben Anderson, High School Principal</i>
9.	<i>William Kaminski, School Attorney</i>
<i>Items To Be Discussed</i>	
1.	<i>Call to Order</i>
2.	<i>Pledge of Allegiance</i>
3.	<i>Public Expressions – Persons wishing to make the board aware of suggestions, ideas, and/or comments may address the board at this time. Comments that involve personnel or students must be discussed in private. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.</i>
4.	<i>Elementary Student Recognition</i>
5.	<i>Consent Agenda</i>
6.	<i>Approval of 2021-22 Elementary Student Handbook</i>
7.	<i>Adoption of 2021 K-2nd and 3rd-6^h Social Studies Textbooks</i>
8.	<i>Approval of Resolution for Authorization for Timely Payment of Claims</i>
9.	<i>Approval of Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Rainy Day to the Operations Fund</i>
10.	<i>Donations</i>
11.	<i>Second Reading/ Approval of New/ Revised/ Updated Neola Polices Vol 33 No 1</i>
12.	<i>Administrative Report/ Action Items</i>
13.	<i>Other Items That May Come Before the Board</i>
14.	<i>Adjournment</i>

This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the School Corporations business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda. The meeting site may not be fully accessible. Any persons requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the Corporation Office.

MEETING NOTES

4.	<u>Elementary Student Recognition:</u> <i>Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal will be recognizing Kristianna Desormeaux, 5th grade student for her accomplishments in the South Central Spelling Bee and the Regional Spelling Bee (attached).</i>
5.	<u>Consent Agenda:</u> a) <u>Approval of the March 9, 2021 Board Minutes:</u> b) <u>Personnel Recommendations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mrs. Hagenow, Food Service Director is recommending approval for the employment of Sarah Elzinga, Cafeteria worker effective the 2021-22 school year.- Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending approval for Melissa Gilchrist for FMLA from March 12, 2021 through the end of the school year.- Mr. Anderson, High School Principal is recommending approval to utilize Steve Nedza for Mrs. Gilchrist FMLA leave from March 12th through the end of the school year.- Dr. Stevens, Superintendent is recommending approval of Jennifer Keeley's contract for the 2021-22 school year (attached). c) <u>Professional Leave Request:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>John Haggard</u> – Virtual meeting at SC for NIAAA LTC Courses, 501,502 and 503. Requesting registration of \$375.00.- <u>Carrie Miller, Holli Divich, Emily Mohlke, and Wendy Walter</u> – SST In-service half-day May 13th at SC.- <u>Dan Siford</u> – PLTW Leadership meeting April 14, 2021 at SC.- <u>Katie Etheridge</u> – Club photos for yearbook April 14, 2021 in South Gym. d) <u>Substitute Bus Driver Compensation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Stevens, Superintendent is recommending formal approval for the substitute bus drivers compensation structure. e) <u>Kindergarten Orientation:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is requesting approval for Kindergarten Orientation on August 4th and 5th and that our three kindergarten teachers be compensated and one bus driver (attached), f) <u>ECA Resignations and Assignments:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approval for the resignation of Cindy Cummings, JV Volleyball Coach effective the end of the 2020-21 season.- Approval for Andrea Welsh for Varsity Head Volleyball Coach effective the 2021-22 season. g) <u>Claims:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Approval of presented claims.
6.	<u>Approval of 2021-22 Elementary Student Handbook:</u> <i>Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is recommending approval for the 2021-22 Elementary Student Handbook (attached).</i>
7.	<u>Adoption of 2021 Social Studies Textbooks:</u> <i>Mr. Kimmel, Elementary Principal is recommending the board adopt McGraw Hill Social Studies for 3rd-6th grade and Cengage Learning (National Geographic) for K-2nd grade for the next six years (attachment).</i>
8.	<u>Approval of Resolution for Authorization for Timely Payment of Claims:</u> <i>Mrs. Dutoi, Business Manager is requesting approval for the attached Resolution for Authorization for Timely Payment of Claims.</i>
9.	<u>Approval of Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Rainy Day to the Operations Fund:</u> <i>Mrs. Dutoi, Business Manager is requesting approval for the attached Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Rainy Day to the Operations Fund.</i>
10.	<u>Donations:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Anonymous donation \$500.00 to Elementary/ Fund 2000➤ <u>To Softball:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none">Rannells Funeral Home \$300.00Schafer Farms \$100.00

Donations:

➤ **Drama Club:**

Misc. Cash Donation \$20.00
David & Chris Jones \$500.00
Brad & Julie Roche \$75.00
Crystal Coffey - \$25.00
Jeffrey & Diana Carr \$100.00
Daniel & Erica Fleig - \$100.00
James & Charlene Carr - \$150.00
All Seasons Heating - \$50.00
Edwin Egolf & Audrey Allen - \$50.00
Kevin Egolf - \$50.00
Andrew & Melinda McGuire \$40.00

11. Second Reading/ Approval of New/ Revised/ Updated Neola Polices Vol 33 No 1:

Policy 1220-Employment of the Superintendent – Revised:

The revision to this policy is proposed to incorporate the requirements of HEA 1066. The act adds a new subsection (c) to I.C. 20-28-8-6. This subsection effective June 30, 2021, limits to Board from entering into a new contract with a superintendent after the date of an election in which one or more members of the governing body are elected until January 1 of the year immediately following the year of the election. This new policy provision does not apply if the results of the election do not change the membership make-up of the board.

Policy 2370.02-Flex Program – Technical Correction:

This policy is revised to correct a grammatical error in the policy.

Policy 2623 – Student Assessment – Revised:

This policy has been revised to reflect a new Indiana Code section, I.C. 20-32-5.1-18-4 added by Senate Enrollment Act 346, which states that “a student’s score on the statewide assessment may not be the primary factor or measure used to determine whether a student is eligible for a particular course or program.” Additionally, references to outdated terminology (here, graduation examination) have been removed.

Policy 2700 – Annual Performance Report – Revised:

The revision to this policy is to reflect the changes provided by HEA 1003 to allow the School Corporation when publishing the annual performance report in the newspaper to either publish the usual full report or in a newly described summary report. The policy also makes clear the Corporation’s responsibility for providing public access to the full report on the Corporation website.

Policy 5111 – Determination of Legal Settlement and Eligibility for Enrollment of Students Without Legal Settlement in the Corporation – Revised:

This policy has been revised to reflect the changes made by House Enrolled Act 1066 to I.C. 20-26-11-6.5, which require the Corporation to accept a transfer student whose parent currently is employed by the Corporation and makes an annual salary of at least (1) \$8,000 or (2) \$3,000 earned due to being included as an employee in the extracurricular portion of the Corporation’s current collective bargaining agreement if the parent is a resident of Indiana and the Corporation has the capacity to accept the student.

Policy 5130 – Withdrawal from School – Technical Correction:

This policy has been corrected for a grammatical error and the addition of a statutory reference.

Policy 5610-Suspension and Expulsion of Students – Revised:

This policy has been revised to reflect the impact of HEA 1066 in amending I.C. 20-33-8-18 which requires schools to allow suspended students to receive credit for all completed assignments or school work assigned during a period of suspension in the same manner as a student who was not suspended.

Policy 5895-Student Employment – Revised:

This policy was revised to meet the new requirements of SEA 409. The “work permit” is now referred to in law as an “employment certificate”. The revisions to the policy also include the assigning of a staff member to serve as the employment certificate issuing officer. The issuing officer must meet the requirements of Indiana law. The revisions also address the age range of students who must secure an employment certificate in order to work, as well as, the documentation necessary to receive the employment certificate.

Policy 6114 – Cost Principals-Spending Federal Funds:

These revisions reflect changes outlined in the President’s Management Agenda (PMA). This guidance is intended to focus on improved stewardship and ensuring that the American people are receiving value for funds spent on grant programs. The revisions are limited in scope to support the implementation of statutory requirements, alignment of these provisions with other Federal requirements, and clarification of existing requirements to minimize risk in financial transactions.

Policy 8390 – Animals on School Corporation Property – Revised:

This policy has been revised to reflect that the Complaint Procedure and process for an appeal that must be utilized when a service animal will be removed and/or excluded are set forth in Policy 2260-Nondiscrimination and Equal Education Opportunity/ Access. Further, this policy has been revised to offer two optional provisions one for allowing Emotional Support Animals on Corporation Grounds and the other allowing for a Certified Therapy Dog on Corporation Grounds. If a Corporation intends to allow for the use of either of these types of animals on Corporation property, the Superintendent should consider the inclusion of the optional language for the purposes of detailing protocol for granting a request for the use of an emotional support animal or a certified therapy dog.

	<p><u>Policy 8400-School Safety – Revised:</u> <i>An optional provision has been added to this policy to reflect that the Corporation may apply annually for matching grant funds from the Indiana secured school fund and within that option, it details that the Corporation shall certify to the department of homeland security that it has conducted a threat assessment for each school building it uses and that it has a memorandum (MOU) in place with a community mental health center established under State law or a provider certified or licensed by the State to provide mental or behavioral health services to students. Further, this policy has been revised to reflect requirements established in I.C. 20-34-3-21, regarding the mandate that the Corporation must enter into a (MOU) with a community mental health center established under State law or a provider certified or licensed by the State to provide mental health services to students and the appropriate referral process.</i></p> <p><u>Policy 8405 – Environmental Health and Safety Issues – Revised:</u> <i>This policy has been revised to reflect the new I.C. 16-41-21.1-3 to provide guidance for Corporations regarding the implementation of the appropriate testing of drinking water in all school buildings prior to January 1, 2023.</i></p> <p><u>Policy 8462 – Child Abuse or Neglect – Revised:</u> <i>This policy has been revised to reflect new requirements established in SEA 295 that a school social worker and school psychologist are appropriate individuals to provide age-appropriate and research and evidence- based instruction on child abuse that must be annually provided for students in kindergarten through grade twelve (12).</i></p> <p><u>Policy 8600 – Transportation – Revised:</u> <i>This policy was revised to provide a new option for transporting students to and from career and technical education programs which has been granted in HEA 1066. If seven (7) or fewer students are being transported, an “appropriate vehicle” may be used. If more than seven (7) students are being transported, a special purpose bus or a school bus must be used.</i></p> <p><u>Policy 8800-Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances – Revised:</u> <i>This policy has been revised to reflect the provisions of HEA 1066 about displaying the national motto. HEA 1066 has specific guidelines that must be followed if the School Corporation chooses to display the national motto. HEA 1066 does not require the display of the national motto.</i></p> <p><u>Policy 9700-Relations with Special Interest Groups – Revised:</u> <i>Pursuant to SEA 398 and provisions of a new Chapter of Indiana Code, IC 20-26-20 – Patriotic Youth Membership Organizations – this policy has been revised to reflect the requirement that the Corporation provide a representative or the youth membership organization with the opportunity to provide oral or written information to students on one specific day or time annually. Further, the Corporation shall conduct an expanded criminal history check on the representative seeking the opportunity to present information to students. The representative of the youth membership organization would be responsible for all costs associated with obtaining the expanded criminal history check. The Corporation may refuse the representative access based on the receipt of the expanded criminal history check.</i></p>
12.	<p><u>Administrative Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Administrator Assistance, Gib Crimmins</u> <i>Independent Financial Snapshot</i> ➤ <u>Summer School Planning</u> ➤ <u>Virtual Option Next School Year</u> ➤ <u>SC COVID Update</u>
13.	<p><u>Other Items that May Come Before the Board:</u></p>
14.	<p><u>Adjournment:</u></p>
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