

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Minutes of the May 3, 2010
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING
4:00 P.M.
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
5:35 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 5:30 at the Switzerland County Middle School Library to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. The Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, and School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker, were also in attendance.

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

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Phipps called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

Board members in attendance were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Mckay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Ronald Hocker, Dan Noel, Brad Bender, Donald Ball, Ginny Reeves, and Dave Ziegler.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include the consideration of an Innovations in Mathematics Grant, Endowment Requests, and a bus route adjustment under New Business. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of April 19, 2010. Mrs. Moore made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Truitt seconded.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims #39407 through #39415 and Payroll Claims for 4/30/2010 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. McKay. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board reviewed the Traffic Safety Project specifications.

Mr. Ball said Sedam Contracting, O'Mara, and McAlister Excavating were the three bidding companies that came to the pre-bid meeting. He said the plan was to use the existing drop-off at Jefferson-Craig Elementary for staff parking, which may need to be resurfaced. Mr. Ball said the drop-off lane at the school was designed for 35 cars. He said the road entries would remain as they are which would be a minimal cost to the corporation. Mr. Ball went over all of the alternates with the board. He said the base bid consisted of the paved bus road all the way from the highway, all the way to the back and down to the cul de sac at the end; the gravel bus parking lot and fence; tennis courts; graded soccer fields, which will be seeded and strawed; a paved student parking lot; and a sub-graded playground area.

Mr. Daugherty said if the board proceeded with the option of returning some of the 6th graders to Switzerland County Elementary School, he felt that would reduce the number of parent pick-ups at Jefferson-Craig Elementary.

Mr. Truitt said one of the things that might be put in as an alternate is something like a gate around the student parking lot to keep the kids from congregating in that area on the weekends. Mr. Ball said he would put in about three gates at points to be decided at a later date.

Mr. Daugherty asked if the buses parked at the Middle School would be moved during the day. Dr. Jones said in the future, those buses would never be in the front parking lots. Mr. Ball suggested restricting all bus parking to the lot behind the new Administration Building. Dr. Jones said she had concerns about the barbed wire on the fence, but changed her view when Mr. Truitt pointed out that the barbed wire would be at the top of an eight foot fence.

Mr. Waltz said he wanted to discuss the Dupraz Lane entrance as opposed to the Main Street entrance. Mr. Ball showed the board members another drawing with that option, which was discussed at the previous meeting. Mr. Ball said this could be a phase two option. Dr. Jones pointed out that the problem with this is that Dupraz is a narrow street; it is not a one-way street and they don't want it to be; and this would not end up solving the problems for Dupraz residents. She said to make the exit there would not be as safe because of the traffic coming in from Highway 56, and there would be people coming

from Dupraz as well. Mr. Bender also mentioned that with this way, the sidewalk has to cross a lane of traffic.

Dr. Jones said the changes to the 2010-2011 student handbooks would be presented at the next regular board meeting for final approval.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Classroom Innovations in Mathematics Grant funds presented by Virginia Reeves. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mrs. Reeves said Switzerland County was one of eighteen school corporations to be awarded the grant. She said it was for seventh grade, eighth grade, and Algebra I teachers. She said it was a one-year pilot program using online curriculum instead of textbooks. Mrs. Reeves said the program calls for the use of white boards and for testing done on the computer. She said \$25,000 of the grant funds would be used for labs, professional development, and acuity Algebra testing three times a year. Dr. Jones said the textbook adoption for the Math series had been delayed because the state and national standards have not been set, yet. She said the state had given school corporations waivers until the standards are set, which will be in August. The vote to approve the \$42,409 grant was unanimous.

An Endowment Request from Switzerland County Elementary School Principal, Michael Jones, for a popcorn popper and cart with delivery and assembly provided by the company was presented for approval. The motion to approve the request for \$2,720 from the Endowment was made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mr. Roberts, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. McKay moved to approve a temporary, as needed, bus route adjustment. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Phipps opened the floor for public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Phipps closed public comments and proceeded with the meeting.

PERSONNEL:

The board unanimously approved an ECA resignation by Pam Jones from the position of High School student Council Advisor in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. McKay. Mr. Waltz said he would like to thank her for the fine job she did for so many years in that position.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next regular board meeting would be held on May 17, 2010.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Moore said she wanted to thank the other board members because they listen and they care. She also expressed her appreciation for Board Attorney, Ron Hocker.

Mr. Waltz said he would also like to include Dr. Jones in that salute.

Mr. Daugherty said he had attended a conference and would like to investigate the possibility of paperless board meetings. Mr. Phipps said perhaps the use of laptops would be an option.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (6:16 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil Mckay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member