

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, March 25, 2024
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:02 p.m. Opening prayer was offered by Robert Spalding.

Members present: Arlis Young, Angella Dancer, Bruce Roebuck, Gaylen Branton, Robert Spalding. It was determined there were enough members present for a quorum.

Administration present: Scotty Van Worth, Parker Harless, Tina Jeffreys

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time. Bruce Roebuck moved to approve the minutes from the February 2024 Soper School Board meeting. Robert Spalding seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

There were no visitors.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth reported that things were going smoothly and he hasn't had many complaints of any sort lately. The balances for all the funds look amazing. This is in part thanks to federal funding we had been receiving, like Covid money. It's important to still be wise with spending, as it's always helpful to have a healthy amount when lean times happen. Some of the Covid money that we had been getting is due to stop at the end of this school year. It did pay for one of our teacher's entire salary, so that will be something to plan for. Dr. Van Worth then reviewed the month's revenue collections and went over the bills. We did have to spend some to adequately prepare the computer labs for testing, which will be kicking off soon. Construction on the new PE facility has begun. The previously discussed plan for new baseball lights will have to be scrapped for now, as the cost is too high to justify. Administrators will be looking into alternative solutions for now.

Arlis Young made a motion to approve the General Fund encumbrances 364-382 and checks, as well as Building Fund encumbrances 28-29, and one check. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Tina Jeffreys began by announcing the resignation for two of her teachers. Amy Scott has decided to resign after all as well as Philip Franks. Lastly, elementary testing begins the fourth week of April.

Parker Harless reported that testing will be the third week for his side. The Paige Manion Memorial Tournament is this week and it always has a great turn out. End of year events are starting next week and the last day of school will be May 9th. So far, all of his teachers will be returning. Mylaine Self and Cheyenne Franks will be switching teaching positions and both of them are looking forward to the change.

The administrators then presented the Soper School's National Student Performance Report to the Board. Ninth graders across the country, both at public schools and private schools, were tested last year and Soper students did very well.

Bruce Roebuck motioned to approve the ADPC contract. Angella Dancer made the second motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Arlis Young motioned to approve the Total Rehab contract. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylen Branton made a motion to approve the student transfer update to 25 for April 2024. Arlis Young made the second motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylen Branton moved to approve the InterQuest (drug dog) contract. Robert Spalding made the second motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Angella Dancer motioned to approve the Apptegy (school website) contract. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylen Branton made a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Building Fund, per the request of Soper School's auditors. Robert

Spalding made the second motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylen Branton moved to approve purchasing a new school vehicle, including the trade-in of the school's Ford Flex. Arlis Young made the second motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

There were no new purchase requests.

There was one new business item to discuss. Robert Spalding made a motion to approve the resignation letter for Philip Franks. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

A motion to adjourn was made by Arlis Young, and it was seconded by Bruce Roebuck. Gaylen Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Adjourned 8:22 p.m.








