

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE December 13, 2010
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 4:00 at the Switzerland County School Corporation's Administration Office 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, Mr. Waltz and Mrs. Moore. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Superintendent; School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker and Matthew Hocker were also in attendance. Board member, Mr. Truitt was ill and could not attend.

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

The Executive Session adjourned and the meeting was opened to the public.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Phipps called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore and Mr. Waltz. Mr. Truitt was unable to attend.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Matt Hocker, John Sieglitz, Rhonda Pennington, Lesa McGarvey, Tammy Bevis, Tara Justice, Tony Spoore, Sean McGarvey, and Michael Jones.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of an item under New Business concerning the Indiana Gaming Commission Emergency Rule. Mr. McKay seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the minutes of the school board meeting of November 15, 2010 with the addition of board member's names that were omitted from the list of those in attendance. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

The board unanimously approved the November, 2010 fund report in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. McKay.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims, #40393 through #40514 and Payroll Claims for November 24, 2010 and December 10, 2010 were approved unanimously by the board for payment in a motion by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board voted unanimously to table an Endowment Request for \$9,605.00 for a floor machine requested by the High School until other models could be explored in order to find a better proposal. The motion to table the request was made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve an Endowment Request from the Middle School for \$60,193.83 for warped door replacements with keyless entry. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board unanimously voted to approve the following insurance proposals in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mrs. Moore:

- Anthem Renewal / Self-funded rating proposal (Anthem Renewal)
- Health Reinsurance through Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada (Health Reinsurance)
- Sun-Life Assurance Company of Canada (Group Life & Accidental Death & Dismemberment)

A Transfer Resolution was unanimously approved by the board in a motion made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. McKay. The Resolution authorizes the treasurer to pay claims through the end of the calendar year and to make transfers within selected funds to balance appropriations. Mr. Daugherty asked for a better explanation of the resolution. Mrs. Swango said the resolution gives permission to do two things. She said one was to pay the claims that come in through the end of the year so they can balance for 2010. Mrs. Swango also said the corporation was legally obligated to have enough appropriations to spend in each account and there are some appropriations that were under spent and some that were over spent. She said these were all within the same fund, so the dollars would be transferred within their own fund in order to balance in 2010. Mr. McKay asked how the audit was going. Mrs. Swango said she thought it was going well and it was her understanding that the audit should be completed by end of January. The approved resolution reads as follows:

WHEREAS, It is necessary to have Board action in order to pay claims and to transfer appropriations within major account classifications; and

WHEREAS, It is deemed to be in the public interest to facilitate the payment of amounts which are owed by the school corporation, and to ensure that adequate appropriations are available for payment of such claims;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes the Treasurer to pay outstanding claims and to transfer appropriated amounts within the 2010 General, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Bus Replacement Funds between December 14, 2010 and December 31, 2010. A claim docket and an appropriation transfer report for this period is to be presented to the Board at the regularly scheduled board meeting in February, 2011.

Adopted this 13th day of December, 2010.

Mrs. Moore moved to approve the donation of a saxophone from Tri-Kappa to be used by a sixth grade beginning band student. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Jones told the board that teachers' negotiations for a 2010-2011 Master Contract had gone well and there had been a settlement in just one evening. Mr. Daugherty said he appreciated the cooperation of everyone involved. Dr. Jones said Mr. Waltz and Mr. McGarvey were among those that were on the committee. She said a couple of the items agreed upon were the option to forego raises in order for the corporation to provide a greater contribution towards insurance premiums and an early out incentive for those considering retirement. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the Master Contract while Mr. Waltz seconded. The board's vote was unanimous. Mr. Waltz said he had participated in negotiations before as a teacher and an administrator and felt this negotiations meeting was the most cordial he had been involved with.

Mrs. Moore moved to approve an increase in the corporation's contribution to Health insurance premiums for non-certified employees. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed with one ABSTENTION from Mr. Daugherty due to his wife being a non-certified employee and the rest of the board members votes being AYES.

The board unanimously approved a bus route modification in a motion made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. Mr. McNeeley's route was modified due to the addition of a student which resulted in a one mile extension to the driver's daily total, adding \$5.85 per day to the amount he is to be paid.

Dr. Jones opened discussion of the Indiana Gaming Commission's Emergency Rule concerning the development agreement. Mr. Hocker explained that the development agreement was between the casino and the county for the benefit of the School Corporation, the Community Foundation, and the towns of Patriot and Vevay. He said the agreement has existed since the casino first came here. He said the Gaming

Commission has now decided to exercise more jurisdiction, giving them the right to alter or delete the agreement. One of the provisions of the Emergency Rule that went into effect the last part of November and will stay in effect for ninety days while they study the permanent rule basically allows the Gaming Commission to go by the developer's request as to how the revenue is shared. Mr. Hocker said he highly recommended that the corporation comment during a sixty-day comment period to the extent that we do not want to lose all control. He said the County Council is also working on this and they would have to agree. Mr. Hocker said he could draft something and bring it back or he could go ahead and draft the comment that the corporation does not like the provision in Section 15. He said he wanted to emphasize that we would not escape all regulations. He said Jon Bond has been drafting a proposed legislation for the county that would give them what they need without giving up our voice in the matter. Mr. Hocker said if the board wished, they could pass a resolution giving him the authority to respond during the comment period or he could draft something and bring it back to them for approval. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the recommendation that the board give Corporation Attorney, Ron Hocker, the authority to respond to Section 15 of the Indiana Gaming Commission emergency rule concerning development agreements. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Phipps requested a copy of the comment as well as a copy of the proposed regulation when it was completed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tara Justice said she wanted to stand up for the sixth grade team of teachers. She said she felt there were some negative things being said against the sixth grade teachers and against the transition of the sixth grade back to the elementary school. She said she thought some of the things being said were untrue. She said the sixth grade is gaining instructional time. She said the students are doing better academically. Ms. Justice said the teachers love the transition and Mrs. Pennington is a wonderful administrator who has stood behind them 110% and made the transition an incredibly smooth one.

Tammy Bevis, an instructional assistant for the sixth grade and parent, said she had to agree with Ms. Justice. She said she couldn't thank Mrs. Pennington enough for listening to them and supporting them the way she does.

Mr. Phipps closed public comments.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the ECA recommendation of Regina Miles for the Middle School Swim Coach position and the resignation of Janett Boling as a part-time teacher for the corporation. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Daugherty asked if anyone knew if there was an incident that had prompted Mrs. Boling's decision to leave. Mr. Jones said he didn't think so other than the fact that she had agreed to help out but was just not up to such a full schedule and after some reflection felt this was her best option.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the professional leave requests of Sally Weales, Tasha Rose, and Becky Tressler to attend a 2011 Indiana Conference on Intervention for At-Risk Students in Indianapolis, Indiana on January 27 and 28, 2011. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Dr. Jones said the trip was to be paid through the Title One Stimulus Grant. The vote to approve the requests was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board unanimously approved a request from Sarah Holman for the use of the Switzerland County Elementary Cafeteria on December 16, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:00pm for Boy Scouts of America Join Night. The motion to approve the Use of Facilities request was made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Dr. Jones announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Jones also announced that the next board meeting would be a Re-Organizational Meeting and would be held on January 10, 2011.

Dr. Jones said she wanted to speak about the results of the last County Council meeting concerning the budget. She said the school corporation would see a five percent reduction in their amount of gaming revenue as opposed to the originally proposed 10%. She said she greatly appreciated the Council for their assistance in keeping the cut at five percent.

Dr. Jones announced that Endowment Committee Member, Tom Scott, was now out of the hospital.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Phipps said he had met with the state auditor for an Entrance Audit. He said the auditor had informed him that the corporation had been granted a lot of stimulus monies and that we needed to report on how those federal dollars were utilized. Mr. Phipps said the auditor plans to be finished by January 31st.

Mr. Waltz said he wanted to thank the sixth grade teachers for attending. He said he felt the sixth grade team of teachers was doing a good job.

Mrs. Moore asked the teachers how the testing was going. Ms. Justice said she felt like they could implement different strategies that Middle School scheduling prevented. She felt the testing went well.

Dr. Jones said she and Mr. Phipps had lunch with the sixth grade teachers and they had come away with a very positive feeling about things from the teachers and the students.

Mr. Daugherty said he was glad to hear from them because the board hears everything. Ms. Justice said they are trying to stay positive and work as a team.

Mr. McKay said this was his last meeting as a board member and he wanted to say that he has enjoyed his time serving on the board. He said he also wanted to share that he has received comments from people who said they felt he has done a good job and was appreciated. He said he has tried to do what he thought was best for the corporation. He said Pam Acton would be attending the next Endowment meeting.

Mr. Phipps said he would like to take this time to present Mr. McKay, sadly, with a clock in appreciation of his service. He told Mr. McKay that he had been a good board member.

Mr. Daugherty said he had enjoyed being a fellow board member with Mr. McKay and that he would be missed. He said Mr. McKay was a conscientious person and a gentleman.

Mr. Waltz said his sentiments were the same.

Mrs. Moore told Mr. McKay that he had taught her a lot about being a good board member. She said she had enjoyed working with him on the Internal Review Committee.

Mr. Roberts said he had enjoyed serving with Mr. McKay as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Waltz seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (6:00 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil McKay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member (Absent)

Vernon Waltz, Member