

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

The Southwest Livingston County R-I Board of Education met in regular session at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15, 2009.

Public Comment 1) None

The Board approved the agenda, the monthly bills, and minutes of the March Board meeting as well as the special meeting held on April 8.

Old Business 1) The Board approved to give one step to all certified staff that is on the teacher salary schedule. All other staff members will receive a percentage increase equal to the average teacher salary increase. The percentage will be 1.5104%. The Board will review the financial situation after June 30 to determine if more funds are available to further increase salaries 2) It was voted to accept the following three tiers for health insurance: PPO 26Z - \$500 deductible @ \$438.25/mo, PPO 37Z - \$1,500 deductible @ \$382.07/mo, and HSA GHSA7 - \$2,000 deductible @ \$312.95/mo. Eligible employees have their choice of one of the options. 3) The Board voted to eliminate a bus route for the 2009-2010 school year due to the decrease in student population. The district will now have four bus routes. 4) It was also voted to decrease the librarian position to a four tenths of a day position. The media center will continue to be available for the full school day.

New Business 1) The Board agreed to enter into a contract to create a cooperative with five schools for Special Education services. The new cooperative will be named the "North Central Special Education Cooperative for Educational Support". The cooperative schools are: Norborne, Chillicothe, Southwest Livingston, Chula and Stet. 2) A student was approved to attend GRTS next year for a full day beginning the second semester. 3) The Gifted Program evaluation and Technology Plan were reviewed and approved.

Administrator's Report 1) The principals gave a brief report pertaining to their buildings. 2) Superintendent Locker reported that a grant request written by Angie Shifflett was awarded from the Mervyn W. Jenkins Foundation. The grant funds will purchase an Accu-Cut Machine and supplies. The grant will pay for 50% of the cost while the remainder will be covered by the Southwest PTO, Booster Club and the Community Teacher's Association.

The Board approved the school election results and administered the oath of office to Tina Thompson and Mark Sykes.

Officers were elected: President – Charles Jones, Vice President – John Cramer, Treasurer – Tina Thompson, Secretary – Carrie Gilliland.

The Board voted to enter into close session to discuss student and staff matters.

Closed Session 1) The Board accepted the letter of retirement from Dallas Griffin, Special Education Director/Gifted Teacher/Speech Therapist. 2) The Board hired Kathy Ellis .4 librarian for next year.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009 at 8:00 p.m.