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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 17, 2015  
REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING          6:00 P.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Board President, Mr. Daugherty, called the regular meeting to order, asked that all communication devices be turned off or silenced, and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mr. Daugherty, President:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Roberts, V. President:	<u>Unable to Attend</u>
Mr. Deck, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Cord, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Peters, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Member:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Jones, Superintendent:	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, John Sieglitz, Sally Weales, Gregg Goewert, Deb Archer, Mike Archer, Brooke Levell, Angela Todd, Marcus Duckworth, Terry Lancer, Mikhail Belyayev, Fred Ross, Gerry Peters, Greg Curlin, Sean McGarvey, Matt Hocker, Tony Spoores, and Harold Scranton.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

It was recommended that the Board approve an amended agenda, with the addition of an Endowment Request, the withdrawal of an Endowment Request, an additional ECA fundraiser, and the addition of a Personnel item. Motion: Deck. Second: Bennett. Vote: Unanimous

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *(Anyone wishing to speak is asked to state their name and keep comments to 2 to 3 minutes. If this isn't enough time, participants are encouraged to submit the balance of their comments in writing and those wishing a written response are asked to leave their name and address with the Administrative Secretary).*

Mr. Daugherty opened the floor to comments from the public.

Angela Todd wanted the Board members to know that the changes to the Valedictorian policy do affect her daughter who is a senior. She has been told for four years that it was a certain way. Now that it has changed, her daughter can't go back make different choices. She feels this is an unfair decision for those students who will be graduating this year.

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**PERSONNEL:**

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of 2<sup>nd</sup> shift custodian, Nikki Thomas, as presented. Motion: Deck. Second: Collier. Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the temporary transfer of Jefferson-Craig Elementary Instructional Assistant, Michele Detmer, to fill a classroom teacher's position currently on leave. Motion: Deck. Second: Collier. Vote: Unanimous.

Permission was requested from the Board to post a position for a Special Education Teacher at Switzerland County Elementary School. Motion to approve: Peters. Second Deck. Vote: Unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of July 20, 2015 and August 3, 2015 were recommended for approval by the Board with some typographical error corrections. Motion: Peters. Second: Cord. Vote: Unanimous.

**FUND REPORT:**

The Financial Report for June, 2015, was presented to the Board for approval. Motion: Collier. Second: Cord. Vote: Unanimous.

**CLAIMS:**

The following Payroll and Vendor Claims were recommended for approval as submitted: Motion: Peters. Second: Bennett:

Payroll Claims: 07/31/2015 and 08/14/15

Prewritten Claims: #49029 - #49069; #489070 - #49091

New Claims: #49092 - #49176

Claims questioned: Cord: #49139 to Kelso Builders, Inc. for \$3,150.00. – repairs and replacements of restroom doors at Jefferson-Craig. Peters: #49116 to Homeland Security for \$175.00 - inspection of water heaters and boiler systems for all of the buildings.

Peters: #49127 to Matthew Hocker for \$6,727.50 – the numbers in the description are dates . Peters: #49129 to Indiana Association of School Principals for \$1,581.00 – some of the amounts in the breakdown are more than the others due to different levels. Vote to approve as submitted: Unanimous.

*BREAK FROM REGULAR MEETING for Public Hearing regarding 2015 Capital Projects Funds Additional Appropriations was presented by Business Manager, Wilma Swango. Hearing no comments from the public, the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.*

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It was recommended that the Board approve the adoption of Additional Appropriations Resolution/Ordinance for 2015 Capital Projects Funds as presented. Motion: Deck. Second: Peters. Vote: Unanimous.

Jeff Quackenbusch of Barnes and Thornburg reported on the bond resolution to be considered later. The proposed amount in the resolution is for a \$1 million bond.

Jason Tensel of Umbaugh gave his report on the Corporation's existing debt, showing two debts costing approximately \$550,000 per year ending in 2023. The proposed will have ten total annual payments due, with an expected payoff in 2025. The interest rate is 3.15%. If the Endowment donation is approved, \$182,000 is expected in interest savings.

The reports submitted by the bond counsel and financial consultant were recommended for approval. Motion: Mrs. Peters. Second: Mrs. Collier. Vote: Unanimous.

*BREAK FROM REGULAR MEETING for Public Hearing regarding 1028/Additional Appropriations for Jefferson-Craig Addition/Renovation Project. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting resumed.*

It was recommended that the Board approve the adoption of the 1028/Reimbursement Bond Resolution (JC Building Project) as submitted. Motion: Deck. Second: Bennett. Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the adoption of Additional Appropriations Resolution for the Jefferson-Craig Building Project. Motion: Collier. Second: Bennett. Vote: Unanimous.

Architect, Terry Lancer gave a presentation regarding the construction/renovation project for Jefferson-Craig Elementary School. He asked the Board for permission to advertise for public bids for the project. Mrs. Cord asked if the lowest bidder will automatically receive the bid. Mr. Lancer explained that if the bid amount was acceptable, the bidder was compliant with the bid requirements, and proved to be a reputable firm, the Board would be advised to approve them as the lowest and best bid. Motion to approve: Deck. Second: Peters. Vote: Unanimous.

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Negotiations Committee: A proposal has been submitted by the team and there will be a meeting on 8/18/15 to respond to that proposal, so there may a settlement as early as the following day.

Endowment Committee: Nothing new

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Internal Controls Committee: Mrs. Cord asked if it would be okay for a member of the School Board to bid on the bonds. The Board's Attorney, Matthew Hocker, explained that this would be fine if they completed a conflict of interest disclosure to protect themselves.

Facilities & Ground Committee Report: Mr. Daugherty feels like the construction project is on track.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budget Workshop: Presented by Mrs. Swango - General Fund budget is \$11 million. Debt Service at this moment, includes the \$2 million bond. The advertised tax rate will be .2140, but will go down. Capital Projects Fund is budgeted for \$2,214,299.00 at a rate of .4559. Transportation is budgeted for \$1,515,228.00 with advertised rate of .2679. Bus Replacement budget is \$405,800.00 at an advertised rate of .0446. The total advertised tax rate is .9824. Estimate of state support tuition funding expected for 2015/2016 school year is \$10,041,082.00. Mrs. Swango wanted to show the 2014 General Fund Revenue (\$10,204,000.00) compared to the 2014 Expenditures (\$10,183,000.00). She touched on Capital Projects plans for each building, as well as the 12-year Bus Replacement plan. A recommendation was made to approve a resolution to shift bus contractual costs to the 2016 Bus Replacement Fund. Motion: Deck. Second: Peters. Vote: Unanimous. The actual budget is advertised online in a program called Gateway which the public has access to. The county auditor runs an announcement in the newspaper saying that is where the budgets are so the public can look at them if they choose.

An After-School Remediation Presentation was given by Fred Ross. It was recommended that the program be approved with the submitted dates, schedule and staff for the 2015-2016 school year. Motion to approve: Peters. Second: Collier. Vote: Unanimous.

A recommendation for an increase in adult lunch prices from \$2.90 to \$3.35 was presented to the Board for approval. Motion: Collier. Second: Deck. Vote: Unanimous.

A number of ECA Fundraisers were submitted to the Board for approval. Motion to approve: Deck. Second: Bennett. Vote: Unanimous. They are as follows:

- HS Athletics: Pacer Varsity Club Dinner, Oct. 29, 2015
- HS Boys Varsity Soccer: Fish Fry, Aug. 21, 2015
- MS Wrestling Team: Cookout for football, Aug. 18, 2015 for new uniforms
- HS Swim Team: 3 on 3 entry fees at Wine Festival, for team equipment, 8/29 & 8/30/15
- MS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade: catalog sales for class trip expenses to DC/Gettysburg, Oct., 2015
- MS Administration/Office Staff: St. Patrick's Day Dance ticket sales for misc. supplies
- HS Football: Subway days sales percentages once monthly to benefit team, 2015/16 school year

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- HS Football: Wine Festival gate workers for team expenses: 8/28, 8/29 & 8/30/2015
- HS Football: Merchandise sales for team expenses, 2015/2016 school year
- HS Football: aid station workers during Taterbug Ultra-Marathon, November, 2015
- MS Student Council: Ticket sales to Halloween Dance: 10/30/15
- MS Student Council: LipSync contest team fees, 10/9/15
- MS Library: Sports button sales for book purchases & supplies, 2015-2016 school year
- MS Library: Book Fair for book exchange, 12/4-12/11, 2015 & 4/11-4/15, 2016
- HS Wrestling: Lift-a-thon wrestler sponsorship for warm-ups, November, 2015
- HS Band/Choir: Century Resources catalog sales for music program, Aug. & Sept., 2015
- HS Band/Choir: Great American Co. catalog sales for music program, October, 2015
- HS Band: Sale of old, re-purposed uniforms for music program, 2015-2016 school year
- JC Intense Interventions Class: Box Tops for Education sales, 2015-2016 school year

It was recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of grant funds in the amount of \$1,862.50 for Middle School Relationship Building Day at Whitewater Camp from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation. Motion: Collier. Second: Deck. Vote: Unanimous.

An Endowment Request for Jefferson-Craig Elementary School Construction Project was recommended for approval as follows: \$2,000,000 cost / \$1,000,000 Endowment gift. Motion to approve: Peters. Second: Cord. Vote: Unanimous.

An Agreement with Greater Clark County School Corporation for Transportation of Switzerland County Students to and from the Deaf/Blind School in Indianapolis was recommended for approval. Motion: Peters. Second: Deck. Vote: Unanimous.

### **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

Professional Leaves: None.

Field Trips were considered as follows:

- Curlin/Wehner: FFA to Louisville for National Ag Science Team/National Chapter, 10/28-10/31  
Motion: Collier. Second: Cord. Vote: Unanimous
- Chad Combs: Baseball Team to Chicago for White Sox Game, 9/12-9/13, 2015  
Motion: Deck. Second: Bennett. Vote: Unanimous

### **USE OF FACILITIES:**

Applications for the use of school facilities were presented for consideration by the Board as follows:

- HS Wrestling Room – H. Cook for Zero Gravity Tumbling Classes, Tuesdays thru Wrestling Season, 4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Motion to approve: Deck. Second: Bennett. Certif. of Liability Provided. Waiver of rental fee: No. Vote: Unanimous.

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- All Buildings – Deputy Morton of Switzerland County Sheriff’s Office for Law Enforcement K-9 Training, multiple dates to be announced, 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Motion to approve: Peters. Second: Collier. Certificate of Liability to be Provided: Yes. Waiver of Rental Fee: Yes (non-profit event).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent, Michael L. Jones, made the following announcements:

- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2015, 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Office
- Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2015, 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Office (public hearing for budget – adoption in October)
- ISBA Fall Conference: September 28-29, 2015 @ Indianapolis Convention Center
- State Road 156 East of Patriot: Met with INDOT. They will be opening one lane with a light. We will get a turnaround for a bus. It is a \$3 million repair project.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Cord: Thanked all for a good start to school year. She asked about Dual Enrollment program. She wondered if those enrolled in the program have paid their tuition or a portion of it yet. Mrs. Swango explained that she was meeting with them Thursday to do that. Forms have been made up for them to make advance payments or to make 3 monthly payments in order to get the payments collected before the semester ends. Mrs. Cord asked about how many were enrolled. Thirty is the desired number, but as of now, the number is 28. Mrs. Cord wants to sit in on the courses. Mr. Goewert suggested she contact Dustin Stewart to set that up.

Mr. Bennett: Questioned how scholarships are awarded. It was explained that there are different guidelines for different scholarships.

Mrs. Peters: Voiced her confusion regarding the valedictorian policy. The Board was told previously that seniors would not be affected by the change. She would have given it different consideration if she had understood that. Seniors should not have the rug pulled out from under them. She is also curious if Mrs. Cord monitoring interns for I.U. Southeast in our schools. She wondered if this was a conflict of interest. Mr. Hocker suggested that a Conflict of Interest statement completed by Mrs. Cord should resolve the issue.

Mr. Daugherty: Thankful to Endowment for Jefferson-Craig project. It was suggested to him that when hiring staff, the Board discuss it ahead of time in Executive Session because the members can be put in an awkward position when the person is present at the public meeting. He knows that the law doesn’t allow votes to be taken during Executive Sessions, but he will check to see what can be discussed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:** (7:55 P.M.)

Motion to adjourn: Deck. Second: Collier. Vote: Unanimous. The Meeting was so adjourned.

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Wayne Daugherty, President

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Unable to Attend  
William Roberts, Vice President

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Josh Deck, Secretary

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Joseph Bennett, Member

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Katie Collier, Member

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S. Jill Cord, Member

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Nancy Peters, Member