

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2005
7:30 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. to interview two construction managers.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

President Ranz called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

Board members in attendance were Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Swango and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance included Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Pat Lanman, Hilary Lanman, Jacquita Lanman, Derek Marshall, Darin Gullion, Candis Haskell, Renda Mills, Anthony Williams, Sharon Ward, Donita Dye, Donald Dye, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Wegman, Josh Wegman, Jerry Gibson, Larry Sheets, Martin Justice, Tara Justice, Elizabeth T. Jones, Michael Berg, Jacob Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Denny Lewis, and Chris Lewis.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented in a motion by Mr. Phipps and Seconded by Mr. Cole.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 17, 2005. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

A motion was made by Mr. Truitt to approve the Fund report as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded. Mrs. Swango asked if the December ending balance was after tax settlement. Mrs. Geyman answered affirmatively. The board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve claim #30070 through 30219 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mrs. See. Mr. Ranz asked about claim #30134 in the amount of \$540.00 to Amanda Holler for Transportation for a student to New Albany. He said he

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assumed this was for a child with special needs. Mr. Caddell said this was a Switzerland County student that was at the homeless shelter in Aurora. Mr. Phipps asked about claim #30195 to Staples for \$11,681.66 which was mainly for copy paper for each school. He said he thought we could go through the Wilson Center and get a better deal. Mrs. Geyman said sometimes that was the best way to go, but sometimes not. In this case, Staples offered the better deal. Mr. Ranz asked about claim # 30114 to Commercial Parts in the amount of \$2,716.00 for the dishwasher installation at SCES. He noticed that claim #30168 to Nading Mechanical for \$2,697.85 also mentioned dishwasher hookup along with various repairs at the school. It was explained that before the dishwasher could actually be hooked up, some electrical devices needed to be switched out. Mr. Ranz also asked about claim #30182 to Rohe Co. for snow removal on December 26, 28, and 29 for \$5,055.00. He thought this very high. Mr. Caddell explained that he had already met with a Rohe representative and informed him that the corporation was not paying the entire amount. Mrs. See and Mr. Ranz asked about claim #30200 to Swiss Air for walk-in freezer repairs at the Middle School for \$535.00 and at the High School for \$1535.50. Mr. Caddell said that the kitchen equipment at the schools were just getting older and seemed to be increasingly in need of repairs. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

During the Celebrating Success portion of the meeting, Mr. Ranz presented pins to each of the nominated students from each school. They were as follows:

- JC: Jacob Lewis, gr. 4, nominated by Mr. Berg.
- SCE: Pamela Dye, gr. 4, nominated by Mr. Berg.
- MS: Anthony Williams, gr. 8, nominated by Mrs. Ward.
- HS: Josh Wegman, gr. 11, nominated by Mrs. Fancher.

In a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps, the board voted unanimously to accept donations from the Endowment Committee as follows:

- JC Accelerated Reading Program: \$ 5,735.28
- HS Steamer Oven: \$14,920.00
- MS Boiler: \$ 7,983.00
- HS/SCES Dishwashers: \$47,542.00
- MS New Athletic Uniforms: \$11,415.00

Middle School Principal, Mrs. Haskell, introduced Mrs. Justice who spoke about her sixth grade girls' quilt project. On hand to help display the quilt and explain the reason for its creation was Hillary Lanman and Renda Mills. Each of the girls had quilt blocks that told a story about their lives in such ways as the background being their favorite

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color, their names, nicknames or objects such as a basketball cut out in fabric and sewn on the background. The quilt will be displayed for viewing in the school library. The 2005-2006 school calendar was approved in a unanimous decision by the board. The motion to approve the calendar as presented was made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Cole. Staff Orientation Day is set for August 15th, while the first day for students to return to school after their summer break will be August 16, 2005.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Truitt moved to accept the resignation of Georgia Carver as a contract owner/operator and as an instructional assistant. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS:

Mike Jones requested permission to attend the state convention in Merrillville, Indiana with the Key Club students April 1st through April 3rd. The Key Club pays its way to the convention through fund raisers.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Joshua Springer requested to use the Old Gym on March 12, 2005 for a Retro-Prom beginning at 12pm. Mr. Truitt moved to deny the request with the option of using the High School Cafeteria as an alternative. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was as follows. AYES: Ranz, See, Roberts, Swango, Cole, Truitt. NAYS: Phipps.

Mr. Cole made a motion, Mr. Roberts seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve the following use of facilities:

SCES Gym: Brian Covington for 3rd gr. basketball, February through March.

HS Cafeteria: Tonya Pike, Purdue Ext. manager, for Area 1 Share the Fun contest on May 13th from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m..

SCES: Jennifer Line for Brownie meeting every other Wednesday beginning February 26th from 3:30 to 5:00p.m. or 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

SCES Cafe.: Vickie Alford for Cub Scout's Pinewood Derby from 10:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. on March 19th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 2005, at 6:30 p.m. at the administration office.

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Mr. Caddell also wanted to announce that on Aril 9, 2005, there would be a meeting at which there would be a discussion concerning the distribution of riverboat revenue. He mentioned that if any of the board or teachers could, they should attend the meeting. Mrs. Swango mentioned that perhaps the 9th might be too late to respond and asked if they, as a board, should go ahead and write letters to the members of the council with respect to the distribution formula. Mr. Caddell said that if they were so inclined, that would be a good course of action.

Mr. Caddell also announced that on February 24th at 6:00 p.m., the Jefferson Craig Drama Club was putting on a showing of three plays and commercials. He urged everyone to attend. He said he thought this would be a fun thing for parents and other students to see.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Swango seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Jack Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

Duane Cole, Member

James Phipps, Member

William Roberts, Member

Wilma Swango, Member