

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

July 24, 2006

7:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Switzerland County Administration Building.

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, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Pat Lanman, Nancy Stearns, Michael Stearns, Elizabeth T. Jones, Roger Christman, Larry Monjar, Pansy Covington, and Glo Asbury.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mrs. See made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a professional leave request from Nancy Stearns to attend a new administrator's conference. Mr. Cole seconded the motion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of June 20th and July 17, 2006, in a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mrs. Swango.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Cole moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mrs. Swango seconded. Mr. Cole mentioned that the corporation should check on applying for a Federal Grant for Extra Curricular funding. Mrs. Swango asked if the scholarship fund, number 278, was still active. Treasurer, Ann Geyman said that it was. The board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Claims number 32523 through 32664 were presented for approval in a motion by Mrs. Swango, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Ranz asked about voucher # 32651 to TechEd Skills for \$7230. Mrs. Geyman said they were for eight whiteboards and stands. No size was listed on the invoice. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Three Endowment Requests were presented for approval. Mrs. Seaver requested a copier to buy outright, as opposed to a lease, in the amount of \$17,785 from Modern Office Methods; a middle school classroom wall needed to be replaced due to mold damages in the estimated amount of \$12,800; and Danny DeBaun requested an air compressor. Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the requests with Mrs. See seconding. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to approve the textbook rental amounts for grades K through 5. They are as follows: Kindergarten: \$69.79; Grade 1: \$104.05; Grade 2: \$108.81; Grade 3: \$90.39; Grade 4: \$78.30; Grade 5: \$85.02. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked why the textbook rental fund was losing money if the Endowment Corporation has been paying for them. There were several comments in answer to the question such as the prices of the Science and Math adoption of last year, and the replacement costs for damaged books and lost books. The vote to approve the book rental amounts was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the Endowment Request for the textbook rental amount of up to \$170,000 for all grade levels. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the donations from the Endowment Corporation for projects 181 through 202. Mrs. See seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to approve Pat Lanman of Vevay Newspapers to serve as a volunteer spokesperson for the corporation during an event that may involve large number of media. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked if this was on a school year basis. It was decided that since this was on a volunteer basis, the agreement would be in effect until there was a change of mind. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve a \$1000 literacy grant from Wal-Mart and to donate the funds to the community foundation in support of the Imagination Library project. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

An agreement between the school corporation and the Switzerland County Department of Child Services for the services of an At Risk Attendance Coordinator for the elementary and middle school students was unanimously approved in a motion by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mr. Cole.

An agreement between the school corporation and Switzerland County YMCA was recommended for approval in a motion by Mrs. See, seconded by Mrs. Swango. Mr. Cole asked if the practices held at the facility were organized, school sanctioned practices. Mr. Caddell said that they were. The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

Mrs. See moved to approve the contracted bus driver's second semester reimbursement to compensate for the rise in fuel costs. The formula added fifty cents per gallon for the

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number of days driven second semester and no deduction would be made for any amount of overpayment from the first semester.

Mrs. See moved to approve Prairie Farms as the provider for milk products for the schools for the 2006-2007 school year and to form a committee to investigate the sales of milk products from the last couple of years. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Lanman said that perhaps someone should check into the possibility that documents could be e-mailed to the Career Center for printing. He said that the Career Center had a commercial printing program that could possibly do jobs for the corporation as opposed to outright buying a copier for that amount of money without the worry and expense of hiring someone to repair and maintain it.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve Nancy Stearns for the position of Middle School Principal. Mrs. Stearns was awarded a 220 day, two year contract on an administrative salary formula with benefits and sick days to be transferred over a three-year period. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Mr. Caddell introduced Mrs. Stearns and welcomed her to the community.

Mrs. Swango motioned to approve the 2006-2007 Middle School and Switzerland County Elementary Extra-Curricular assignments and approve Mark Boggs for Junior Varsity Boys Basketball coach and Adam Dennis as Varsity Assistant coach, recommended by Varsity coach, Brian Bowen. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The Extra Curricular assignments for the above mentioned schools are as follows:

Switzerland County Middle School:
Girls' Gr. 6 Basketball: Dennis Cole
Girls' Gr. 7 Basketball: Gary Pavy
Girls' Gr. 8 Basketball: Larry Gault
Boys' Gr. 6 Basketball: Chris Mattox
Boys' Gr. 7 Basketball: Larry Gault
Boys' Gr. 8 Basketball: Gary Pavy
Boys' Track: Tony Spoores
Girls' Track: OPEN

Switzerland County Elementary:
Elementary Volleyball: Fred Ross
Newspaper: Travis Griffith
Drama Club: Mike Berg
General Music: Steve Ward
Student Council: Tammy Gregory
Lee Jaye Lohide
Yearbook: Sharon Barbour
Marilyn Devers

Assistant boys' and girls' track coach: Lesa Garvey
Girls' Golf: Fred Ross
Boys' Golf: OPEN
Boys' and Girls' Cross Country: Larry Gault
Boys' and Girls' Soccer: Kyle Weaver
Boys' and Girls' Assistant Soccer: Shellie Fowler
Athletic Director: John Druba
Girls' Volleyball: Tara Justice and Brooke Level

A resignation request from Middle School teacher, Marie Abbott, was approved

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unanimously in a motion made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mrs. See. Mrs. Abbott taught Family and Consumer Science and Health classes at the school.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Several professional leave and field trip requests were approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mrs. See, seconded by Mr. Cole. They are as follows:

- Brian Bowen: JV and V boys basketball to Indy for Indians games on July 19; 3 games at Triton High School on July 20.
- Brian Bowen: Gr. 7,8, & 9 boys to Hanover College on July 8-9 for camp.(prior approval from superintendent).
- Greg Curlin: 12 students for officer training and State Fair in Indianapolis, Aug 2-3.
- Greg Curlin: 7 students for training on public speaking, career development, etc., in Trafalgar, July 11-13. (prior approval from superintendent)
- Nancy Stearns: Indianapolis on July 30-31 for New Administrators Conference.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting was scheduled for July 25, 2006.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Swango welcomed Nancy Stearns to the school community.

Mrs. Swango also wondered why the band did not perform in the July 4th parade at Patriot. She felt it was important that the school was represented. Mr. Caddell said that since the band director had not had enough time to work with the students, she felt that she couldn't put something together that quickly.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Swango moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned.