

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

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The Southeast Dubois School Corporation

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

May 13, 2026

6:30 PM

The Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, May 13, 2026. At 6:30 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
Matt Thompson, Principal
Ryan Haas, Principal
Cassie Williams, Principal
Karl Hinson, Principal
Kerri Winkler, Principal
Erica Hohl, Curriculum Director
Brittany Black, Gibraltar Design
Dale Wagner, Gibraltar Design
Lisa Hoppenjans, Ferdinand News
Forest Park Student Advisory Board Members

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

- A. Approval of Minutes - Board of Trustees Work Session, Regular Board Meeting & Executive Session - April 14, 2026
- B. Approval of Claims totaling \$1,404,330.32 and consider purchase requests

<u>EDUCATION FUND (0101)</u>				
	PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
		11100-611	Art Class supplies for 2026-2027 (School Specialty)	\$786.66
		22370-655	Scale hardware (Five Star)	\$4,636.76
		22370-656	Scale software (Five Star)	\$1,984.74
		22370-656	Unlimited Access to EdPuzzle (Ed Puzzle)	\$730.36
		22370-656	Pivot renewal (Five Star)	\$912.00
		22370-656	Aruba Central AP (Matrix Corp.)	\$1,763.44
	FERDINAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL			
		11100-611	Art Class supplies for 2026-2027 (School Specialty)	\$890.02
		11100-611	Pallet of copy paper (The Paper Corporation)	\$1,490.00
		22370-655	Scale hardware (Five Star)	\$5,124.84
		22370-656	Scale software (Five Star)	\$2,193.66

		22370-656	Unlimited Access to EdPuzzle (Ed Puzzle)	\$807.24
		22370-656	Pivot renewal (Five Star)	\$1,008.00
		22370-656	Aruba Central AP (Matrix Corp.)	\$2,015.36
FOREST PARK JR SR HIGH SCHOOL				
		11200-611	Art Class supplies (Amazon)	\$425.98
		22370-655	Scale hardware (Five Star)	\$10,981.80
		22370-656	Scale software (Five Star)	\$4,700.70
		22370-656	Unlimited Access to EdPuzzle (Ed Puzzle)	\$1,729.80
		22370-656	Pivot renewal (Five Star)	\$2,160.00
		22370-656	Aruba Central AP (Matrix Corp.)	\$4,345.62
		22370-656	Comprehensive Library program (Edmentum)	\$3,744.30
		22370-656	Engineering Participation 2026-2027 (PLTW)	\$3,200.00
		22370-656	Biomedical Science Participation 2026-2027 (PLTW)	\$2,200.00
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL				
		11100-611	Art Class supplies(School Specialty)	\$514.00
		11100-611	Art Class supplies (Amazon)	\$594.99
		11100-611	Pallet of paper and color paper (Paper Corporation)	\$1,588.92
		11100-611	Classroom supplies (Quill)	\$350.37
		11100-611	Robotics team supplies (Vex Robotics)	\$172.37
		24100-611	Office supplies (Quill)	\$100.43
		22370-655	Scale hardware (Five Star)	\$3,660.60
		22370-656	Scale software (Five Star)	\$1,566.90
		22370-656	Unlimited Access to EdPuzzle (Ed Puzzle)	\$576.60
		22370-656	Pivot renewal (Five Star)	\$720.00
		22370-656	Aruba Central AP (Matrix Corp.)	\$2,204.30
<u>OPERATIONS FUND (0300)</u>				
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
		26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$440.36
FOREST PARK JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL				
		45400-715	Aruba subscription license (Five Star)	\$1,312.00
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL				
		26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$698.76
CENTRAL OFFICE				
		25860-656	Recruiting & Hiring Bundle 2026-2029 (Frontline)	\$43,599.97
		25860-656	Absence & Substitute Mgt 2026-2029 (Frontline)	\$32,302.36
		25860-656	Aruba subscription license - 5 yrs (Five Star)	\$984.00
		41000-715	Cut down and remove trees (Giesler Forestry)	\$14,600.00
<u>CONSTRUCTION - GO BOND 2024 (0702)</u>				

		46000-611	(1563) Chairs for classrooms (The Hon Company)	\$13,432.50
		46000-611	(1563) Installation of chairs (Lee Company)	\$1,487.50
		46000-611	(1563) Desks for classrooms (Smith System)	\$43,362.89
		46000-611	(1586) Chairs for classrooms (The Hon Company)	\$18,865.35
		46000-611	(1586) Installation of chairs (Lee Company)	\$1,487.50
		46000-611	(1586) Desks for classrooms (Smith System)	\$66,807.10
<u>SCHOOL LUNCH (0800)</u>				
		31100-656	(1563) Menu Planning package (Health-e Pro)	\$1,146.65
		31100-656	(1581) Menu Planning package (Health-e Pro)	\$1,267.35
		31100-656	(1581) Menu Planning package (Health-e Pro)	\$2,715.75
		31100-656	(1581) Menu Planning package (Health-e Pro)	\$905.25
<u>K -12 ROBOTICS COMPETITIONGRANT STEM PROGRAM (3271)</u>				
		11420-611	(1586) Robotics team supplies (Vex Robotics)	\$903.18
		11420-810	(1586) Robotics teams registrations (Robotics Education)	\$1,000.00
<u>TITLE 1 2025 2026 (4106)</u>				
		22120-611	(1563) PreK - 1st learning books (Learning Without Tears)	\$1,510.74
		22120-611	(1563) Developing Decoders - 2nd Gr (Leprea Education)	\$1,602.30
	GRAND TOTAL:			\$320,312.27

C. Professional Leave

- Leslie Blume and Jordan Witt to attend Choir/Band trip to elementary schools
- Ann Clark, Sara Ernst, Meredith Helming, Alexis Herron, Lori Persohn, Lydia Rea, Emma Stenftenagel, Kyla Thomas, Ava Widolff, and Zach Williams to attend Curriculum Mapping at the Corporation Office
- Asher Corne, Emily Hueftle, Lisa Huff, Tatum Schulz, Brooke Wehr, Natalie Wells, Kennedy Welp, and Phil Winkler to attend Comp Con/Reading Series at the Corporation Office
- Ryan Haas to attend the Summer Seminar at ISU for the IPLI Program
- Tammy Haas to attend the Serve Safe Training

D. Field Trip Requests

- Pine Ridge 3rd & 4th Graders to visit the Thyen Clark Cultural Center in Jasper

E. Facility Use Requests

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

There were no comments or requests from the public.

The next item on the agenda was a report from the Student Advisory Members. Members Gavin Winkler and Bailey Anderson updated the Board on various student activities and awards across the school corporation.

Next, Kris Kingery and Brittany Black were present to review the second bid package for the Forest Park renovation project. They reviewed the tentative plans for the project, including demolition of the

1950s section of the building, a 2-classroom addition, temporary main offices, along with mechanical and electrical upgrades. Additionally, they reviewed the schedule for the renovations.

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

- Tiffany Nicholson as teacher at Pine Ridge
- Peyton Welp as teacher and student council sponsor at Cedar Crest
- David Lusk as varsity assistant for boys basketball
- Brent Sicard as the 5th grade boys basketball coach

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

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

- Melinda Gutsell as the assistant cafeteria manager at Pine Ridge
- Amanda Weyer as teacher at Pine Ridge
- Emily Hueftle, Kyla Thomas, Nettie Boeglin, Susan Atkins and Jaxon Cronin as summer school staff
- Aubrey Welp as CCI Cheer coach
- Phyllis Ramsey as CCI Cafe staff member
- Emma Schroering, Jillian Matheis, Ryhanna Allen, and Mackenzie Jacob as Ed Professions Student Intern

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

Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the following donations and grants.

- \$10,000 from the Mary C. Lange Revocable Trust for the FES Wellness Trail and playground improvement project
- \$1,000 from an anonymous donor to the athletic department
- \$500 from an anonymous donor to the athletic department

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

The next item on the agenda was the personnel list for the 2026-2027 school year:

- Item 1: School Nurses
 - Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve. Mr. Uebelhor seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 as Mr. Luebbehusen abstained from voting.
- Item 2: Administrative Assistants
 - Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve. Mr. Schuler seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 as Mr. Uebelhor abstained from voting.
- Item 3: Substitute Teachers
 - Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve. Ms. Miller seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 as Mr. Eckert abstained from voting.
- Item 4: All Other Personnel
 - Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to approve. Mr. Luebbehusen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The full 2026-2027 Personnel List is included in the Appendix.

Next on the agenda, Dr. Pund gave a presentation on the recently passed Senate Enrolled Act 1 and its impact on the Operating Referendum. Dr. Pund shared a series of slides, related to the corporation enrollment, SEA1's impact on assessed value, along with its impact to property tax revenue.

Next on the agenda, the Board discussed the possibility of pursuing a referendum tax levy pursuant to Indiana Code § 20-46-1. Following discussion, and upon a motion made by Mr. Uebelhor, seconded by Mr. Eckert, and approved by a 5-0 vote, the Board adopted the resolution attached as Exhibit A. The resolution authorizes the administration to further investigate the potential need for a referendum levy, continue discussions with the county auditor regarding the information required for the public question, and engage in additional discussions with the Department of Local Government Finance.

During the last item on the agenda, Dr. Pund recognized the following individuals and groups:

- Benton Welp who qualified for the National Math Stars program. This is awarded to the top 2 percent of third grade students in math in Indiana, based on their iLearn assessment data.
- Forest Park English Academic Team placed 2nd in the state at the Indiana Academic Superbowl
- Riley Hinson set the PAC record for pole vault at 11 feet.
- Congratulations to the winners from the American Legion Americanism Essay Contest: Lily Welp, Austin Hillsmeyer, Lucy Gatwood, Ross Fleck, Graham Meunier, Molly Pund, and Emily Houchins.
- As we approach the end of another successful school year, the Board of School Trustees extends its sincere appreciation to all of our teachers, support staff, administrators, bus drivers, custodians, food service employees, and maintenance personnel. Your dedication, hard work, and commitment to our students are the foundation of our schools' success. Thank you for the countless ways you support our students and families each day and for the positive impact you make throughout our school community.

With no other business to address, Ms. Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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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

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

Held on May 13, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held an executive session in the Superintendent's Office on May 13, 2026.

Mr. Eckert officially called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

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

The Board discussed pursuant to:

- 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(1)
- 5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(2)(C)
- 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 above.

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

Mr. Eckert adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m

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Appendix:

[Personnel Report for 2026-2027](#)
[Exhibit A](#)