

**Southwestern Community School District
Board of Education
Regular Monthly Meeting
Jamestown Fire Department
Kieler, WI
November 14, 2018 - 7:30 p.m.**

Board President, Jodi Fritz, called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

The Board, administrative personnel, and visitors recited the pledge of allegiance.

Board members present: Jodi Fritz, Jackie Birkett, Storey Dreessens, Steve Hoppman, Larry Grant, John Klein and Brian Splinter.

Administrative personnel present:

District Administrator, John Costello; High School/Middle School Principal, Cynthia Lacey; Elementary School Principal, Angela Barth; Director of Maintenance and Operations, Ron Beaver; and Athletic Director Scheduler, Tom Koeller.

Proof of notice was reviewed by President, Jodi Fritz.

Celebrate Southwestern

The 2017-18 School Report Card was released by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). SWSD met or exceeded state expectations and reflected improvement in areas over the previous year.

The board recognized visitors and allowed public comment. Attending were:

Sara Jacobson

Sarah Adams

Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Communication: No report.

Personnel and Policy: No report.

Facilities and Transportation: No report.

John Costello presented the District Administrator Report:

- The new Fitness Center is up and running and participation has been very positive.
- The Veteran's assembly was held in the new MS gym. Thank you to the staff that helped to organize it as it was a huge success. The band and choir were able to perform on the stage and sounded great. The hot breakfast and photo booth were a big draw as well as the elementary grades that performed. The veteran's all had a great experience.
- Mr. Costello has been in contact with other school districts regarding policy #7530. The districts all agreed that using a cell phone for communication, if necessary, should be backed up with an email.
- Part of the Wisconsin Act 143 requires mandatory reporting of threats of school violence. The school is in the process of putting together a threat assessment team. Students have been made aware of the new policies and a letter has been shared with parents.
- The school district is looking at putting up retractable batting cages in the gym.
- The SWSD, along with neighboring schools, will be offering a training to substitute teachers on November 29th from 9:00 – 3:00.

Ron Beaver presented the Maintenance Report:

- The semi-annual fire inspection was held and there were no violations or major concerns.
- A walk through of the new building facility is scheduled for November 19th with emergency personnel including: Fire Department, Rescue Squad, and Police Department.
- The stage extensions were delivered and will be used for the upcoming Christmas concerts.
- The new tables and seating were installed in the Multi-media room. Comments have been very positive and staff/students are enjoying the area for classes.
- The WASBO facilities Convention was held November 5th and 6th. Proper budgeting techniques and exterior building and grounds maintenance were discussed. Mr. Beaver was also able to complete two core modules toward his Facilities Manager Certification.

Tom Koeller presented the Athletic Director Report:

- SW will not be effected on the WIAA Conference realignment.
- The following student-athletes were named all-conference for the fall season:
 - Preston Pearce – Football, Second Team
 - Nathan Berning – Football, Honorable Mention
 - Hope Przybylski and Abby Budden – Volleyball, First Team
 - Kailey Droessler – Volleyball, Honorable Mention

- The following student-athletes were named to the academic all-state team for the fall season: Kate Wright, Haley Wright, and Mallory Kaiser – Girls Golf

Cindy Lacey presented the High School Principal Report:

- Mr. Simons Intro to Business class attended the Titan Challenge at NICC.
- Shannon Hunter, a SW graduate employed by Honkamp Kruegger, visited the Intro to Business class to speak on ethics.
- Nnacy Laugesen from Dupaco visited the Personal Finance classes to discuss use of credit.
- Mary Johannesen assisted registering students for transcribed credit at Southwest Tech.
- Mrs. Sabers group of high school students knitted 35 hats to send to Ascension St. Francis hospital in Milwaukee.

Angela Barth presented the Elementary/Middle School Principal Report:

- Mrs. Barth had nothing to add to her written board report as principal.

Angela Barth presented the Director of Special Education Report:

- Mrs. Barth will be out of the district on November 19th and 20th attending a special education convention at the Dells

Recommendation to approve the bills:

Jackie Birkett moved to approve the payment of October bills. Larry Grant seconded.
Motion carried. (7-0)

Consent Agenda

- Approval of minutes from the regular meeting October 10, 2018
- Approval of minutes from the annual meeting held on October 22, 2018
- Approval of minutes from the special board meeting held on October 22, 2018.
- Approval of minutes from the special board meeting held on October 30, 2018
- Approval to hire Jason Steffes, Shyla Lukens, Aubrey Berning, Solomon Taylor, Justin Simmien, and Dave Wills as fitness center employees.
- Approve the resignation of Myleen Bass as assistant forensics coach.
- Approve the resignation of Miquel Jackson as assistant track coach.
- Approve the resignation of Jennifer Freiburger as head volleyball coach.

Brian Splinter moved to approve the consensus agenda. John Klein seconded. Motion Carried. (7-0)

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Sara Jacobson from Johnson Block presented the 2017-2018 audit.

Recommendation to approve student applications to enroll in start college.

Storey Dreessens moved to approve student applications to enroll in start college. John Klein seconded. Motion carried. (7-0)

Other Business:

A thank you note for the sympathy and memorial given was read from the family of Darlene Wills.

Brian Splinter moved to adjourn the regular session at 9:09 p.m. John Klein seconded.

Roll call vote: Grant – yes, Birkett – yes, Dreessens – yes, Hoppman – yes, Klein – yes, Fritz – yes, Splinter – yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Storey Dreessens,
School Board Clerk