

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
September 18, 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, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Candis Haskell, Nancy Stearns, Travis Chatham, Wyatt Chatham, April White, Nicole Lyle, Denise Crawford, Christian Stogsdill, Mary Stogsdill, Elizabeth Jones, Rebecca Bunner, Caitlin Rentas, Megan Meadors, Amanda Hale, Richard Hale, Richard Hale, Jennifer Hale, Charlotte Sevy, Eric Sevy, Todd Sevy, Laurie Rentas, and Vern Waltz.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with two additional leave requests and a use of facilities request. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meetings of July 24th and August 21st with a correction to the July 24th minutes in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Phipps. Mrs. Swango pointed out that on the July 24th minutes, the seconding of a motion and the vote had been omitted, and needed to be included.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mrs. See seconded. Mrs. Swango asked if we were replacing buses. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that was correct. She said that three buses were being replaced and that the bidding process was being handled by the Wilson Center. The board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Claims #32797-32925 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Phipps. Mrs. Swango asked about claim # to Modern Office Methods. She said it seemed that Jefferson Craig Elementary's bill was awfully high compared to the other schools. Mrs. Geyman said that she would need to check with the deputy treasurer to see exactly why the amount was so much.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS:

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, the school board recognized the nominees for each of the schools. Board President, Ranz, congratulated each student with a pin and a handshake. The nominees are as follows:

Switz. Co. High School: Amanda Hale, gr. 11, nominated by Mrs. Meadors

Jefferson Craig Elem.: Wyatt Chatham, gr. K., nominated by Mrs. Bunner

Switz. Co. Elem.: Christian Stogsdill, nominated by the 5th gr. team of teachers

Switz. Co. Middle School: Laurie Rentas, nominated by the gr. 7 team of teachers

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to accept a bid from Parham Excavating, Inc. for the snow removal. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. Mr. Cole asked if there was a different rate on the weekend or if it was always the same rate. Mr. Caddell said the bid was an hourly rate of \$65 per hour and did not specify that the price was any different during the week than on weekends. Mrs. Swango asked if the corporation just called them the morning they would be needed. Mr. Caddell said that this was the procedure outlined in the bid specifications. The bid from Parham, which was the only one received by the corporation, was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Endowment Request from Switzerland County Elementary School Principal, Dr. Elizabeth Jones, in the amount of \$2511 for additional expenses incurred while carpeting at the school was withdrawn.

A second Endowment Request was presented to the board for approval. Denise Crawford and Nicole Lyle presented a supplemental program called the Waterford Early Reading Program for the Kindergarten, first, and second grades at Switzerland County Elementary. This program is already in use on the Kindergarten level, but equipment and materials need to be updated and replaced at a cost of \$20,073. Mrs. Swango moved to approve the request. Mr. Truitt seconded and vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the resolution to adopt the 2007 Capital Projects plan. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the 2007 Bus Replacement Plan in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the adoption of the 2007 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation-Operating Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, and Pre-School Education Fund. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the board's vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the appropriations for the 2007 budget. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve a resolution to adopt tax levies for the 2007 budget. The final rates for the tax levies will be determined following assessment and approved levies. Mrs. See seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board had a first reading of several policies. Policies regarding types of meetings; election of school board members; qualifications of members; use of automated external defibrillators; Constitution Day observance; notice of restriction to release student directory information to military representatives; and admittance of students from home-schooling or non-accredited schools were presented to the board. Mrs. Swango moved to approve an amendment to the qualifications of members, changing the residency requirement prior to the election from two years to one year. Mr. Truitt asked her for the reasoning behind the amendment request. Mrs. Swango said that she wanted to make the local school board election requirements consistent with the state election requirements. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the amendment. Mr. Truitt then moved to table the adoption of all of the policies until the next board meeting, as these were the first readings. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the recommendation of Chris Mattox as Assistant Baseball Coach and Brandon Roeder as 9th grade Girls Basketball Coach. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the appointments.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board unanimously approved several Professional Leave/Field Trips in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mrs. See. They are as follows:

- Jon Maxwell - North Central Assoc. Fall Conf. on 10/2, 10/3 in Indianapolis
- Brian Bowen to Cleveland, OH on Oct. 6 for Basketball Clinic
- Adam Dennis to Cleveland, OH on Oct. 6 for Basketball Clinic
- Brooke Levell to Indianapolis, IN on 11/2, 11/3 for Understanding Poverty Conf.
- Bonnie Fancher – Floating Classroom Riverboat with A.P. Environ. Class on 9/26 in

Cincinnati, OH

USE OF FACILITIES:

Several Use of Facilities applications were approved unanimously by the board in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole. They are as follows:

- SCES Cafe.: Great River Girl Scouts on 9/8/05, 5:30-8:00pm, by Bridget Johnson
- SCHS Cafe.: Democrat Fish Fry on 11/04, 5:00-9:00pm, by Mike Jones
- SCES Cafe.: Girl Scouts of USA on 2nd Thu., ea. month, by Jessica Mullins
- SCES Cafe.: Brownie Scouts on 2nd and 4th Wed, ea. month, 3:00-4:15 by Tammy Halstenberg

Mr. Truitt moved to deny a Use of Facilities application from Laura Craig Williams to use the Switzerland County Elementary School Library for a MaryKay Debut from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on September 28th. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. The recommendation for non-approval of the application was based on Item #6-C of the application, which states that a school facility is not to be used for commercial or personal gain. The board voted unanimously to deny the application.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting would be on Tuesday, September 26, 2006.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. See mentioned that she had read the good comments that Mrs. Stearns had made about the Transportation Director, Ivan Green, to Mr. Caddell. She said she was proud of that.

Mrs. Swango also thanked Mrs. Stearns for sharing the information with Mr. Caddell and said that she had also heard good things about Mrs. Stearns from other people in the community.

ADJOURNMENT:

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