

**Scott County School District 2
School Board of Education Meeting
Central Office Board Room
375 East McClain Avenue
Scottsburg, IN 47170**

**Board Minutes
October 25, 2016**

Executive Session - 5:00 p.m.

IC 5-14-1.5-6.1 For discussion of strategy with respect to: (3) the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety measures, plans, and systems; (6) any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: (A) to receive information concerning the individual's alleged misconduct; and (B) to discuss, before a determination, the individual's status as an employee.

The Executive Session began at 5:00 p.m. with all members present along with Dr. Slaton. There was no subject discussed other than that specified on the agenda. The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Additional Appropriations Hearing - 6:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Kendall called the Additional Appropriations Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Slaton asked permission to add the

Post Issuance Compliance Procedure document to the agenda for approval as it was not received until today.

Mrs.

Roberts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mays. Motion carried 5-0.

II. Purpose of Hearing: Additional Appropriation for Renovations & Improvements to Facilities

Dr. Slaton stated that the purpose of this meeting was to meet Indiana law requirements for the proposed replacement of the high school HVAC system and other site improvements which will cost in excess of one million dollars.

III. [Proof of Notice of Public Hearing](#)

Notice of this hearing was published in the *Scott County Journal and Chronicle* on September 3, 2016 as required. Mrs. Roberts made a motion to make this notice a part of the minutes. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried

5-0.

IV. Questions or Comments from the Public

Mr. Kendall asked if there were any questions or comments in respect to the matter of the additional appropriation in

the amount of two million dollars and there were none.

- V. [Recommendation to Adopt the Additional Appropriation Resolution](#)
Mrs. Roberts made a motion to adopt Exhibit A, the Additional Appropriation Resolution. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- VI. [Recommendation to Approve Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking](#)
[Recommendation to Approve Post Issuance Compliance Procedures](#) - added 10-25-16
Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve the Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and the Post Issuance Compliance Procedures. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.
- VII. [Recommendation to Adopt Final Bond Resolution](#)
Dr. Slaton stated that he had consulted the firm of Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel of Indianapolis relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. He presented to the Board Exhibit B, a form of resolution approved by Ice Miller LLP and recommended by them for adoption for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of bonds. Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Roberts. Motion carried 5-0.
- VIII. Adjourn Hearing
The Additional Appropriations Hearing adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting - immediately following Additional Appropriations Hearing

- I. Call to Order
Mr. Kendall called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Recognition of Visitors
- IV. Superintendent's Report
- A. Cross Country Congratulations
Dr. Slaton offered congratulations to the SHS Cross Country Runners who advanced to Regional. Those students were Brock Adams, Justin Padgett, Alex May, Eliza Mount, Lyndie Foster and Jena Livesay. He congratulated Alex May for advancing to the the Semi-State this past weekend noting that he ran very well and missed advancing to the state finals by only 29 seconds. Dr Slaton also congratulated the band for their semi-state performance.
- B. [District Commercial Debut](#)
The new district commercial was played for those in attendance. It will be advertised in New Albany theaters from November through January with "*What Matters to You, Matters to Us*" as the new slogan for the winter/spring.
- C. [Lexington Elementary School Day Proclamation](#)
In recognition of Lexington Elementary School being designated as a Four Star School by the Indiana

Department of Education and as a Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education, Dr. Slaton named November 10, 2016 Lexington Elementary Day. He announced that there will be events

scheduled for that day along with a community event that evening. Dr. Slaton urged all Scott 2 employees

and students to join in recognizing LES by wearing red on November 10th.

D. [Virtual School Report](#)

The Virtual School report was provided for review.

E. [College and Career Readiness Report](#)

Mrs. Shannon Mount gave a presentation to the Board outlining the duties and goals she is working towards in the new position of college and career readiness counselor. (see link) She welcomed Board feedback and suggestions regarding how best to serve Scott 2 students in this position.

V. Consideration of Modification to the Agenda and Approval

Dr. Slaton asked permission to add these items to the agenda:

- 1) S & P Global Ratings \$10,500
- 2) SHS FFA - Chapter Outing, Louisville, KY, Nov. 7
- 3) SHS FFA - North American Rodeo, Louisville, KY, Nov. 11
- 4) Caroline VanGosen - FFA Chapter Outing, Louisville, KY, Nov. 7
- 5) Caroline VanGosen - North American Rodeo, Louisville, KY, Nov. 11
- 6) Brittany Banister - HECC Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 10
- 7) Evan Bowman Termination - SES 5.5 Hour Custodian
- 8) Amy Anderson Cantrell Termination - LES 5.75 Hour Special Programs Aide
- 9) Permission to post SES 5.5 Hour Custodian & LES 5.75 Hour Special Programs Aide

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the agenda with modifications. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VI. Consideration of Board Minutes

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve the minutes from the [October 4, 2016](#), Regular Board meeting as presented. Mrs. Roberts seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VII. Financial Considerations

A. [Expenditure Summary](#)

B. Payroll Claims

1. [10-6-16](#)
2. [10-18-16](#)

C. Regular Claims

1. [Sept. 26-30, 2016](#)
2. [Oct. 3-7, 2016](#)
3. [Oct. 25, 2016](#)

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve all payroll and regular claims. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

D. [Bank Reconciliation Summary 9-16](#)

E. Permission to Approve

1. [Rainy Day Transfer Resolution](#)

2. [Resolution to Reduce the 2016 General Fund Budget](#)

Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve the Rainy Day Transfer Resolution and the Resolution to Reduce the 2016 General Fund Budget. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

F. Permission to Purchase/Renew

1. [NuMotion \\$2,775](#)

This is a moveable walker for a student in the Moderate/Severe classroom who can't walk without the support of the walker. Mr. Marshall placed this piece on the de-obligated grant and the money will be reimbursed once it is approved by DOE.

2. [Rogers Athletic Company \\$4,300](#) (paid from Football ECA)

3. [S & P Global Ratings \\$10,500](#) - added 10-25-16

This will get the bond rated and allow substantially reduced interest rates on the bond.

Mr. Mays made a motion to approve all purchases/renewals. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

G. Permission to Accept/Award Quotes

1. [Activity Bus](#)

- a. Kerlin \$57,015
- b. MacAllister \$60,113
- c. Midwest \$54,133

Mrs. Roberts made a motion to accept the quotes for the district student activity bus (mini-bus). Mr. Mays seconded and motion to accept carried 5-0. Upon Mr. Riley's recommendation, Mr. Moore made a motion to award the quote to Midwest at \$54,133. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

2. [Greenhouse](#)

[Funding the Greenhouse](#)

- a. Goecker Construction \$193,916
- b. Cottingim Enterprises \$159,500

(NOTE: Alternate #1 (concrete block wall around the base of the greenhouse-\$3,000). Alternate #2 is the sidewalks connecting it to SHS and also the head house pad- \$13,000).

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to accept the bids. Mr. Moore seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Dr. Slaton stated that based on the proposals, they recommended awarding the contract to Cottingim Enterprises for \$159,500. He added that this is a great investment for our students and would provide more classroom learning space for our student body, however, the cost of the project is considerably more than originally anticipated and the plan to cover the gap is to:

- meet with the city, electric, and gas companies to see what work can be done by them to reduce the base bid price;
- utilize 2016 SHS CPF money (current balance of \$30,000 in 2016 and have asked for \$140,000 in 2017 budget for SHS);
- use \$14,000 CTE funding towards greenhouse;
- work to procure more public donations;

- work with contractor to see if there are aspects of the project that could be completed by Scott 2 staff; and
- continue working with the contractor to see if there are any other aspects of the project that can be value engineered without changing the greenhouse functionality (the contractor has already found approximately \$22,000 worth of changes that he felt could be made without hurting the greenhouse functionality).

He stated that if the parties involved feel comfortable that they can still make this happen for our students even though the cost is higher than originally planned.

Mr. Mays voiced his concern that when this project was first brought to the Board it was approved for approximately \$60,000 less and asked what changed. Dr. Slaton, Mr. Manns and Mr. Riley agreed that much of the issue was with the Atlas company that was to supply the greenhouse kit. Atlas acted as if they could erect the structure but in reality could not. It became apparent that there needed to be a general contractor to make sure the project met all legal requirements. Kovert Hawkins architect, Mr. Jamie Lake, stated that when the project was picked up by their firm, they had a short amount of turnaround time and used the information given to them, however there were many gaps. He had to take the manufacturer's kit and add to the scope of work to make it compliant. He stated that there were big things missing, such as site utilities and the need to move the location of the structure due to onsite utilities. Dr. Slaton noted that with the gaps and gross underestimation of some of those costs along with the additional cost of the architect and fees to get the project legal, the total project cost grew. Mrs. Roberts asked if the Board could see an itemized list of what was originally presented to compare that to what was before them now. Dr. Slaton will provide that information to the Board.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Lake if he had met with Mrs. VanGosen and Mr. McMichael to which Mr. Lake responded that they just took what was previously put together and packaged it without redesigning. When he found that Mrs. VanGosen and Mr. McMichael did not like the concrete block wall that Mr. Lake had thought was preferable and had included, he stated that the contractor will do either for the same price with a change order, so that had been worked out. Mr. Moore asked what the timeline for the project was and Dr. Slaton said that the contractor cited 150 days to completion from the date the project is awarded.

There was discussion as to the different classes that could be taught using the greenhouse and Mrs. VanGosen stated that a greenhouse is the future of agriculture and without one she is not a true ag teacher.

Mr. Kendall agreed that it was very frustrating to be given the idea that the project could be completed for so much less and having accepted community/business donations, the Board now felt an obligation to come up with the rest of the money and use the company that had misled them to supply the kit as they had a considerably lower bid. Mrs. Soloe also felt they had no choice. Mr. Mays added that in the future there should be much more detail established before projects are brought to the Board for approval and people should be involved in the process who

understand the scope of the project.

Mr. Moore made a motion to approve and award the project to Cottingim Enterprises for \$159,500 along with Alternate 1 for \$3,000. Alternate 2 could be brought back to the Board for consideration after research to see if the Scott 2 maintenance department and/or another local contractor might be able to complete those items at a lower cost. Mrs. Soloe seconded the motion and motion carried 3-2. (Mr. Mays and Mrs. Roberts voted against.) Mr. Mays remarked that he had no issue with the greenhouse but did have issue with the huge price change from the original presentation to the Board.

Mr. McMichael asked if he and Mrs. VanGosen could be included in any meetings with the contractor and architect regarding any changes to the project. He also felt he had some cost saving options. Mrs. Roberts applauded Mrs. VanGosen for all of the effort she put into this project, adding that she was hired as a teacher not to build a greenhouse and that the frustration was not targeted at her. Mr. Moore also thanked Mrs. VanGosen and Mr. McMichael for building the agriculture program back up to its current stature as one of the healthiest agriculture programs in the state.

H. [SMS Project List Discussion](#)

Dr. Slaton stated that the opportunity to refinance the SMS Construction Project in the spring of 2017 will generate enough debt capacity to do additional projects at no expense to the Scott 2 taxpayers. He added that since the projects would have to be at SMS or the Administration Office building, he had asked Ms. Nass and Mr. Smith for potential project ideas. They provided a slide show presentation (see link) outlining obligations, needs and "bold action" possibilities that they felt would benefit SMS, Scott 2 and the community, with the "bold" idea being to build an Activities Center. Ms. Nass and Mr. Smith stated that with the expansion of the elementary sports program, gym space is a huge problem and an activities center would be a great addition to our facilities and would enable Scott 2 to be able to host more events. They added that this unexpected money is a golden opportunity to be able to build such a structure and asked permission to launch an official inquiry into the Activities Center.

Ms. Sparkman stated that if we don't do this now, she does not foresee being able to accomplish a project of this magnitude in the next several years. Mr. Mays stated that there would need to be expanded parking and Mr. Kendall stated that he would like to look into a minimum of three courts. He added that determining the best plan and taking into consideration future needs was critical. The consensus of the Board was for the team to officially begin the process of looking into this possibility.

I. Permission to Declare VFES Tables Surplus

Mrs. Roberts made a motion to approve declaring 8 tables at VFES surplus. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

VIII. Operations

A. Personnel Recommendations

1. Retirement(s)

a. [Michael Seal - SMS 5.5 Hour Custodian](#)

2. ECA Staff Recommendation(s)
 - a. [Mandi Wade - LES High Ability Coach](#)
 - b. [Stephanie Nussbaum - SHS FHA Sponsor](#)
 - c. [Elementary Winter Coaches](#)
3. Professional Leave Request(s)
 - a. [Bobby Doriot - HECC Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 9-11](#)
 - b. [Allison Berry - Maternity Leave - \(Dec. 18 - Feb. 27 estimated\)](#)
 - c. [Scott Borden - HECC Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 9-11](#)
 - d. [Eric Copple - HECC Conference, Indianapolis, IN, Nov. 9-10](#)
 - e. [Caroline VanGosen - FFA Chapter Outing, Louisville, KY, Nov. 7 - added 10-25-16](#)
 - f. [Caroline VanGosen - North American Rodeo, Louisville, KY, Nov. 11 - added 10-25-16](#)
 - g. [Brittany Banister -HECC Conference, Indianapolis IN, Nov. 10 - added 10-25-16](#)
4. Field Trip Request(s)
 - a. [SHS Sunshine - State Convention, Thorntown, IN, Nov. 4-5](#)
 - b. [SHS FFA - Chapter Outing, Louisville, KY, Nov. 7 - added 10-25-16](#)
 - c. [SHS FFA - North American Rodeo, Louisville, KY, Nov. 11 - added 10-25-16](#)
5. [Permission to Post](#)
 - a. Scott County School District 2 Attorney
 - b. SMS 5.5 Hour Custodian
 - c. JES/LES Counselor (Maternity Leave Dec. 18-Feb 27)
 - d. SHS Varsity Baseball Asst. Coach (2)
 - e. SMS Baseball Coach
 - f. SHS Asst. Softball Coach
 - g. SMS Softball Coach
 - h. SHS Girls' Tennis Coach
 - i. SHS Varsity Girls' Track Coach
 - j. SHS Varsity Asst. Boys' Track Coach
 - k. SHS Varsity Asst. Girls' Track Coach
 - l. SMS Asst. Boys' Track Coach
 - m. SMS Asst. Girls' Track Coach
 - n. SES 5.5 Hour Custodian - added 10-25-16
 - o. LES 5.75 Hour Special Programs Aide - added 10-25-16
6. Termination(s)
 - a. [Evan Bowman](#) as SES 5.5 Hour Custodian - added 10-25-16
 - b. Amy Anderson Cantrell as LES 5.75 Hour Special Programs Aide - added 10-25-16

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve all operations, seconded by Mrs. Roberts. Motion carried 5-0.

IX. Curriculum, Instruction & Grants

A. Permission to Apply

1. Lilly Endowment Comprehensive Counseling Initiative (Planning & Implementation) Grant
The planning grant is a non-competitive grant worth \$30,000 and due December 2016. If awarded it would cover activities from January - May 2017. The implementation grant is competitive and worth \$100 per enrolled student (approximately \$250,000). The purpose of the

Comprehensive Counseling Initiative is to encourage school corporations to explore the way they provide services for K-12 students to prepare for academic, career and personal success. The goal of the grant is to significantly increase the number of K-12 students who are emotionally healthy, realize academic success, graduate from high school, obtain valuable postsecondary credentials, certifications and degrees necessary for meaningful employment in order to prepare to compete and prosper in a global society.

2. Work Ethic Certification Planning Grant

This grant is competitive and if awarded would be worth \$25,000-50,000. The application is due November 4, 2016. This Planning Grant has 3 goals: 1) Connect employers to their local school district through a College and Career Readiness Advisory Council designed to create a collaborative partnership that benefits the community; 2) Provide students with an understanding of necessary employability skills for today's in-demand jobs and enable them to demonstrate these skills while in high school; and 3) Provide employers with potential workers who understand the values and importance of responsibility and perseverance in the workplace.

Mrs. Soloe made a motion to approve permission to apply for both grants. Mr. Mays seconded and motion carried 5-0.

X. Permission to Waive Fees

A. [Purdue Extension Annual Meeting](#)

B. [ISBA Fall Legal Workshop](#)

Mr. Mays made a motion to waive rental fees for both events. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried

5-0.

XI. Other Business
None

XII. Adjourn

Mr. Mays made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Soloe seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Jason Kendall, President

Josh Mays, Vice President

Christy Roberts, Secretary

Ron Moore, Member

Andrea Soloe, Member