

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES' WORK SESSION**
Held on August 7, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held an executive work session at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, August 7, 2024.

At 5:30 p.m, Mr. Uebelhor called the meeting to order.

The following individuals were present for all or part of the meeting:

- A. Kent Uebelhor, Matt Eckert, Elaine Miller, Cecelia Hamilton, and Nate Schuler - Board Members
- B. Jamie Pund, Superintendent

The Board discussed pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The Governing Body certifies that it discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

There being no other matters on the agenda for discussion, Mr. Eckert made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Uebelhor adjourned the meeting at 6:25 pm.

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Board of School Trustees

Kent Uebelhor, President

Elaine Miller, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' BOARD MEETING**

Held on August 7, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, August 7, 2024. At 6:24 p.m, Mr. Uebelhor called the meeting to order.

The following individuals were present for all or part of the meeting:

- A. Kent Uebelhor, Matt Eckert, Elaine Miller, Cecelia Hamilton, and Nate Schuler - Board Members
- B. Jamie Pund, Superintendent
- C. Ryan Haas, Principal
- D. Matt Thompson, Principal
- E. Cassie Williams, Principal
- F. Karl Hinson, Principal
- G. Kerri Winkler, Principal
- H. Erica Hohl, Curriculum Director
- I. Kathy Tretter, Ferdinand News
- J. Matt Luebbehusen
- K. Brandy Nord
- L. Joe Keller
- M. Tarry Kerkhoff
- N. Rosalee Kerkhoff

Ms. Hamilton made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meetings & Executive Session - July 10, 2024
- B. Approval of Claims totaling \$1,401,268.50 and consider purchase requests and contracts if applicable.

EDUCATION FUND (0100)				
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
	22370-656	Google Gemini Premium AI Tool (Five Star Technology)		\$97.20
FERDINAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
	22370-656	Google Device Licenses (Five Star Technology)		\$525.00
	22370-656	Google Gemini Premium AI Tool (Five Star Technology)		\$118.80
FOREST PARK JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL				
	11300-611	Accounting teacher edition (McGraw Hill LLC)		\$206.22
	11300-611	PLTW supplies (PLTW)		\$1,332.50
	11300-611	Biology class supplies (School Speciality)		\$388.11
	11300-611	Biology class supplies (Carolina)		\$317.00
	11300-611	AP Chemistry teacher edition (Cengage Learning)		\$380.05
	11420-611	STEM supplies (Amazon)		\$2,088.00
	22370-656	Google Device Licenses (Five Star Technology)		\$1,400.00

	22370-656	Google Gemini Premium AI Tool (Five Star Technology)	\$232.20
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			
	22370-656	Google Gemini Premium AI Tool (Five Star Technology)	\$91.80
<u>CONSTRUCTION (0700)</u>			
	45100-450	(1583) Retainage for FP Track Project (Seufert Construction)	\$13,080.80
<u>SCHOOL LUNCH (0800)</u>			
	31200-611	(1583) kitchen cleaning supplies (Jasper Equipment & Supply)	\$2,458.80
<u>CURRICULAR MATERIALS (0900)</u>			
	25520-630	(1581) K & 1st grade textbooks (Learning w/o Tears)	\$1,893.38
	25520-630	(1583) Accounting textbooks (McGraw Hill LLC)	\$2,407.16
	25520-630	(1583) AP Chemistry textbooks (Cengage Learning)	\$5,857.50
	25525-630	(1563) Educational streaming subscription (Generation Genius)	\$1,165.50
	25525-630	(1581) Educational streaming subscription (Generation Genius)	\$1,165.50
	25525-630	(1583) Accounting class license (Crunched, Inc.)	\$934.80
	25580-630	(1583) STEM supplies (Amazon)	\$410.00
	25580-630	(1583) STEM supplies (AB Supplies)	\$794.00
	25580-630	(1583) STEM supplies (Midwest Supply)	\$69.00
<u>COMPETITIVE SCIENCE OF READING GRANT</u>			
	11100-611	(1563) Developing Decoders Collection (Laprea Education, Inc)	\$16,176.24
	11100-611	(1581) Developing Decoders Collection (Laprea Education, Inc)	\$22,901.44
<u>PRESCHOOL (2200)</u>			
	11025-611	(1581) Preschool textbooks (Learning w/o Tears)	\$297.00
GRAND TOTAL:			\$76,788.00

C. Professional Leave

- Rachel Betz, Rosemary Betz, Debbie Buechler, Rhonda Chumbley, Judy Englert, Pam Englert, Janice Falknor, Lisa Fletcher, Laurel Gehlhausen, Doris Glenn, Tammy Greulich, Melinda Gutsell, Cindy Hassfurther, Kathleen Lueken, Theresa Merkley, Sharon Hoppenjans, Arleta Weyer to attend Food Service Seminar in Huntingburg
- Pam Englert and Theresa Merkley to attend Serve Safe Training at Castle High School
- Melissa Haas, Abigail Rogier, Lisa Schroeder, Kelly Schroering, Hannah Sitzman, Peyton Welp, Cassandra Williams, Kerri Winkler to attend GYTO Conference in Orlando
- Karl Hinson and Kerri Winkler to attend INALI Conference in Indianapolis

D. Field Trip Requests

- FP Cross County to Columbus North Invite - overnight stay
- Principles of Education Class to Indiana State University
- BPA to Ivy Tech in Evansville for Regional Leadership Conference

E. Facility Use Requests

- Cub Scout Pack 186 to use Forest Park Cafeteria and Ferdinand Elementary Gymnasium
- YMCA to use Forest Park for Youth and Government Program

- Divine Mercy Parish to use Cedar Crest Gym for Pickleball Tournament
Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

No comments or requests were made from patrons.

Next on the agenda, Scott Stenftenagel presented an update on the construction progress.

The next item on the agenda was to conduct a Public Hearing for the project with General Obligation Bonds.

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Southeast Dubois County School Corporation (the "School Corporation") was held at the School Corporation Office, 432 E. 15th Street, Ferdinand, Indiana, on August 7, 2024 at the hour of 6:30 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Kent Uebelhor, Matt Eckert, Elaine Miller, Cecelia Hamilton, Nate Schuler

Absent:

(Among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

The President presided over the hearing, welcoming everyone. It was explained to the Board that under Indiana law whenever a school corporation proposes to construct or renovate a school building at a cost in excess of one million dollars it must first hold a public hearing. The Secretary presented to the Board the proof of publication of the notice of the hearing, which proof of publication shows that the notice was published in the Ferdinand News on July 24, 2024

After the purpose of the hearing was explained, the presentations regarding the need for the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment and technology (the "Project") were given. An evaluation of the existing facilities was then presented, as well as a discussion of the details of the proposed Project. The estimated Project cost

and schedule were then presented to the public. It was explained how this Project could be funded, and the potential tax rate impact the Project would have on the community.

After the above presentations, the President announced that the Board would now hear testimony and questions from the public.

At the conclusion of the public testimony and question, the Board considered the Project Resolution to complete the Project at a cost of more than one million dollars per building. A motion was made by Mr. Schuler, seconded by Mr. Eckert and carried 5-0, the resolution attached as Exhibit A was approved.

EXHIBIT A

PROJECT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Southeast Dubois County School Corporation (the "School Corporation") at a meeting on August 7, 2024 held a public hearing in accordance with Indiana Code § 20-26-7-37 for the purpose of answering questions and listening to taxpayers' comments and any evidence they may present about the proposed renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment and technology (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Board has carefully studied all of the known options and feels that the proposed Project is in the best interests of the present and future students to be served by these facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the purpose of the Project is to provide an improved educational environment for students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the estimated hard and soft costs of the Project are \$3,285,300, with estimated costs of issuance (including capitalized interest less interest earnings) of \$184,700, resulting in total estimated Project cost of \$3,470,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the estimated \$3,470,000 will be funded by one or more of the following: Operations Fund, Common School Fund Loan, State and/or federal grant monies, general obligation bond issue and/or a building corporation bond issue with an anticipated impact on the Debt Service Fund tax rate of \$0.1647 per \$100 assessed valuation based on an estimated \$566,691,702 assessed valuation beginning in 2025. However, as existing obligations mature, the anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate is expected to be \$0.0000 above the current Debt Service Fund tax rate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the 2024 Debt Service Fund Tax Rate is \$0.3396, and the 2024 Pension Debt Service Tax Rate is \$0.0603 for a total debt service tax rate of \$0.3999 as of the date hereof.

Passed and adopted this 7th day of August, 2024.

President, Board of School Trustees

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

It was then explained that Ice Miller LLP, bond counsel had been consulted, relative to the procedure to be followed in connection with the proposed bond issue and the rendering of an opinion approving the legality of the bonds. The Board was then presented with a form of preliminary bond resolution recommended for adoption to authorize the issuance of bonds.

After due consideration of the preliminary bond resolution, a motion was made by Mr. Schuler, seconded by Ms. Miller and carried 5-0, the resolution attached as Exhibit B as adopted.

EXHIBIT B

PRELIMINARY BOND RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Southeast Dubois County School Corporation (the "Issuer" or "School Corporation") is a school corporation organized and existing under the provisions of Indiana Code § 20-23; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") finds that the present facilities of the School Corporation are not adequate to provide the proper educational environment of the students now attending or who will attend its schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there are not sufficient funds available or provided for in existing tax levies with which to pay the cost of the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment and technology (the "Project"), and that the School Corporation should issue bonds in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$3,470,000) (the "Bonds") for the purpose of providing funds to be applied on the Project, and that Bonds in such maximum amount should now be authorized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Issuer that, for the purpose of obtaining funds to be applied on the cost of the Project, there shall be issued and sold the Bonds of the School Corporation to be designated as "General Obligation Bonds of 2024." The Bonds shall be in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Three Million Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$3,470,000), bearing interest at a rate or rates not exceeding five and one-quarter percent (5.25%) per annum (the exact rate or rates to be

determined through an offering), which interest shall be payable on January 15 and July 15 in each year beginning no sooner than July 15, 2025. The Bonds shall be fully registered in the denomination of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) or integral multiples thereof (or other denominations as requested by the winning offeror), and shall mature serially or be subject to mandatory redemption on January 15 and July 15 beginning no earlier than July 15, 2025 through no later than January 15, 2032.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the 2024 Debt Service Fund Tax Rate is \$0.3396, and the 2024 Pension Debt Service Tax Rate is \$0.0603 for a total debt service tax rate of \$0.3999 as of the date hereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of the Issuer that the matter of appropriating the proceeds of the Bonds authorized at this meeting be taken up for consideration as soon as notice of the hearing on the appropriation can be given as provided by law, and that the Secretary of the Board be and hereby is directed to give notice of the public hearing to be held prior to the final action on such appropriation, which notice shall be published in the Ferdinand News at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for such public hearing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Board be and hereby is directed to give notice of the determination to issue the Bonds, which notice shall be published twice, one week apart, in the Ferdinand News; also, that the notice of determination shall be posted in three (3) public places in the School Corporation.

Passed and Adopted this 7th day of August, 2024.

President, Board of School Trustees

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

The President further stated that the Board needed to consider a Reimbursement Resolution. A motion was made by Mr. Eckert, seconded by Mr. Uebelhor and carried 5-0, the resolution attached as Exhibit C was adopted.

EXHIBIT C

DECLARATION OF OFFICIAL INTENT TO REIMBURSE EXPENDITURES

WHEREAS, Southeast Dubois County School Corporation (the "School Corporation") intends to finance the renovation of and improvements to school facilities, including site improvements, and the purchase of buses, equipment and technology (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the School Corporation reasonably expects to reimburse certain costs of the Project with proceeds of obligations to be incurred by or on behalf of the School Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$3,470,000; and

WHEREAS, the School Corporation expects to issue obligations for the Project and to use the proceeds to reimburse or pay costs of the Project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the School Corporation declares its official intent to fund the Project with proceeds of obligations incurred by the School Corporation in an amount not to exceed \$3,470,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Corporation reasonably expects to reimburse itself from proceeds of obligations issued by the School Corporation for costs of the Project paid prior to the issuance of the Bonds.

Passed and Adopted this 7th day of August, 2024.

President, Board of School Trustees

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the following resignations:

- Darlene Merkley as FP Cafe staff
- Nettie Boeglin as Builders Club sponsor, Department Head, Junior High Academic and Spell Bowl coach
- Kelly Schroering as Girls softball coach
- Hannah Sitzman as assistant girls softball coach

Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Eckert made a motion to approve the following hirings:

- Haylee Hoffman as Home School Advisor
- Taylor Niehaus as Instructional Assistant at CCI
- Madeline Begle as Instructional Assistant at CCI
- Leah Wilmes as Instructional Assistant at FES
- Jason Merkel as Building Maintenance Supervisor at FP
- Emily Schwartz as Instructional Assistant at FP

Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the following donations:

- \$500 to FP Athletics from Margaret Weyer, in memory of Tom Weyer
- \$2000 from the Dubois County Community Foundation to Forest Park Athletics, from the Jim & LaVerne Uebelhor Endowment, a fund of the Ferdinand Community Endowment, for the Video Wall Project.
- \$250 from the Heimatfest 5k Walk/Run to FP Cross Country

Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Hamilton made the motion to approve the 2nd reading of Neola Policies; Volume 36, Number 1 (second reading)

- 164: Notice of meetings
- 164.1: Regular meetings
- 164.2: Special meetings
- 164.3: Emergency meetings
- 164.5: Member participation in meetings through electronic means of communication
- 164.6: Meetings during declared disaster emergencies
- 165: Board Meetings
- 165.1: Notice of regular meetings
- 165.2: Notice of special board meetings
- 165.3: Notice of emergency meetings
- 165.4: Notice requirements established by other statutes
- 165.5: Series of meetings
- 1422.01: Drug-free workplace
- 1520.08: Employment of personnel for extracurricular activities
- 1662.01: Threatening or intimidating behavior toward staff members
- 5340.01: Student concussions and sudden cardiac arrest
- 5350: Student suicide awareness and prevention

- 5517.01: Bullying
- 6320: Purchasing
- 6320.01: Purchasing using online reverse auctions
- 7540.02: Web content, apps and services
- 8210: School calendar
- 8452: Automated external defibrillators (AED)
- 8455: Coach training, references, and IHSAA reporting
- 9130: Public complaints and concerns

Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the building handbooks. Mr. Uebelhor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Next on the agenda, Ms. Erica Hohl made a presentation of iLearn data results. Ms. Hohl shared that Southeast Dubois County School Corporation has the highest proficiency rates of all county school corporations on iLearn ELA, Math, and Social Studies. The scores for Science have yet to be released. She also shared that Southeast Dubois as a whole ranked 14th in the state for overall math proficiency.

Dr. Jamie Pund gave an update on the 2025 Budget, Capital Improvements and Bus Replacement plans.

Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the End of Year Financial reports for each building. Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the JS&S (Exceptional Children's Co op) agreement. Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Eckert made the motion to approve the purchase of a video wall from the Athletic Advertising account for the amount of \$20,052. Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Ms. Jamie Pund thanked the SED staff that has worked so hard to prepare for the start of the school year!

With no other business to address Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:03p.m.

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Board of School Trustees

Kent Uebelhor, President

Elaine Miller, Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF
SCHOOL TRUSTEES' EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Held on August 7, 2024

The Board of School Trustees held an executive session in the Superintendent's Office on August 7, 2024.

Mr. Uebelhor officially called the meeting to order at 7:08pm.

The following individuals were present for all or part of the meeting:

- A. Kent Uebelhor, Matt Eckert, Elaine Miller, Cecelia Hamilton, and Nate Schuler - Board Members
- B. Jamie Pund, Superintendent

The Board discussed pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The Governing Body certifies that it discussed no subject matter in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

There being no other matters on the agenda for discussion, Ms. Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Uebelhor adjourned the meeting at 7:51 pm.

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Board of School Trustees

Kent Uebelhor, President

Elaine Miller, Secretary