

**Board of Education Special School Board Meeting
Southeast Valley Community School District
Wednesday, February 18, 2026
Southeast Valley Central Office
6:30 PM**

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

Roll Call:

Joni Hefley, Allan Wicklein, Sean Stewart, Katie VanSickle, Jeff Ackerson, Heidi McGuire and Lindsey Eslick

Absent: None

Additional attendees were, Brian Johnson, Superintendent and Lisa Willardson, Business Manager, Shayden Hefley, Student Body Representative.

Motion by SS, seconded by HM 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 Mylie Davis, MS Volleyball Coach, Danielle Border MS Band Teacher, Sheridan Zeka, MS Band Teacher. Additional resignations are Kim Dosland and Devan Walker as Senior Class Sponsors. Kara Stuelke's resignation as EL Para was approved as well. Hiring of Amber Klingson, HS Secretary, Piper Derushia for MS Teacher, Ellie Nolte as MS Softball Coach. Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Committee reports:

School Improvement – SIAC Meeting set for March 4, 2026 in Farnhamville.

Public Relations –None at this time.

Facilities & Grounds –None at this time.

Negotiations/Finance – None at this time.

Transportation – None at this time.

Motion by AW, seconded by KV to approve the financials as presented.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Administrative reports were provided to the board for each building as well as curriculum. Copies of the reports are available in the Central Office upon request.

Additional updates on the legislative process occurred. The SSA was set at 2%. It is interesting to note that if the SSA had been 2.25%, the property tax rate would actually have been lower.

Motion by KV, seconded by JA to approve the DECA Nationals trip to Atlanta April 25-29, 2026.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Pete Carlon and Jeff Kruse asked to address the board about a request to name the football field after Don Lewis, a former Prairie football and track coach. The Board will form a committee to look at a policy on naming rights for school facilities.

Motion by KV, seconded by LE to approve the E-rate N1 Critical Universal Power Supply devices as presented.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Motion by HM, seconded by AW to approve the Chromebooks for FY 2027 for the HS and MS in the amount of \$64,942.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Motion by HM, seconded by JA to approve the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget for Publication. The Budget Hearing will be Wed., March 25, 2026 in the Central Office.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Motion by AW, seconded by KV to approve the Budget Guarantee Resolution for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year. **Be it RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of Southeast Valley Community School District will levy property tax for fiscal year 2026-2027 for the regular program budget adjustment as allowed under section 257.14, Code of Iowa.**

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

Motion by HM, seconded by AW to approve the Public Budget Hearing for the 2026-2027 school year for Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 6:20 PM in the Central Office in Gowrie.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0

A conversation regarding the possibility of selling a strip of the Boxholm property that is being sold to the city directly to the Grand Heritage Foundation. No motion was made.

The next meeting will be held March 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM, following the public budget hearing.

Motion by HM, seconded by SS to adjourn.

Ayes: Hefley, Wicklein, Stewart, McGuire, Ackerson, VanSickle, Ackerson

Nays: None

Motion carries 7-0