

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

April 23, 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 Jefferson Craig Elementary Library with the regular session held at the Jefferson Craig Elementary Cafeteria.

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, Lisa Arnoldy, Heather Fussnecker, Randy Morris, Ruth Lohide, Brad Burk, Lisa Burk, Braden Burk, Bradlee Burk, Tammy Beitzel, Kathy Williams, Traci Holmes, Jackie Braun, Dana Johnson, Nila Johnson, Pat Lanman, Roy Leap, Kim Cox, Jenna Shelley, Fred Ross, Lynda McKenzie, Nancy Stearns, Darrell Hansel, Phyllis Weaver, Greg Curlin and Elizabeth T. Jones.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. McKay 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 March 19, 2007 in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mrs. Swango.

FUND REPORT:

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

CLAIMS:

Claims #33748 through 33902 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Waltz. Claim #33801 to Bell Industries for \$939.19 for software and licensing and access points was questioned by Mrs. Swango. She wanted to know

what this was for. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that it was for an upgraded e-mail system. Mrs. Swango asked where Mark's Plumbing, the vendor listed in claim #33858, was located. Mrs. Geyman said that the company was located in Texas. Mrs. Swango also asked about claim #33888 to Staples for supplies for the Treasurer's Office for \$180.20. She said that she thought the corporation was going to buy locally if they could. Mrs. Geyman explained that she had used coupons that resulted in significant savings. Mrs. Swango said that she would have done the same. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

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.: Braden Burk, nominated by Fred Ross

Switz. Co. Elem.: Kaylee Gregory, nominated by Dr. Elizabeth Jones

Switz. Co. High School: James Abbott nominated by Bonnie Fancher, and
and Heather Fussnecker, nominated by Bonnie Fancher

Switz. Co. Middle School: Student Council members, Kim Cox, Jenna Shelley, Jackie Jackie Braun, and Nila Johnson nominated by Phyllis Weaver. Student Council members, Emma Johnson and Logan Todd were unable to attend the meeting to accept their awards.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Four Endowment Requests were presented for the board's approval.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve an Endowment Request for approximately \$12,597.76 from Middle School principal, Nancy Stearns. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The funds were to be used for purchasing calculators for the 7th and 8th grade mathematics classes, book cases, tack boards and other instructional items. Mrs. Swango asked if the board members could see the Endowment reports. Mr. Caddell said that he would get with Andy Truitt and get the report out to them on Tuesday. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Caddell submitted a request to go the Endowment for replacing the Old Gym roof at an approximate cost of \$74,950. Mr. Waltz moved to approve the request. Mr. Phipps seconded. Randy Morris of Southern Roofing gave out materials and explained problem areas of the existing roof. Mrs. Swango mentioned that at one time, roofing material had been donated by Dow Corning for the roof and wanted to explore the possibility of getting another roof that way. Mr. Morris explained that the spray foam that was used was not very durable and extremely difficult to repair. The request was approved with a

majority vote with the stipulation that at least one more quote was acquired prior to submission to the Endowment Committee. The vote was as follows: AYES: Truitt, Roberts, Cole, Waltz, Phipps, McKay. NAYS: Swango

Mr. Waltz moved to approve an Endowment Request from Tammy Beitzel and Kathy Williams for \$56,000 to \$75,000 to be used for uniforms, lockable storage units for instrument, and music accessories for the High School music room renovations. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mr. Waltz asked about the company from which they got a quote. He said that when he was an administrator, another company was a popular one to get. Mrs. Williams said that this company's estimates were much better than the one Mr. Waltz was referring to. The board unanimously approved the request with the understanding that Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Beitzel would try to get other quotes.

High School Head Custodian, Janet Splain, requested a set of folding chairs at a cost of up to \$4,800 to be sent to the Endowment. The corporation has only one set of folding chairs that are shuffled between buildings for events which has caused wear and tear on the present ones. Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request. Mr. Waltz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Lanman wanted to know the percentage of increase in wages that was agreed upon and was this for the 2006-2007 year. Mr. Caddell that the non-certified personnel had already received a wage increase for this year, but there was an increase of 1.25 for all remaining teachers.

Ruth Lohide asked for the administration to please participate in the nomination for teacher of the year. She said she knew that was a big decision. She announced that the deadline to submit a nominee was July 27, 2007.

Mr. Hansel announced that the American Legion had chosen Cynthia Griffith and Bonnie Fancher as their regional Teacher of the Year nominees.

The board approved a donation of reference books from the Bartholomew Public Library for the Switzerland County High School Library in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Waltz. The vote to approve the acceptance of the books was as follows: AYES: Swango, Truitt, Waltz, Cole, Roberts, McKay. NAYS: Phipps.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve a tentative agreement between the Switzerland County School Corporation and the Switzerland County Certified Teacher's Association, including a Business Professionals Association stipend. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked Greg Curlin if he was the CTA's representative for this meeting and he said that he was. The board voted unanimously to accept the agreement and apply the new teacher salary schedule to the administrative salary formula.

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the Accounting System Disaster recovery plan update. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. Caddell explained that this was just an updating of the previous policy. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to table an addition to the textbook adoption until the material could be viewed and approved by an appointed committee. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PERSONNEL:

In a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Waltz, the board unanimously approved the following personnel recommendations:

- Add Tammy Beitzel and Shannon Barger as summer school teachers (15 days)
- Tammy Martin for Varsity Volleyball Coach
- Brian Grigsby for Girls Varsity Soccer Coach
- Resignation of Janie Konkle as 7th and 8th grade Cheer Sponsor
- Resignation of Tonya Moore
- Erin Gerth as Varsity Cheer Sponsor

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Two professional leaves were unanimously approved by the board in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Cole. They are as follows:

- Geyman and May to attend IASBO Annual Conference, May 8-11
- Dr. Jones to attend Spec. Ed. Conference (4/24) and Gender Conference (4/25) in Columbus, Indiana

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve several applications for the use of school facilities. Mr. Cole seconded and the board voted unanimously to approve the applications as follows:

- HS Cafeteria for SC Gideon's Pastors Banquet on 10/6/07 by C. Meisberger
- HS Cafeteria for SC Farm Bureau on 10/9/07 by C. Meisberger
- Old Gym for Boy Scout Troop activities on 5/5/07 by Deborah Meyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment meeting at 6:30 on Tuesday. He said the meeting would probably be held at the High School, as the auditor might still have the board room tied up.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Swango wanted to make mention that she had attended a Drama Club presentation and that they had put on an outstanding performance, but that she was disappointed in the attendance.

ADJOURNMENT:

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