

**SOPER BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Monday, September 18, 2023  
7:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by Angella Dancer at 7:05 p.m.

*Members present: Arlis Young, Angella Dancer, Gaylon Branton. It was determined there were enough members present for a quorum.*

*Administration present: Scotty Van Worth, Tina Jeffreys.*

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

There were no visitors.

Dr. Scotty Van Worth reported that the recent parent teacher conference had a decent turnout. He has received one complaint on the current bus routes and is in the process of sorting that out. He said he has had to turn down some transfer requests lately. Finances look good, especially the building fund. The water bill was extremely high this month and the even the electric bill was higher than normal. One bus has been towed to Graham International for repairs. Lastly, he said that the new substance abuse program was underway and is being paid for by grant money.

Arlis Young made a motion to approve the General Fund encumbrances 180-208 and checks. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Tina Jeffreys reported that the new elementary teacher is still proving to be a good fit. The elementary fundraiser that 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade just finished has brought in nearly \$25,000; \$10,000 of which will be our profit. This money is intended mostly for playground upgrades and improvements as some of the equipment is rather dated. Construction has already begun in the playground area too, with new drainage systems being installed. Next up are new sidewalks that lead to the

little gym and will be followed by awnings going over the tops. These particular projects are being paid for out of grant money.

Arlis Young made a motion to approve using the ACT as the state test. Gaylon Branton made the second motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Gaylon Branton moved to approve the Estimate of Needs for the 2023-2024 school year. Angella Dancer seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

Tina Jeffreys and Scotty Van Worth reported to the board regarding the annual dropout and student college remediation board.

Arlis Young moved to approve the Activity Fund transfers. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

The administrators and board members discussed the USDA grants. Both grants have finally been approved. One is for remodeling projects for the FFA program while the other is for building a new weight room/batting facility for athletics.

Angella Dancer made the motion to approve creating an Elementary Activity Fund subaccount. Gaylon Branton seconded the motion. Gaylon Branton-Aye, Angella Dancer-Aye, Arlis Young-Aye

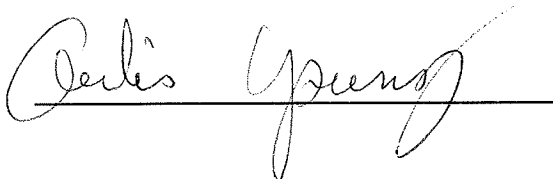
There were no new purchase requests.

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 7:43 p.m.

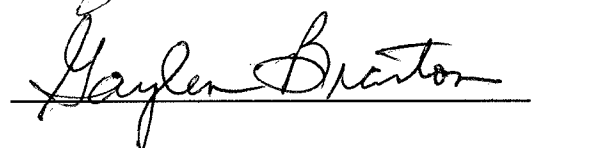
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