

**Southside School District  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Monday November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:30 pm  
Southside High School Media Center**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brad Cummings, President  
Tony May, Vice President  
Vonda Halford, Secretary  
Eric Low, Board Member  
Kyle Miller, Board Member

**GUEST PRESENT**

Michael McBryde

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Board President Brad Cummings called the meeting to order. Vice President Tony May led the pledge of allegiance. The invocation was given by H S Principal Jimmy Hodges.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Superintendent Dion Stevens presented the agenda with no changes. Motion made by Eric Low and seconded by Kyle Miller to accept the agenda. Motion carried: 5-0.

**III. PRINCIPALS REPORT**

Preschool Director Lisa McGhee gave the following report:

- Picture Days were the last week of October.
- Celebrated our teachers with Halloween goody bags.
- ITERS review for the year.
- Writing grants for Preschool and TRACKS.

Preschool Director Lisa McGhee gave the following report for the Elementary in the absence of Principal Kim Poole:

- Flu Clinic.
- Red Ribbon Week.
- Volleyball send off.
- Halloween parties.

Middle School Principal Kayla Turner gave the following report:

- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trips.
- Chocolate Bar Fundraiser.
- Junior Beta sold Boo-Grams and donated the money to the HSIC.

J H Principal George Sitkowski gave the following report:

- J H Cross Country Honors - Braswell and Breanna Lopez All-Conference.
- J H Volleyball 2<sup>nd</sup> Place in Conference, District Tournament Runner Up.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Conference Champs, 8-2 overall.

High School Principal Jimmy Hodges gave the following report:

- Red Ribbon Week.
- College and Career Fair.
- Community Service.

#### **IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

- Heard a report and preliminary schedule of events from Michael McBryde of Stephens Inc.
- October board minutes were presented by Superintendent Dion Stevens. Motion made by Tony May and seconded by Eric Low to approve last month's minutes. Motion carried 5-0.
- Superintendent Dion Stevens gave the financial report. Motion made by Tony May and seconded by Vonda Halford to accept the financial report as given. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **V. ACTION ITEMS**

- It is the recommendation of the administration to give a \$300 bonus in December '21 to each contracted employee and any employee on a contracted path (during their 60-day probationary period). Motion made by Eric Low and seconded by Vonda Halford. Motion carried 5-0.
- It is the recommendation of the administration to give a Childcare Retention Bonus of \$500 in December '21. This will include Preschool workers and TRACKS. Full and Part-Time (contracted and non-contracted) and if they work both they will be entitled to receive a bonus for each one. Motion made by Tony May and seconded by Eric Low. Motion carried 5-0.
- Election of Board officers was presented by Superintendent Dion Stevens. Motion was made by Eric Low that all board members hold the same office for the upcoming year. Motion was seconded by Tony May. Motion carried 5-0.
- Superintendent Dion Stevens recommended that the administration continue our relationship with Nabholz as our construction management firm. Motion made by Tony May and seconded by Vonda Halford. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **VI. STUDENT DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATION**

- Superintendent Dion Stevens recommended expelling a minor student for one calendar year from October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2021 per the Southside School District Policy 4.31. Documentation was presented to the board to support the recommendation. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Kyle Miller to accept the Superintendents recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

## **VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Superintendent Dion Stevens gave the following report:

- The millage passed.
- Volleyball made it to the Elite 8.
- Football finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in Conference and earned a home playoff game.

Tony May made the motion to approve all purchases as presented by Superintendent Stevens. The motion was seconded by Eric Low. Motion carried 5-0.

## **VIII. PERSONNEL**

New Contracts:

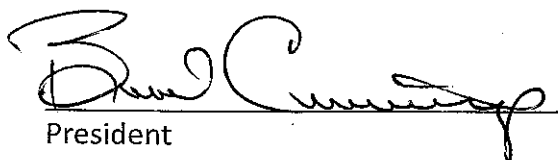
- Brianna Crabtree – Lead Teacher in Toddlers.
- Elizabeth Tapp, Pratt – Paraprofessional.
- Kandace Sherman – Long Term Sub. (5/8).

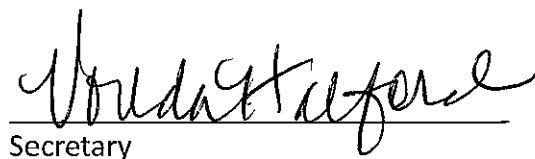
Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Kyle Miller to approve the new contracts. Motion carried 5-0.

It is the recommendation of the administration to amend the contract of Leea Godush from a 2 year RN schedule to a 4 year RN schedule since she is the Head Nurse. Motion made by Vonda Halford and seconded by Eric Low to approve the the recommendation. Motion carried 5-0.

## **IX. ADJOURN**

Motion made by Eric Low and seconded by Vonda Halford to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.

  
President

  
Secretary