

MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' EXECUTIVE WORK SESSION
Held on March 5, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held an executive work session in the Superintendent's Office on March 5, 2025.

Mr. Uebelhor officially called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

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

- A. Kent Uebelhor, Elaine Miller, Matt Eckert, Matt Luebbehusen - Board Members
- B. Jamie Pund, Superintendent

There being no other matters on the agenda for discussion, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Uebelhor adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

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Board of School Trustees

Kent Uebelhor, President

Elaine Miller, Secretary

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES' BOARD MEETING
March 5, 2025

The Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. At 6:30 p.m., Mr. Uebelhor called the meeting to order.

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

- Kent Uebelhor, Elaine Miller, Matt Eckert, Matt Luebbehusen - Board Members
- Jamie Pund, Superintendent
- Matt Thompson, Forest Park High School Principal
- Ryan Haas, Forest Park Junior High School Principal
- Cassie Williams, Cedar Crest Intermediate School Principal
- Kerri Winkler, Ferdinand Elementary Principal
- Karl Hinson, Pine Ridge Elementary Principal
- Donna Stetter, Technology Director
- Erica Hohl, Curriculum Director
- Kerri Dilger, Guidance Counselor
- Lisa Hoppenjans, Ferdinand News
- Joe Keller, Andy Hagedorn, Tarry Kerkhoff, Terri Bell, Ashley Becher, Jason Merkel, Renee Berg, Theo Houchins, Roger Corley, Kathy James, Tina Goffinet, Julie Lindauer
- Carrie Sitzman, Greg Steckler, William Keller

Mr. Eckert made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented:

- A. Approval of Minutes - Regular Board Meeting & Executive Session - February 5, 2025
- B. Approval of Claims totaling \$1,418,903.04 and consider purchase requests

EDUCATION FUND (0101)			
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
	22370-655	Staff Laptops (Bluum USA)	\$1,213.02
	22370-741	Kyocera TA6501 (Hoosier Business Machines)	\$7,457.00
FERDINAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
	22370-655	Staff Laptops (Bluum USA)	\$1,230.60
	22370-741	Kyocera TA6501 (Hoosier Business Machines)	\$7,977.00
FOREST PARK JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL			
	11420-611	CTE Class supplies (Amazon)	\$137.91
	22370-655	Staff Laptops (Bluum USA)	\$1,687.68
	22370-655	Kyocera M3550 (Hoosier Business Machines)	\$1,250.00
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			
	22370-655	Staff Laptops (Bluum USA)	\$263.70
	22370-741	Kyocera TA6002	\$6,029.00

<u>EDUCATION - CURRICULAR MATERIALS (0102)</u>			
	25570-632	(1583) CTE Class fee items (Amazon)	\$452.74
<u>OPERATING REFERENDUM (0160)</u>			
	22220-611	(1581) Library supplies (Demco)	\$1,160.20
<u>OPERATIONS FUND (0300)</u>			
CORPORATION OFFICE			
	25860-655	Staff Laptops (Bluum USA)	\$2,637.00
	25860-656	Frontline Education renewal (Frontline)	\$23,465.54
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
	26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$1,082.12
FERDINAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
	26200-611	Cooling Tower chemicals (Jasper Equipment)	\$534.98
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE			
	26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$627.56
<u>SCHOOL LIBRARY PRINTED MATERIAL (1900)</u>			
	22220-611	(1563) Library supplies (Demco)	\$1,073.30
<u>PARAPROFESSIONALS GRANT (5200)</u>			
	12210-611	(1563) Shifting the Balance (Amazon)	\$359.36
	12610-611	(1581) Shifting the Balance (Amazon)	\$359.36
GRAND TOTAL:			\$58,998.07

C. Professional Leave

- Melissa Haas to attend Annual Case Conferences
- Ryan Haas, Katelynn Schnell, Kennedy Taylor and Kerri Winkler to attend Writing PD at SIEC
- Erica Hohl and Donna Stetter to attend AI Across America
- Emily Hauser to Louisville with Spanish 4 Class and Administering iLearn
- Shelley Nanney to attend Preschool AR's
- Terry Riggs to attend IFCA - Football State Clinic
- Christa Widolff taking students to Pine Ridge Elementary for Wellness Week Presentations

D. Field Trip Requests

- FP Baseball overnight trip to a tourney in Bloomington
- Mr. DeKemper's Forest Park Students to visit Ferdinand Fire Stations 1 & 2
- Ferdinand Elementary K - 4th Grade Students to Astra Theater
- Forest Park Spanish 4 Students to Louisville, KY
- Cedar Crest 5th Grade Students to Angel Mounds in Evansville
- Forest Park 8th Grade Students to Career Cruise
- Pine Ridge Elementary 3rd Grade Students to Squire Boone Caverns

E. Facility Use Requests

- FPYSA to use Forest Park Gyms for Soccer practice

F. Fundraiser Requests

Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Uebelhor opened the meeting to comments and requests from patrons. He read the SED public participation guidelines. Mr. Joe Keller spoke about the Youth in Government program, which is hosted by the YMCA. He reported on recent accomplishments of FP students at the State Youth in Government event. Additionally, the following community members made a public statement: Andy Hagedorn, Carrie Sitzman, Terri Bell, William Keller and Theo Houchins. Each person made a statement in relation to SED's decision to schedule school on April 18 and requested that the School Board reconsider alternative options to scheduling school on April 18. They included statements about their religious values, personal experiences, and also declared their wishes for school to not be in session on that day.

Next on the agenda, a report was presented by the Forest Park Student Advisory Members. They presented information on the upcoming events and many successes happening in all of the schools.

Following that, Forest Park Guidance Counselor, Ms. Kerri Dilger, gave a presentation on the new Indiana Diploma guidelines. (Presentation attached in the formal minutes).

Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve the following resignation:

-Stannye Hasenour as the Freshman Girls Basketball coach

Mr. Uebelhor seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

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

-Jaylyn Giesler as the Freshman Volleyball coach

Mr. Luebbehusen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Miller made a motion approve the following donations:

-\$5,000 from John and Erika Meunier for the FP Baseball complex renovation

-\$10,000 from German American Bank for the FP Baseball complex renovation

-\$200 from RDM to FP Dance

-\$500 from Val Fleig to FP Boys Golf

-\$644.71 from Superior Ag Resources to FP FFA

Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

After hearing the public comments regarding using April 18 as a make-up day, Dr. Pund explained the steps that SED took when considering a make up snow day. Unfortunately, the large amount of inclement weather made it difficult when considering alternatives for make-up days. She described SED's efforts to pursue the emergency waiver, which was denied by the DOE. Dr. Pund also stated that the 1003 flexibility waiver is specifically used for innovative practices; not exempting a day of school. The School Board discussed the many scheduling restraints and the need to meet academic requirements, while also ensuring compliance with

DOE requirements. It was noted that parents have the right to excuse their students from school that day if they choose. Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to use April 18 as a make-up day. Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

The next item on the agenda was the first reading of Neola policies.

- Edgar Ugg Revisions: Volume 36 No. 2

- Volume 36 No. 2

- Volume 37 No. 2

This item will be on the agenda next month for the second reading and approval.

Next on the agenda, the board heard an update from the Curriculum Director, Ms. Erica Hohl, on the upcoming Spring testing schedule. Ms. Hohl reported that the PSAT9, SAT, and WIDA have already been completed by students and results would be available in April. IREAD-3 is currently underway for 2nd and 3rd grade students. Opportunities to retest will be scheduled this summer along with summer programming for all students who do not pass. The IAM testing window opens on March 31st for students in grades 3-8 with significant cognitive disabilities. Beginning April 14th, teachers will administer the ILEARN assessment to students in grades 3-8. Ms. Hohl thanked the staff and families for their support to students throughout the assessments. Their efforts ensure that testing is a smooth and positive experience for our students.

Mr. Eckert made a motion for the School Board to visit the schools on Friday, April 2. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve the Park Lease with the Town of Ferdinand. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Next on the agenda, Dr. Pund presented information to the board on the current legislative update and the impact of SB1 and Universal Voucher program. (Presentation included in formal minutes) Dr. Pund shared two pieces of information. First, she shared a history of the school choice inception and how it has evolved throughout the state. Her presentation illustrated that SED was first impacted by the voucher program in 2017-18, when \$171,863 of taxpayer dollars were diverted from SED to pay for the voucher program. Fast forward to the 2024-25 school year, where \$559,136 was diverted away from SED and targeted toward that program. This number will only increase with the new legislation as Governor Braun wants to remove all eligibility requirements to allow school choice for all Hoosier students.

Additionally, Dr. Pund spoke about the impact of SB1 and how the lessened property taxes will impact the SED operations fund, which is used to pay for utilities, transportation, operational supplies and repairs, etc. SB1 has been amended from its original version. The current cuts to the SED operations are as follows: \$150,560 in 2026; \$302,320 in 2027 and \$409,300 in 2028. The legislative session will complete at the beginning of April, so we will have more information at that point.

Following that, Dr. Pund gave commendations to the following groups and individuals:

- Congratulations to the Forest Park Junior High and High School Dance teams for an outstanding performance at the State Competition. The high school team placed 1st in Pom and Hip Hop and 3rd in Kick. The Junior High team placed 1st in Pom and Hip Hop.

- The High School Dance team also took the stage in the National competition. They placed 3rd in the nation for medium kick, 3rd in the nation in large hip hop, and 7th in the nation for large pom. They also received the UNLEASHED award for the most unique and entertaining routine.

- Congratulations to the 6th grade girls basketball team, who went undefeated this season! They are coached by Mr. Calvin Hasenour.

- Congratulations to FP students that recently completed in the 60th Youth Governor's Conference, a model government program organized by the YMCA.

- Thank you to many SED parents who continue to support our schools in so many ways!

In other business and concerns:

Dr. Pund reminded the board that Forest Park is presenting "Anastasia" starting next week. Shows will take place March 13-15 beginning at 6:30pm and the March 16 production will begin at 2:00pm.

With no other business to address, Mr. Eckert made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Luebbehusen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0. Mr. Uebelhor adjourned the meeting at 7:44p.m.

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Mr. Uebelhor officially called the meeting to order at 7:50 p.m.

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- 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. Miller made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Luebbehusen seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Uebelhor adjourned the meeting at 8:18p.m.

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