

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

432 E. 15th St., Ferdinand, IN 47532
Held on October 14 , 2026 at 5:00 PM

The Board of School Trustees held a regular meeting at the Corporation Office on Wednesday, October 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, Elaine Miller, Kent Uebelhor, Nate Schuler, Matt Luebbehusen - Board Members
Jamie Pund, Superintendent
Karl Hinson, Principal
Cassie Williams, Principal
Kerri Winkler, Principal
Ryan Haas, Principal
Erica Hohl, Director of Curriculum
Forest Park Government Students
Forest Park Student Advisory Board Members

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

- A. Approval of Minutes - Board of Trustees Regular Board Meeting & Executive Session - September 9, 2026
- B. Approval of Claims totaling \$1,679,278.92 and consider purchase requests

<u>EDUCATION FUND (0101)</u>				
FERDINAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
	11100-611.01	2nd grade mentor textbooks (Complete Book & Media)		\$593.84
	16100-611	Grade 3 & 4 ELA books (Lumos Learning)		\$528.66
<u>OPERATIONS FUND (0300)</u>				
PINE RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
	26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)		\$706.59
FOREST PARK JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL				
	26200-431	Welding shop RTU repair (Alpha Energy Solutions)		\$6,200.00
	26200-431	RTU-4 repair (Alpha Energy Solutions)		\$1,100.00
	26200-431	Buechler Arena valve replacement (Messmer Mechanical)		\$4,332.50
	45100-720	Vertical motorized flag for Buechler Arena (Borman Athletics)		\$6,081.00
	45100-720	Electrical hookups for motorized flag (Weyer Electric)		\$5,789.00
CEDAR CREST INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL				

		26200-611	Custodial supplies (Jasper Equipment)	\$684.62
<u>CONSTRUCTION - GO BOND 2024 (0702)</u>				
		45100-450	(1563) Retainage App #3 PRE Re-Roof Project (Eskola, LLC)	\$2,008.04
		45100-450	(1563) Retainage App #4 PRE Re-Roof Project (Eskola, LLC)	\$103.41
<u>HIGH ABILITY GRANT 2026 2027 (3774)</u>				
		12150-656	(1563) CogAT testing for K & 2nd grades (Riverside Insights)	\$1,008.75
		12150-656	(1581) CogAT testing for K & 2nd grades (Riverside Insights)	\$1,358.45
	GRAND TOTAL:			\$30,494.86

C. Professional Leave

- Andrea Atkins to attend Upgrade Panel Discussion
- Chris Atkins, Erica Hohl, Lisa Schroeder, and Kennedy Welp to attend SIEC ML Conference
- Sara Ernst, Alexis Herron, Emily Hueftle, Hannah Sitzman, and Natalie Wells to attend High Ability Conference in Indianapolis
- Jesse Hagedorn to attend American History Conference about WWII
- Emily Hauser to attend CELL's 25th Anniversary Celebration
- Karl Hinson and Kerri Winkler to attend Fall Professionals Conference
- Duane Lorey to attend IAG Conference
- Taylor Niehaus to attend CDRT Training
- Lance Rahman to attend Upgrade School Regional Fall Training
- Ava Widolff to attend Bands of America Performances

D. Field Trip Requests

- Forest Park World War I class to visit Indiana Military Museum
- Forest Park Engineering students to visit VUJ for CTIM Challenge
- Forest Park 8th graders to visit Reality Store in Huntingburg
- Forest Park Freshmen to attend Job Spark in Evansville
- Pine Ridge and Ferdinand Elementary 1st graders to attend MCT screening
- Pine Ridge and Ferdinand Elementary Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd graders to visit Jasper Arts Center

E. Facility Use Requests

- Forest Park FFA to host District XII FFA Welding Contest and District XII Leadership Contest
- Ranger Archery to use Pine Ridge for practice and Cedar Crest to host a tournament
- Odyssey of the Mind to use Ferdinand Elementary for practices
- Ferdinand Tourism to use Forest Park Jr/Sr High School and Ferdinand Elementary for Christkindlmarkt

F. Fundraiser Requests

- Buckets for Benefit for the Junior class prom fundraiser

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 Board member. The Board was updated on upcoming events and recent student achievements from each school building.

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

- Kelly Evans as Instructional Assistant at FP

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

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

- Patty Morgan as custodian at FP

- Chase Snider as 7th grade boys basketball coach

- Toby Kemp and David Welp as BPA advisors

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

Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the following donations and grants:

- \$10,000 from Linda McIntosh in memory of Gary Cornwell

- \$1,000 from Zoetis to FP FFA

- \$360 from the Printing Company to FP volleyball

- \$330 Anonymous to FP football

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- \$8,333.33 from Chris and Dawn Tretter to baseball complex renovation

- \$995 for delinquent lunch accounts in memory of Mary Steftenpohl

- \$75,000 grant from the Eli Lilly Foundation- Opportunity to Learn planning grant

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

Next on the agenda, Dr. Pund reviewed the terms of the Tentative Agreement for Teacher Collective Bargaining Agreement. She shared that the terms of the agreement have been settled as well as the salary increases. The Master Contract will be presented to the Board for approval at the November meeting.

Following that, the Board was presented with an update from Curriculum Director, Erica Hohl, on iLearn data. Ms. Hohl shared the impressive results across all grade levels. She thanked students, staff, and parents for their hard work and dedication.

Next, Ms. Miller made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2027 Capital Projects Plan. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2027 Bus Replacement Plan. Mr. Uebelhor seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Rainy Day transfer. Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to approve the Resolution to transfer amounts from the Education fund to the Operations fund for the Calendar year 2027. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve the Resolution to transfer amounts within the budgeted funds of Education, Referendum, Debt Service, and Operations for the period of January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve the Resolution authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants for 2027. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Schuler made a motion to approve the Resolution for 2027 Budget Hearing. Mr. Eckert seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to approve the Resolution for Appropriations and Tax Rates for 2027. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the bid for the Pine Ridge roof project. Mr. Luebbehusen made a motion to approve. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Following that, Dr. Pund discussed the first reading of Neola policies. The second reading will be presented at the November Board meeting.

Next on the agenda, Dr. Pund gave the following commendations:

- Thank you to our community volunteer fire departments - Birdseye, St. Anthony, Schnellville, and Ferdinand for donating their time at our elementary schools for Fire Safety Day.
- Shea Madden was the recipient of the Dubois Pike Credit Union Scholarship and will use the money to support student ambassadors in creating community tie-ins and support.
- Congratulations to our boys and girls soccer team on their sectional championships.
- Best wishes to our Marching Rangers as they compete at the Semi State level
- Congratulations to our Junior High Cross Country team for a great season, along with the following 15 students that qualified for the State Meet! Annabelle Giesler, Anna Wirthwein, Hadle Schwartz, Lynae Bettag, Abigail Waninger, Lexi Hasenour, Briella Wahl, Sam Ernst, Max Mehringer, Levi Steckler, Leo Schaeffer, Quintin Fromme, Brexton Berg, Paxton Sisco, and Miles Atkins

- Rafe Steckler will be attending the State Soils contest; he earned a 1st place individual in the junior division at the Southwest Region Soils contest.
- Congratulations to the following students for achieving a perfect score on their iLearn test: Mason Verkamp (3rd grade math); Austin Hilsmeier and Liam Beier (4th grade math) Wren Englert and Daniel Marx (6th grade ELA); Blake Morrison and Clark Welp (7th grade ELA) Braelyn Cunningham (8th grade ELA).

With no other business or concerns to address, Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0. Mr. Eckert adjourned the meeting at 5:34p.m.

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

Held on October 14, 2026

The Board of School Trustees held an executive session in the Superintendent's Office on October 14, 2026.

Mr. Eckert officially called the meeting to order at 5:45p.m.

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

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Jamie Pund, Superintendent

The Board discussed pursuant to:

5-14-1.5-6.1 (b)(1)

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, Mr. Uebelhor made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Schuler seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Eckert adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

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School Board Members:

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

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

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

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

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