

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**JUNE 16, 2008 MINUTES OF THE**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**5:30 P.M.**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met for an Executive Session from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Switzerland County Administration Building to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Truitt, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Waltz. Also in attendance were Superintendent Gullion, Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango and Ron Hocker.

The board discussed no subject matter in the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Following the Executive Session, the board met for a Regular School Board Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** Mr. Truitt called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge to the flag.

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members in attendance were Mr. Truitt, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Mckay, Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Superintendent, Darin Gullion, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Michael Jones, Marlene Jones, Elizabeth Jones, Gayla Bullock, Sheila Gault, Larry Gault, Tony Spoores, Brenda Briggs, and Ken Briggs.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a recommendation to form an Endowment Committee with two board members; an Endowment Request for additional parking spaces at SCES; and a Field Trip request from the music department for band and flag corps members to attend a camp. Mr. Waltz 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 May 5 and May 19, 2008. Mr. Daugherty made the motion to approve the minutes with a correction to each document, seconded by Mr. Phipps.

**FUND REPORT:** Mr. Phipps moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Daugherty asked if the Cape Grant was on the report. Mrs. Swango said that it was #2110 and was listed as the Lilly Endowment on the fund report. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

**CLAIMS:** Vendor Claims # 35942 through 36069 and Payroll Claims for 5/23/08 and 6/06/08 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Cole. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Elizabeth Auxier of Kings Daughters Hospital made a presentation about tobacco education classes available to the students. The program includes information about the dangers of smoking as well as ways to help a person quit smoking.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mr. Roberts moved to accept donations to Switzerland County Elementary School through the Switzerland County Elementary P.T.O. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. The donations included pea gravel from Hilltop Resources, delivered by Rod Dickerson; a mini-grant of \$500 from the Community Foundation for edging to contain the pea gravel; various playground equipment; and the time and talent of Brandi Wilson for painting the sidewalk with age-appropriate games, numbers, and letters. The board's vote to accept the donations was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to accept two Dow Corning Teacher Innovation Awards. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The awards were \$2,841 for Tony Spoores' "Ground Zero" and \$1,467 for Valerie Smith's "Model Rockets" projects. The money will be used to cover the expenses of building the model rockets and setting them off. The board voted unanimously to approve the donations.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to accept United Fund grant money for the 2008 Summer Kindergarten program. Mr. Daugherty seconded. Mr. Gullion said that the amount was less than normal due to the legal issues of the United Fund not being able to pay for personnel. Mr. Daugherty asked the amount of the grant. Mrs. Swango said that, as it stands, now, the grant was \$200. The board voted unanimously to approve the grant.

The board voted unanimously to accept a \$202,090 Title IID, Enhancing Education Through Technology grant, in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Gullion said that the grant was written by Mrs. Reeves and that she had done an excellent job.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the Price Policy Statement for Free and Reduced Lunch and Breakfast Programs. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. Food Service Director, Gayla Bullock, explained that the state recommended policy ensures the discreet, non-discriminatory practices by which the students' eligibility status is determined and identified by the school corporation. The board's vote to approve the policy was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve a contract between the school corporation and the Indiana Department of Education for the Child Nutrition Program for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Waltz made the motion to approve the contract with Mr. Phipps seconding.

Mr. Cole made a motion to form an Endowment Committee of two board members and appoint Mr. Phipps and Mr. McKay to those positions in order to do look more closely at the Endowment Requests before they are presented to the board and to do a long term study of the Endowment Budget. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve an Endowment Request for the expansion of the parking lot at the Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. After some discussion by the board and elementary school principal, Mike Jones, regarding the number of lots that would be added; the positioning of the lots; potential problems of traffic flow from the picture provided; whether the lighting was included in the total cost of the project; and the question of the project exceeding \$150,000, therefore needing to be advertised for bidding, the motion was withdrawn by Mr. Daugherty. Mr. Daugherty moved to table the request until such time as it could be resubmitted with more precise details regarding the above mentioned concerns. Mr. Roberts seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PERSONNEL:** Mr. Roberts moved to approve a retirement request from Home Economics Teacher, Brenda Briggs. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was as follows: AYES: Roberts, Cole, Truitt, Phipps, McKay, Waltz. NAYS: Daugherty. Mr. Daugherty said that he wasn't approving the request because he couldn't accept the resignation of such a good teacher. After Mrs. Briggs's request was approved, Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Roberts presented her with a bell, thanking her for 37 years of service. Mr. Gullion said that it would be a huge loss to the corporation. He said that she was a great mentor to new teachers coming in, as she was for him. He said that he considered her a good friend. Mr. Daugherty shared a couple of stories concerning Mrs. Briggs and their experiences with students on class trips. Mrs. Briggs said that her years at the corporation had all been good ones and that she had wrestled with the decision for quite some time and knew it was the right thing to do, although it was not the one she would have preferred.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a resignation request from Head Nurse, Jeannie Thurnall. Mr. Daugherty seconded. The request was approved by a unanimous vote.

The board voted unanimously to approve an ECA request from Tammy Martin for the position of 2007-2008 Social Studies Academic Team in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mrs. Martin was not approved for the position earlier due to an omission from the original ECA list submitted at the beginning of the school year.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:** Mr. Roberts moved to approve a request from Brian Bowen to accompany the boys' basketball team to Indianapolis for games on 6/21 and 6/22, 2008 with the expenses being paid by the High School. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. The request was approved by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve a request from the Kathy Williams to take the Flag Corps and some Marching Band members to Eastern Illinois University for a clinic on June 26-29, 2008. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty asked if the Band Director would also be attending. Mrs. Williams said that she would not and explained that she had planned the trip, as she planned to be the Flag Corps sponsor for the 2008-2009 school year. She said that some of the band members also expressed an interest in going, and made arrangements for them to attend the marching band clinic as well. She said the trip was being paid for by the students and the Band Boosters. The decision to approve the trip was unanimous.

**USE OF FACILITIES:** The board unanimously approved two requests for the Use of Facilities in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. McKay. They are as follows:

- HS softball field for summer softball, 2008 by David Todd
- HS baseball field for summer baseball, 2008 by David Todd

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Gullion announced that the next Endowment meeting would be on Tuesday, June 17, 2008 and the next regular school board meeting would be held on July 21, 2008.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:** Mr. Daugherty said that by losing Brenda, the school corporation would miss out on a great teacher and he could not think of anyone who deserved retirement more. Mr. Daugherty said that he wanted to remind Brenda that from now on, every day is a Saturday.

Mr. Truitt said that he appreciated Mr. Gullion filling in as the Interim Superintendent. He said that Mr. Gullion had done a great job and had stuck in there even though he had been put through the wringer a few times.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Daugherty seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned.