

**Board of Education Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Southeast Valley Community School District**  
**Wednesday, November 19, 2025**  
**Southeast Valley Central Office**  
**6:30 PM**

The Board of Education of Southeast Valley Community School District met in a regular session. President Miller called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

Roll Call:

Shannon Miller, Allan Wicklein, Sean Stewart, Jim Carlson, Katie VanSickle, and Jeff Ackerson

Absent: Joni Hefley

Additional attendees were, Brian Johnson, Superintendent and Lisa Willardson, Business Manager, Kerry Ketcham, Allie Slinker, Chelsey Danielson.

Motion by AW, seconded by KV to approve the consent items. Consent items included agenda, minutes from prior meeting, payment of bills presented, personnel changes as presented and any open enrollment requests.

There were no open enrollment requests

Personnel items included:

The resignation of Kristi Castenson as HS volleyball coach, the resignation of softball coach Sheridan Zeka, the resignation of Steve Kehoe and Morgan Castenson, Assistant HS volleyball coaches. All resignations are effective immediately.

Approval of Tiffany DeCastro as volunteer dance coach.

Ayes: Miller, Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle

Nays: None

Abstain: Ackerson

Motion carries 5-0

**Committee reports:**

**School Improvement** – None at this time

**Public Relations** –None at this time.

**Facilities & Grounds** –None at this time.

**Negotiations/Finance** – None at this time.

**Transportation** – None at this time.

Building reports were submitted in writing and are available in the central office for review.

Motion by KV, seconded by AW to approve the 6 teacher applications for early retirement.

They included:

Jori Lizer

Jeff Miller

Staci Halligan

Penny Blunk

Kelly Clough

Laurie Kalahar

The one admirative application for early retirement was also accepted and approved for Kerry Ketcham.

All retirements will be effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Ayes: Miller, Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 6-0

Motion by JC, seconded by JA to adjourn the regular meeting.

Ayes: Miller, Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 6-0

**Board of Education Organizational School Board Meeting  
Southeast Valley Community School District  
Wednesday, November 19, 2025  
Southeast Valley Central Office  
6:45 PM**

The Board of Education of Southeast Valley Community School District met in a regular session. The meeting was called to order by Lisa Willardson, Board Secretary at 6:45 PM.

**Recognition of Departing Board Members**

The Board acknowledged the departing members who did not seek re-election this term. Shannon Miller and Jim Carlson were thanked for their dedicated service, leadership, and critical contributions over the past several years. Shannon 16 years and Jim 12 years. The Board expressed appreciation for their commitment to the district/organization and wished them well in their future endeavors. Following this recognition, Shannon and Jim exited the meeting.

Roll Call:

Allan Wicklein, Sean Stewart, Jim Carlson, Katie VanSickle, Jeff Ackerson, Heidi McGuire and Lindsay Eslick

Absent: Joni Hefley

Additional attendees were, Brian Johnson, Superintendent and Lisa Willardson, Business Manager, Kerry Ketcham, Allie Slinker, Chelsey Danielson.

The oath of office was administered to the new board members, McGuire and Eslick.

Motion by KV, seconded by SS to nominate Joni Hefley as President for the school board, and that all nominations cease.

Ayes: Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson, Eslick

Nays: None:

Candidate was sworn in the following day at the Central Office, with Brian Johnson witness.

Motion by JA, seconded by KV to nominate Allan Wicklein as Vice President for the school board, and that all nominations cease.

Ayes: Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson, Eslick

Nays: None

Candidate was sworn in.

Motion by SS, seconded by JA to name the school publication the Gowrie News. .

Ayes: Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson, Eslick

Nays: None:

Motion by KV, second by HM to approve the resolution to request modified allowable growth.

**Resolution to Request Additional Allowable Growth and Supplemental Aid for Increased Open Enrollment Out**  
**WHEREAS, the Southeast Valley Community School District has experienced an increase in the number of students open enrolling out for the 2025-2026 year, resulting in a financial impact on the district; and**  
**WHEREAS, the district seeks to meet its financial obligations to serve all enrolled students while addressing the financial adjustments caused by the increased open enrollment out; and**  
**WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 257.31 permits districts to request modified allowable growth and supplemental aid for these circumstances;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Southeast Valley Community School District, as follows:**

**1. The Board of Education approves the submission of an SBRC request for additional allowable growth and supplemental aid to address the budgetary impact of:**

**a. Increased open enrollment out, in the amount of \$182,654.**

**2. The Superintendent, Board Secretary, and other appropriate personnel are authorized to complete and submit all necessary forms and documentation required by the SBRC to finalize this request.**

**3. The Board affirms its commitment to responsibly managing district resources while advocating for adequate funding to ensure high-quality education for all students.**

**PASSED AND APPROVED this 19th day of November, 2025.**

Motion by SS, seconded by LE to approve the 2025-2026 At-Risk Program.

Ayes: Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson, Eslick

Nays: None:

The next meeting is December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM in the Central Office.

Motion by HM, seconded by JA to adjourn.

Ayes: Wicklein, Stewart, Carlson, VanSickle, Ackerson, Eslick

Nays: None: