

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 15, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer.

Members present: Robert Spaulding, Gaylen Branton, Arlis Young, Bruce Roebuck, Angella Dancer.

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

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time and that a quorum was present.

Motion was made by Angella Dancer and seconded by Gaylen Branton to approve the Regular Meeting minutes for the Soper School Board for August 23, 2021. Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye. Bruce Roebuck moved to approve the October 18, 2021, Regular Meeting minutes. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye.

The Board welcomed visitors, Angela Martin and Paula Massengale with her small grandson. Ms Massengale came to get an answer about the school bus. She had asked earlier that her grandson be able to ride the school bus to her home in the afternoon. Dr Van Worth told her that he'd thought the issue had been resolved. She said that the child had been brought to her house before she had arrived home and he could not be left. She wanted him to ride the bus for the full route and then be dropped at her home so that she had time to get home from work. Dr Van Worth said that he could not be left on the bus that long, as this would effectively require that the driver become a sitter for the four-year-old and administration feels like an extra hour on the bus would not be best for the child. The Board agreed with Dr Van Worth, agreeing as well that everyone wishes there were a way to make things easier for Ms Massengale and her little one.

Ms Massengale said that she will then need to transfer him to a district closer to her job and will contact Little Dixie to advise her of the process for doing so. She and her grandson left the meeting after this.

Dr Scotty Van Worth then turned to the superintendent's report. He had been writing a grant proposal with Mr. Moyer and Colby Moffatt for the purpose of building another classroom and with plans to gain \$50,000 to build another one. Dr Van Worth tries to write at least enough grants per year to replace his own salary. He sees this as a way to give back to the district that employs him. He hopes that some of these grants will help to build up the baseball programs. Anything that can be considered health-related has a good chance of being approved.

Dr Van Worth stated that the building fund is robust, best since 2010 in fact. Recent legislation will stabilize and strengthen these funds.

During the week, Dr Van Worth heard from a Regional Accreditation Officer, who returned a great report for Soper School District.

Jason Carlile and his crew with Dave's Air have begun the HVAC work.

Arlis Young moved to approve the encumbrances and checks for the General Fund PO's: 203-234 and 70070-70117. Robert Spaulding seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye.

Dr Van Worth presented the option to gift all Soper School employees with a December bonus of \$100 (after tax) each. This bonus has been paid for a long time and will cost the district \$6,374.73. Arlis Young moved to approve the bonuses, and Galen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye.

The board discussed the Gifted and Talented Program Policy update. This is required to continue funding. Angela Martin asked how this program benefits students, adding that she doesn't see a lot of benefit for her elementary school student. Dr Van Worth explained that the bigger benefits are on the high school levels where classes are offered to run concurrent with college courses. Younger students get extra books and other benefits as well. Dr Van Worth assured Ms Martin that the program advances education through various extracurricular activities that benefit many students over time.

Bruce Roebuck moved to approve the Gifted and Talented Policy. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye.

Angella Dancer made the motion to approve the activity fund transfer of \$385 for the purchase of the National Honor Society stoles. Robert Spaulding seconded the motion. Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye.

Dr Van Worth proposed the approval of the WPS contract. WPS is the company that takes care of the District's computer tech needs. Dr. Van Worth reported that the administration has been very happy with the services. Arlis Young moved to approve the contract; Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Arlis Young moved to convene into executive session so that the Board could conduct the Superintendent's evaluation. Gaylen Branton seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Upon return to open session the Board acknowledged that in executive session, the following topic was discussed: Superintendent's Evaluation.

At this time, both principals were able to participate in the meeting with brief reports. Elementary Principal Tina Jeffreys anticipated about 100 parents for the upcoming Thanksgiving dinner with the younger students. She also reported that vision screenings had been conducted earlier on the day of the meeting and that fewer than 10 had failed the screening.

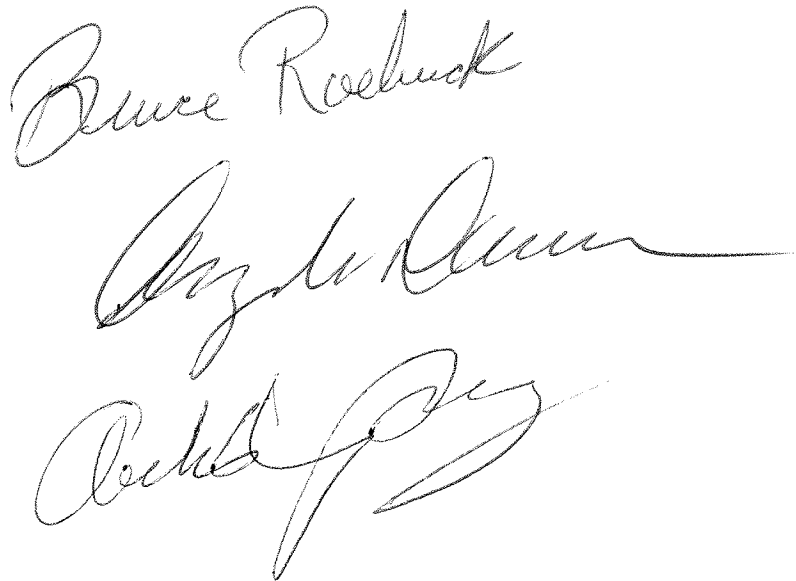
Ms Jeffreys said that work is going into a renewable \$50-75k competitive grant for the after-school program. This is Covid money, and so there are several specific areas to address, which should be covered, the rotating block schedule being a key element.

High School Principal Parker Harless had just returned from ballgame duty and said progress is evident.

There were no purchase requests.

In new business, Dr Van Worth asked to begin the process to have Miller start the roof work. Bruce Roebuck made the motion to do so, and Arlis Young seconded the motion. Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Gaylen Branton—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.

Arlis Young moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Spaulding seconded the motion. Gaylen Branton—Aye, Bruce Roebuck—Aye, Angella Dancer—Aye, Robert Spaulding—Aye, Arlis Young—Aye.



The image contains three handwritten signatures in cursive script, arranged vertically. The top signature is "Bruce Roebuck". The middle signature is "Arlis Young". The bottom signature is "Robert Spaulding".