

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:00 p.m. Bruce Roebuck offered opening prayer.

Members present: Ar/is Young, Angella Dancer, Bruce Roebuck, Gay/on Branton, Robert Spalding. It was determined there were enough members present for a quorum.

Administration present: Scotty Van Worth

It was determined that the agenda for this meeting was posted in due time. Gaylon Branton moved to approve the minutes from the October 2023 Soper School Board meeting. Bruce Roebuck seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

There were no visitors.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth reported that October numbers were in and we're up by about 15 students. This brings us to a total of about 345 kids. All elementary classes are pretty full, and middle school classes are big but there is a little room in the high school classes. The staff Christmas party will be here this year. The bank usually donates the meal but there are plans of a potluck type meal this year. One of the bus drivers has decided to retire at the end of the school year. He reported that the money from the State Department for security purposes is on the way and he hopes to use it for a new camera and surveillance system. The money looks pretty good considering the time of year and there are still State Aid payments due to pay later this week. Lastly, he discussed a possible concurrent program that they'd like to implement later down the road for high school students.

Robert Spalding made a motion to approve the General Fund encumbrances 253- 276, payroll encumbrances 70072-70075 (payroll encumbrances 70068-70071 were used to calculate the potential bonuses and are not ready to be approved just yet), Building Fund encumbrances 5-24 and checks. Arlis Young seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

No principal's reports were given as both administrators were not present.

Arlis Young motioned to approve \$250 bonuses for all regular Soper School employees for December 2023. Robert Spalding seconded. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

The board discussed goals, measurements of success and a plan for going forward.

Gaylon Branton made the motion to approve the Parental Bill of Rights Policy. Arlis Young made the second motion. Angella Dancer-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye.

Arlis Young moved to approve the retirement bonus for Argus Lindsey. Bruce Roebuck made the second motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Bruce Roebuck motioned to approve hiring Brandi Pettyjohn for the cafeteria. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Bruce Roebuck-Aye, Robert Spalding-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye.

There were no new purchase requests. There was no new business to discuss.

A motion to adjourn was made by Arlis Young, and it was seconded by Gaylon Branton. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Adjourned 7:46 p.m.

Bruce Roebuck
Angella Dancer

Gaylon Branton
Arlis Young