

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
February 19, 2007  
7:00 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an executive session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Switzerland County Administration Building.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Others in attendance were Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Janet Hendricks, Ashley Bovard, Suzi Bovard, Candra Berkley, Tina Berkley, Paige Sawyer, Kathy Daugherty, Robert Daugherty, Jenna Daugherty, Trent Ford, Carrie Truax, Candis Haskell, Elizabeth T. Jones, Jade Lucas, Jenna Zimmerman, Jeff Zimmerman, Nancy Stearns, Marla Edwards, Shannon Barger, Erin Gerth, and Bonnie Fancher.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of January 15, 2007 with one change. It was requested that the word ISTEP be included to describe testing programs mentioned in the principals' presentations to the board. Mr. Mckay made the motion to approve the minutes with the aforementioned change. Mr. Roberts seconded.

**FUND REPORT:**

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Phipps seconded. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

**CLAIMS:**

Claims # 33462 through 33604 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Waltz. Mrs. Swango asked what building the new water heater and condensate pumps described in claim #33586 to Roger Schweitzer for the amount of \$9,400 were purchased for. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, responded that these were for the Old Gym. Mrs. Swango also asked about claim #33588 to Shepherd Services in the amount of \$418.88 for postage for a school newsletter. Mr. Caddell said that this was for postage for the mailing of a quarterly newsletter that was mailed to households throughout the county.

### **CELEBRATE SUCCESS:**

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

Jefferson Craig Elem.: Student was unable to attend

Switz. Co. Elem.: Jade Lucas, gr. 5, nominated by Marla Edwards

Switz. Co. Middle School: Student was unable to attend

Switz. Co. High School: 5 students were nominated by Janet Hendricks for being accepted for a Creative Communication Contest for poetry: One student was unable to attend and will be honored at the next board meeting. Those present to receive their awards were: Ashley Bovard, Trent Ford, Jenna Daugherty and Candra Berkley.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Three Endowment Requests were presented to the board.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a fire equipment engineer to design a new fire alarm system for Switzerland County Elementary School at a cost of \$5,700. Parts are no longer available for the original system and alterations have been made to the building. The engineering company of International Fire Equipment Corp., is being recommended by Crossman Fire and Safety, who performs inspections for the corporation. Mr. Cole asked if this was for the engineering portion, only. Mr. Caddell said that was correct. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

\$49,000.00 was requested for the purchase of 10 Numonics Intelliboard Interactive Whiteboards and projectors for classroom use at the High School and the Middle School. The electronic boards and projectors will enhance classroom instruction by using computerized instruction, demonstration and presentation. Teachers really like them and students learn more interactively. The board unanimously approved the request in a motion made by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Shannon Barger, Bonnie Fancher, Erin Gerth and Pam Jones requested an expansion of the Advanced Placement (AP) Program at the High School to include the addition and certification of AP U.S. History, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Environmental Science, and AP Calculus for the benefit of college-bound students. The cost of the expansion would cost approximately \$21,188.00 for textbooks, exams, and other related materials. A motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve the request. Mr. Waltz seconded. Mrs. Swango asked if there was a reason for doing all subjects now, instead of doing it during that subject's adoption year. Mr. Caddell said that the state already requires that at least two AP courses are offered at the school. Mrs. Fancher said that they wanted to get the programs going for the next school year. Mr. Roberts asked if a student could graduate in 3 ½ years instead of 4. Mrs. Fancher said that she felt it would be difficult, but definitely possible. Mrs. Swango asked if classes would be cut anywhere else. Mrs. Haskell said that this would not happen. AP classes would be replacing honors classes. Mrs. Swango asked if there would be scheduling problems as a result of this. Mr. Caddell said that there were always scheduling problems. Mr. Cole said that our school corporation was running way behind others in this area. There being no further questions or comments, the board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Bids were accepted for bus #20, #18, #17, #24, and #63. Sealed bids were opened in the Superintendent's office at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. The information was recorded and a recommendation made that the bid for each bus go to Moredock Farms as the lowest and best bid. Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the sale of the busses as recommended. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango said that if the busses were not picked up, she would like to be notified. The board's decision was unanimous. The bids were as follows:

- Bus #20 Jerry Monjar: \$352.50 / Wayne Howell: \$505.06 / Moredock Farms: \$1,051.50
- Bus#18 Jerry Monjar: \$252.50 / Larry Monjar: \$501.50 / Moredock Farms: \$1,051.50
- Bus #17 Wayne Howell: \$301.08 / Moredock Farms: \$1,051.50
- Bus#24 Moredock Farms: \$251.50 (only bidder)
- Bus #63 Moredock Farms: \$251.50 (only bidder)

Bids were advertised for the sale of a portable classroom at Switzerland County Elementary School and a Greenhouse at the High School. Sealed bids were to be opened at the Administration Office at 3:00 p.m. today. No bids were submitted for either item.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

Mr. Cole moved to approve two resignation requests as presented. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. They are as follows:

- Resignation request from Danny DeBaun as Maintenance Director

- Resignation request from Michelle Brett as High School volleyball coach

Mr. Cole said that the volleyball coach position needed to be filled before summer. The board voted unanimously to approve the requests.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

The board voted unanimously to approve two requests for two leave requests in a motion by Mrs. Swango, seconded by Mr. Waltz. They are as follows:

- Mrs. Seaver, Mr. Martin to Indianapolis on March 10-12 for Business Skills Competition with 10 to 12 students.
- Mrs. Weaver, Mr. Dunning, and Mr. Druba to Indianapolis on April 18-19 for Indiana School Safety Specialist Training.

**USE OF FACILITIES:**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Caddell announced that the next Endowment Meeting would be at 6:30, Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at the Administration office. He also announced a special meeting to be held on Monday, February 26, 2007 at 7:00, with the meeting place to be announced at a later date.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned.