

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 3, 2003

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG      President Wayne Daugherty called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE      Wayne Daugherty, Duane Cole, John Ranz, Laurice See, James Phipps, William Roberts, Andy Truitt, and Superintendent Tracy Caddell.

Others in attendance were Mona Crabree, Pat Lanman, Melissa May, Ann Geymn, Ron Hocker, Calvin Snow, Tia Peters, Candis Haskell, Greg Curlin, John Sieglitz, Georgia Simmons, Marilyn Goodner, Sara Pavy, Wayne Howell, Rob Banta, Cynthia Griffith, Sharon Barbour, Tricia Bowling, Debbie Christman, Tammy Gregory, Megan Meadors, Janice Meadors, Melissa Morris, and Larry Monjar.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA      Mr. Caddell made the recommendation to approve the agenda with the addition of a 2003-2004 calendar adoption, addition of donations from the Endowment Corporation, and the deletion of the G.P.A. format presentation. Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of the G.P.A. format presentation and the addition of the Endowment Corporation donations. Mr. Ranz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES      Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2003 meeting as submitted. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion, the vote being unanimous.

FUND REPORT      Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Fund Report as submitted. Mr. Caddell gave a brief explanation about a tax collection levy included in the report. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS      Claims number 26152 to 26177, 26179 to 26298, and 26364 were presented for approval. After questioning claims #26259, Bruce Hutcherson, #26255, Harmon Construction, #26910, Educational Furniture, # 26280, M.O.M. for copier lease agreements, and #26278, R.E.M.C. for camera reinstallation. Mrs. See made a motion to approve

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the claims as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. See opened the bids for declared surplus items. The bids were as follows:

'67 Chevy Utility Bus	Larry Monjar	\$150
'67 Chevy Utility Bus	Buster Chase	\$ 50
'67 Chevy Utility Bus	Wayne Howell	\$ 50
'74 Chevy Truck	Wayne Howell	\$200
'74 Chevy Truck	James Thompson	\$175
'74 Chevy Truck	Jerry Monjar	\$175
'89 Chevy Bus	John Sandlin	\$500

Mr. Ranz made a motion to accept the bid from Mr. Monjar for the '67 Chevy Utility Bus, (\$150); Mr. Howell for the '74 Chevy Truck, (\$200); and John Sandlin for '89 Chevy Bus, (\$500). Mr. Cole seconded the motion followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Ranz made a motion to approve the travel and reimbursement policy as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt, the vote unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Cole to delete policy numbers 5.0-40, 5.0-51, 6.0-1, 6.0-17, 6.0-27, 6.0-41, and 6.0-49 from the policy manual. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a donation of approximately \$170, (100 cents from each student), collected by Jacquita Lanman on the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school for the Jefferson Craig Relay for Life team. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve the donation of funds generated from the sale of Candy Grams by Kathy Daugherty to the Jefferson Craig Relay for Life team, Mini-Economy Store and supplies for classroom pets was made by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous

A motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve a resolution for Ann Geyman and Mona Crabtree to appear in small

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claims court as representatives of Switzerland County School Corporation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps, the vote unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve a donation from the local American Legion for \$120 for video tapes to be used by the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and library at Jefferson Craig. Mr. Ranz seconded the motion after asking what was actually on the tapes, and as it was not known for sure, Mr. Caddell said that he would find out. The vote was unanimous.

A presentation was made by Georgia Simmons, the Corporation's head nurse, encouraging drug awareness for the students and their parents. She introduced "McGruff the Crime Dog" to the board members and attendees. She also showed the board members samples of personalized "I Like Me" books to be presented to students to improve self-esteem. Lastly, she presented a book called "Parenting for Drug Prevention" which is designed to educate parents on ways to talk to their children about drugs to prevent drug abuse.

Mr. Caddell then introduced Sarah and Katie Brichto who spoke to the board members and attendees about their After School Spanish Program. Sarah made mention that it was a proven statistic that children who had even a small amount of exposure to another language did better on state tests than those who had none.

Mr. Gullion, the school corporation's technology coordinator, gave a presentation on the different areas that monies from the Cape Grant are being used. Three classes have been added to the curriculum including a class on Web Page Design. Distance Learning opportunities have been made possible such as virtual trips to museums. Future projects Mr. Gullion would like to implement include the opportunity for teachers to take master level classes on line.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve donations from the Endowment Corporation including \$10,000 for a feasibility study for the expansion of Jefferson Craig, \$6,951 for hand washers at Switzerland County Elementary, \$18,800 for Terrazzo flooring at Switzerland

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County Middle School, and \$61,594 for change orders to the roof at Switzerland County High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ranz, the vote unanimous.

Mr. Ranz made a motion to table the adoption of the 2003-2004 school calendar until the board was able to thoroughly review all the dates presented. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sharon Barbour gave praise to Candis Haskell, principal of Switzerland County Elementary, indicating that improved ISTEP test scores were a direct result of her leadership and inspiration.

Tammy Gregory thanked Mrs. Haskell for inspiring the teachers and students with her determination and guidance.

Mrs. Haskell thanked the teachers for their comments, but said the test scores were a result of all the hard work done by the students and teachers. She also felt their new remediation program was a contributing factor.

#### PERSONNEL

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the employment of Tonya Moore to replace Lamoine R. Sanders for the after school and Saturday school supervisory position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps, the vote unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made the motion to approve the resignation of Mr. Sanders, science teacher at the middle school and supervisor of the after school and Saturday school programs. Mrs. See seconded the motion. Ayes: Cole, Daugherty, Ranz, Roberts, See, Truitt. Nays: Phipps

#### PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/ FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Cole made a motion to retroactively approve the professional leave request by Elizabeth Jones to attend an ISTEP review meeting in Indianapolis on February 3 – 5, 2003. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### USE OF FACILITIES

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve three requests for Use of Facilities. They were as follows: High School Cafeteria by Ken Briggs of the Switzerland County Fair Board for a Queen Contest on 6/27/03 from 9 a.m. to

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11 p.m. Old Gym by Calvin Snow for AAU basketball 4 days a week for boys 13 and under; and Old Gym by Sally Thompson of the Florence Church of Christ on March 29, 2003 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for games. Mr. Ranz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND REPORTS:  
(SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell narrated a power point presentation assisted by John Sieglitz showing slides with comparisons of Switzerland County School Corporation's ISTEP scores to statewide results. It was revealed that every grade level tested, (3, 6, 8, and 10), had improved their scores from last year. The third graders ranked number one in the state in their Math section of the test. Mr. Caddell stated that he was extremely proud of the students and staff and thanked the teachers present for their work.

BOARD REPORT  
AND COMMENTS

Laurice See congratulated the teachers and principals for the excellent ISTEP results. She was happy that she was proved wrong in her skepticism of the outcome. She also welcomed Melissa May to the central office staff.

Mr. Roberts gave Middle School principal Elizabeth Jones praise as well as students and teachers for their considerable improvement of ISTEP scores from last year.

Mr. Truitt stated that he knew all along the students would do well on the test. He welcomed Melissa May to the staff and thanked Sarah Brichto and Georgia Simmons for the presentations of their programs.

Mr. Phipps congratulated everyone on the ISTEP results and said that it was one of the proudest moments of his association with the school corporation. He welcomed Melissa May to the staff.

Mr. Ranz said that it was very nice to have something so positive happen to our school corporation. He said it was a proud moment for everyone and congratulated the staff, administrators, students and Mr. Caddell. He welcomed Melissa May as a new staff member.

Mr. Cole welcomed Melissa May to the staff and said that as part of a board member's duty, they so often heard the

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negatives about the school corporation and was proud to hear something positive.

Mr. Daugherty stated that it was indeed a proud moment for Switzerland County School Corporation and gave the teachers, staff, and administrators congratulations. He said that they were all here for the education of our students and something like this made it all very worthwhile. He welcomed Melissa May and said that he was sure she would be a fine addition to the staff.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Roberts. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt with the vote being unanimous

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Wayne Daugherty, President

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John S. Ranz, Vice President

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Laurice See, Secretary

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Duane L. Cole, Member

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James Phipps, Member

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William Roberts, Member

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Andy Truitt, Member