

**MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES WORK SESSION**

The Southeast Dubois School Corporation Office

432 E. 15th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532

Held on April 14, 2026 at 5:00 PM

The Board of School Trustees held a work session at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, April 14, 2026. At 5:00 p.m., Mr. Eckert called the meeting to order.

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

Matt Eckert, Kent Uebelhor, Elaine Miller, Nate Schuler, Matt Luebbehusen - Board Members

Jamie Pund - Superintendent

Tracy Troesch - Business Manager

Chad Blacklock - Stifel Financial Planning

A Board of Trustees work session was held to hear from Chad Blacklock with Stifel Financial Planning to share info related to the 2025 end of year financial review and discuss the long-term financial forecast for the school district.

With there being no other matters on the agenda, Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 6:21p.m.

SOUTHEAST DUBOIS COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Board of School Trustees

Matt Eckert, President

Elaine Miller, Secretary

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

Livestream Link: <https://www.sedubois.k12.in.us/about-us/school-board>

The Southeast Dubois School Corporation

432 E. 15th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532

Held on April 14, 2026 at 6:30pm

The Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, April 14, 2026. At 6:30pm, Mr. Eckert called the meeting to order.

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

Matt Eckert, Kent Uebelhor, Elaine Miller, Nate Schuler, Matt Luebbehusen - Board Members
Jamie Pund - Superintendent
Matt Thompson - Principal
Kerri Winkler - Principal
Erica Hohl - Curriculum Director
Forest Park Student Advisory Members
Lisa Hoppenjans, Ferdinand News
Miranda Rickelman
Joe Keller
Chase Niehaus
Avery Niehaus
Lizzi Kerkhoff
Sasha Lubbers
Carli Hagedorn
Sophia Hubbs
Kyree Cronin
Cora Weyer
Nadina Paulin

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

- A. Approval of Minutes - Board of Trustees Work Session, Regular Board Meeting & Executive Session - March 11, 2026
- B. Approval of Claims totaling \$4,152,927.66 and consider purchase requests

<u>EDUCATION FUND (0101)</u>				
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
	11100-611	Pallet of copy paper plus color paper (The Paper Corporation)		\$1,732.58
	22370-656	Parent Square onboarding and 12 months (Parent Square)		\$1,263.50
	22370-656	Allworx annual phone system charge (Five Star)		\$100.00
	22370-656	LineWize Connect web filtering (Five Star)		\$4,237.95
FERDINAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
	22370-656	Parent Square onboarding and 12 months (Parent Square)		\$1,396.50
	22370-656	Allworx annual phone system charge (Five Star)		\$100.00

	22370-656	LineWize Connect web filtering (Five Star)	\$4,237.95
FOREST PARK JR SR HIGH SCHOOL			
	22370-656	Parent Square onboarding and 12 months (Parent Square)	\$2,992.50
	22370-656	Allworx annual phone system charge (Five Star)	\$200.00
	22370-656	LineWize Connect web filtering (Five Star)	\$4,237.95
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			
	22370-656	Parent Square onboarding and 12 months (Parent Square)	\$997.50
	22370-656	Allworx annual phone system charge (Five Star)	\$100.00
	22370-656	LineWize Connect web filtering (Five Star)	\$4,237.95
<u>EDUCATION - CURRICULAR MATERIALS (0102)</u>			
	25525-630	(1563) Lenovo chromebooks (Trafera)	\$18,405.00
	25525-630	(1581) Lenovo chromebooks (Trafera)	\$20,859.00
	25525-630	(1583) Lenovo chromebooks (Trafera)	\$45,808.00
	25525-630	(1586) Lenovo chromebooks (Trafera)	\$42,536.00
<u>OPERATIONS FUND (0300)</u>			
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
	26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$1,336.29
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL			
	26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$576.84
CENTRAL OFFICE			
	25860-656	Allworx annual phone system charge (Five Star)	\$100.00
	25860-656	LineWize Connect web filtering (Five Star)	\$892.20
<u>EXPANDED PRESCHOOL PROGRAM - DUBOIS CO COMMUNITY FOUND (2211)</u>			
	11025-611	(1563) Preschool learning items (Lakeshore Learning)	\$4,713.28
	11025-611	(1563) Preschool learning items (Discount School Supply)	\$131.91
	11025-611	(1581) Preschool learning items (Lakeshore Learning)	\$4,483.37
	11025-611	(1581) Preschool learning items (Discount School Supply)	\$131.91
GRAND TOTAL:			\$165,808.18

C. Professional Leave

- Chris Atkins, Amy Hawkins, Toby Kemp, Kyla Lueken, Abby Rogier, Kyle Schlachter, and Kelly Schroering to attend Advanced Math Alignment PD Day at Cedar Crest
- Kristin Boeglin to attend a tour of Jasper Arts with the Art Club
- Collin Daunhauer to attend the STEM Challenge at Oakland City University
- Haylee Hoffman to attend Young Women Lead at VUJC
- Erica Hohl to attend CELL Early College New Schools Training in Plainfield
- Katelynn Schnell and Amie Uebelhor to attend the Literacy Achievement Celebration in Indianapolis
- Phil Winkler to attend the Career Cruise

D. Field Trip Requests

- Forest Park Academic Bowl team to attend Academic Super Bowl in Huntingburg

- Forest Park Community Impact Group to visit the Dubois County Recycling Plant with Kimball Electronics
- Forest Park Ranger CARES Students to attend Pine Ridge Wellness Week
- Forest Park FFA to attend District X Social in Jasper, Meeting at South Knox, and Volleyball at Perry Central
- Forest Park Housing and Interior Design Students to visit Seufert Construction
- Forest Park Engineering Students to attend STEM Challenge at Oakland City University
- Forest Park Band and Chorus Students to perform at CCI, PRE, and FES
- Forest Park Chorus Students to attend the ISSMA Organizational Contest at North Clay Middle School in Brazil, IN
- Forest Park Concert Band Students to compete at Northview High School
- Forest Park Seniors to visit Holiday World for Outstanding Educational Reward
- Forest Park & Cedar Crest Students to visit Holiday World for Easter Seals Play Day
- Forest Park Students in Mr. DeKemper's Class to visit the Jasper BMV
- Cedar Crest Intermediate Students to attend the Revolutionary Rendezvous at the Ferdinand State Forest
- Ferdinand Elementary Kindergarten Students to visit the Ferdinand Town Library
- Ferdinand Elementary 4th Grade Students to visit the Evansville Museum
- Pine Ridge Elementary 4th Grade Students to visit Spring Mill State Park
- Pine Ridge Elementary 3rd Grade Students to visit Squire Boone Caverns

E. Facility Use Requests

- Psi Iota Xi to host Summer Speech and Hearing Program at Ferdinand & Pine Ridge Elementary Schools
- Forest Park Band Boosters to host end of year Band Banquet at Forest Park

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

There were no comments or requests from the public.

The next item on the agenda was the recognition of the Forest Park Dance Team. Dr. Pund recognized their dedication and hard work at achieving first place in the state competition in Hip Hop and Pom. The members of the dance team were presented with a certificate of achievement from Dr. Pund.

Next, the Board heard a report from Student Advisory Members, Gavin Winkler and Bailey Anderson. Gavin and Bailey have a report from each school building related to upcoming events and student achievements.

Following that, the Indiana Youth and Government students gave a presentation to the Board. The middle school and high school students shared information on what the program is and what experiences it provides them. The students can take on roles that mirror real government positions. It also allows them to research real policy issues and learn how legislation works.

Next, Dr. Pund presented the names of the following resignations. Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to approve the following:

- Theresa Verkamp as 5th/6th grade cheerleading coach
- Ashley Katter as teacher at FES

-Arleta Weyer as FP Cafe staff (retirement)

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

Dr. Pund also recognized the following hirings. Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve the following:

-Theresa Verkamp as the junior high cheerleading coach

-Lance Rahman as teacher at FES

-Emma Grundhoefer as teacher at Pine Ridge

-Madalynn Pund as technology student worker

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

Following Dr. Pund's recognition of the following donations and grants, Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve.

-\$8,333.33 from Chris and Dawn Tretter for the baseball renovation project

-\$1168 from the Mitchell Aaron Haas endowment to FP FFA

-Forest Park Rangers Boys and Girls Golf endowment to FP Athletic Department (\$500), Girls golf (\$341.25) and Boys golf (\$1,023.75)

-\$2,000 from Deaconess Hospital for the baseball complex renovation

-\$2,500 from AC Motorsports for the baseball complex renovation

-\$885 from the Dubois County Community Foundation for FPHS art

-\$30,000 from the Dubois County Community Foundation and \$20,000 from the Upgrade Welborn foundation for a wellness trail at FES.

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

Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to approve the Award of Bid for the Forest Park renovation project to Seufert Construction. Mr. Luebbehusen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Next on the agenda, Curriculum Director Erica Hohl gave a presentation to the Board on the Indiana Accountability Model. The previous model focused on standardized test scores and academic proficiency to assign A-F school grades. In contrast, the new model not only incorporates academic achievement, but also student growth, career and college readiness, and key life skills such as communication, work ethic, and civic literacy. Ms. Hohl shared that this is a broader effort to evaluate how schools prepare students for success beyond the classroom, rather than relying solely on test performance.

The school board members discussed moving the June Board meeting date. Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the June meeting on June 3, 2026 at 6:30p.m. Mr. Luebbehusen seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Next on the agenda, Dr. Pund recognized the following groups and individuals for their outstanding accomplishments:

-Congratulations to FES for achieving Indiana's Literacy Goal. The 2025 third-grade class earned an outstanding 96.2% pass rate on the IREAD assessment.

-Pine Ridge third-grade students advanced to the Elite 8 round of the "Read to the Final Four" competition. Based on the total number of reading hours logged among schools statewide, they ranked among the top eight.

- The middle school Ranger Archery team (grades 6–8) earned a first-place finish at the Indiana NASP State Tournament. The elementary Ranger Archery team (grades 4–5) placed third at the state level. Special recognition goes to Hunter Lange for placing first in the 3D middle school tournament.
- Kudos to Andrea Atkins for her successful grant writing efforts, which secured \$50,000 to support the development of a walking trail at FES.
- Congratulations to our SED students for their outstanding performance at the Regional Livestock Judging Contest held at the Dubois County Fairgrounds. Among 201 participants, FP students competed on a team that placed first (Bo and Tucker Weyer), while Clay, Hadley, and Hutson Weyer were members of a team that placed ninth.

With no other business to address, Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the meeting. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Eckert adjourned the meeting at 7:14p.m.

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

Held on April 14, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held an executive session at the Corporation Office on April 14, 2026.

Mr. Eckert officially called the meeting to order at 7:20p.m.

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

Matt Eckert, Kent Uebelhor, Elaine Miller, Nate Schuler, Matt Luebbehusen - Board Members
Jamie Pund - Superintendent

The Board discussed pursuant to:

Indiana Code: 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(1)

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

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

Mr. Eckert adjourned the meeting at 8:10p.m.

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School Board Members:

Matt Eckert, District C: 1/1/25 - 12/31/28

Kent Uebelhor, District D: 1/1/23 - 12/31/26

Elaine Miller, District B: 1/1/23 - 12/31/26

Nate Schuler, District A: 1/1/25 - 12/31/28

Matt Luebbehusen, At-Large: 1/1/25 - 12/31/28