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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 20, 2017**

**REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The Board of School Trustees met for a regular monthly Board Meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Building located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana.

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

Board President, Collier, called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag. Immediately following the pledge, Superintendent Jones asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Mrs. Collier, President:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Combs, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Cord, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Sullivan, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Member:	<u>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Jones, Superintendent:</i>	<u><i>Present</i></u>
<i>Cora Castle, Stud. Rep.:</i>	<u><i>Present</i></u>	<i>Kimberly Cutter, Stud. Rep.:</i>	<u><i>Unable to Attend</i></u>

Others in attendance: Wilma S. Rosenberger, Mona Crabtree, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Tony Spoores, Greg Curlin, Sean McGarvey, Sally Weales, Roy Leap, Gregg Goewert, David Todd, Cooper Todd, Connie Ingels, Evan Bosaw, Austin Bosaw, Renee Bosaw, Olesha Romans, Bradley Romans, Brian Grigsby, Alex Smith, Phyllis Stafford, Seth Stafford, Logan Crepin, Fred Ross, Stephanie Hood, Yulonda Wilson-Birge, Jonathan Grice, Kodi Thayer, Natalie Wheeler, Jessica Crepin, Andrew Crepin, Thera South, Braydon South, Josh South and Nancy Barker.

**OVERALL AGENDA:**

The overall agenda was presented for approval. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

The following consent agenda items were approved as recommended: Motion: Deck / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous.

- Amended Minutes of prior meetings: 02/20/2017 and 03/06/2017
- Monthly Financial Report: January, 2017

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- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
  - Payroll: 03/03/17 and 03/17/17
  - Voucher #'s: Prewritten: 51503; 51990-52007;  
52008 – 52017 (voided-printer error);  
52018 - 52031; 52032 - 52062
  - New: 52063 – 52135
  
- Grants:
  - \$7,000: Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation: HS Incentive Program
  - \$15,000: Additional 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC program funds for technology equipment
  - \$70,639: IDOE Digital Learning Grant
  - \$1,965.08: Indiana Workforce Development CTE Performance Grant
  - \$800.00: Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation: Gr. 7 Lang. Arts- Victorian Tea
  
- ECA Fundraisers: 2016/2017:
  - HS Music: Craft Fair Sales for Band Camp Expenses, 4/15/2017;
  - Girls Vars./JV Basketball: Chicken Fry, for program expenses, Spring, 2017
  - JC Library: Classroom War for donation to other distressed communities, 3/21-4/7
  - JC Gr. 3: Easter Bunny Pictures for class supplies, 4/6 & 4/7
  - SCES Stud. Council: ISTEP stress ball sales, 4/10/17
  - HS Golf Teams: RTIC Tumbler sales for equipment expenses, April, 2017
  - MS Stud. Council/NJHS: Spring Fling dance admission for Dues, 4/17/17
  - HS Class of 2019: cookie dough sales for 2018 Prom/class account, 4/3-4/4
  - HS Sophomore Class: silent auction during lunch for class account, 4/10-4/14
  - HS Sophomore Class: car wash for future Prom/class account, 4/15/17
  - HS Girls Soccer: Parents of Soccer kids working @Kentucky Speedway for new uniforms by working concessions, etc., 7/7-7/8, 2017

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Celebrating Success: JC Robotics Team (Riverbots): The Board recognized the students of Jefferson-Craig Elementary School's Sixth Grade Class that were a part of the Robotics Team which competed and won in the 1<sup>st</sup> place out of 24 teams in a regional competition and then placed 9<sup>th</sup> out of 200 teams in the State competition. Student Representative, Cora Castle and Board President, Collier, presented the students with medals. Mr. Grigsby and Mrs. Ingels were the proud sponsors of the team. The Team is comprised of Davin Humbert, Seth Stafford, Melissa Gipson, Alex Smith, Patty Miller, Evan Bosaw, Logan Crepin, Bradley Romans, Issac Smith, Cooper Todd, and Brayden South.

Mr. Fred Ross presented an overview of the 2017-2018 Pre-Kindergarten Program to be covered by the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center Grant. It will be open to students beginning at age 4 by August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be based on need. Parents are required to provide health records. There will be screenings for things such as speech, hearing and vision. The children must be trained to use the toilet. If a student does not attend 95% of the time each month, parents will be asked to forfeit that spot to allow the next child on the list to attend. Registrations will be held at Jefferson-Craig Elementary and Switzerland County

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Elementary. Additional satellite registrations are also being discussed so that parents who have difficulty with transportation may be able to get their kids signed up. Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Ross and Principals of the elementary schools for their work on the program. He explained that this program will not be trying to compete with existing preschools. It is for children that are not being served by other preschool providers.

## **REPORTS:**

### Board Committee Reports:

Endowment: Jones: Last meeting date was February 27, 2017. The future of Debt Service and Textbook Rental were discussed. The date of the next meeting has been rescheduled until after Spring Break on April 4, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: Superintendent Jones met with Mr. Curlin and some other teachers recently. He reported that teachers are looking at committees and thinking about what issues they should work on.

Internal Controls: Cord: She and Mr. Bosaw are still waiting to ascertain whether the Indiana State Board of Accounts will be auditing the Extra Curricular Accounts or whether that will still be the responsibility of the Internal Controls committee. As yet, there has been no response from the State Board of Accounts.

Facilities & Grounds: Bennett: Wanted to mention that the area around the track looks horrible. Coaches need to remind kids to pick up trash. There are empty bottles lying on the ground right next to trash cans.

Also, on March 06, 2017, there was a meeting regarding the Old Administration Building. Information discussed at that meeting: The building has been discussed numerous times since the building was abandoned in 2009 due to health issues. Soon after leaving the building, it was decided that it was not feasible to try to remedy all of the existing problems and that a new building should be constructed to house the Administration staff. Among the existing problems plaguing the building are sewage problems, asbestos, mold, lead paint, all of the windows needing to be replaced, heating and cooling issues, lack of an upstairs fire escape, lack of handicap access to bathrooms and upstairs offices, torn and worn carpeting, pest infestations, and insufficient electrical output.

It is Bennett's opinion, since the building is no longer useful to the Corporation, he would rather see funds go to the buildings that are now occupied and in use rather than spending it on a building that has already been offered to other entities that declined due to not being able to afford the cost of renovation and maintenance. His feeling is that it should be torn down. He mentioned that Mr. Lanman put an article in the Vevay Reveille explaining that the Board is considering the future of the building. He has received no comments from anyone. He wanted to know what others' thoughts might be on the subject.

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Board President, Collier, knew of one person in the community that had questions regarding the building. The floor was opened for comments on the subject. Nancy Barker wanted to know if the property was for sale and if so, how much the Corporation was asking for the property. Superintendent Jones wasn't sure they wanted to give up the whole property, as it included the Old Gym. An undocumented estimate of \$400,000 for repairs has been mentioned in the past. A gentleman from Indiana Landmarks deemed the building to be structurally sound by its appearance, but he is not a structural engineer. Collier doesn't think a decision can be made without knowing the actual cost to totally renovate it and what it would cost to demolish it. Cord agreed. She could not justify spending \$48,000 for the irrigation of the sports practice fields and not trying to save this historic building. Superintendent Jones mentioned that this cost has been in the Capital Projects for a number of years and a lot of kids use those fields. Josh South wondered if there were any future plans for the Corporation to actually use the building. Ideas such as renting it out for not-for-profit entities or using it as a museum have been mentioned. As a taxpayer, Mr. South would rather see Corporation funds spent on other things such as educational programs for the children of the county. It was reiterated by Combs and Sullivan that no decisions should be made until more definitive dollar amounts can be determined as to renovation costs as well as demolition costs. Mr. Bennett would like to have those costs by the next Board Meeting, on April 17. Mrs. Barker asked if the Corporation would possibly lease the building out, if a group of people were interested in obtaining a grant and renovating it. Superintendent Jones responded that this question would need to be run by the Corporation's legal counsel. He will try to have some numbers by the April Board Meeting.

Superintendent Legislative Report:

Mr. Jones reported on a number of the following House and Senate Bills: *HB 1003* replaces ISTEP after 6/30/2018 with the Indiana Learning Evaluation Assessment and after 6/30/17, High Schools must do ECA's in ELA, Algebra 1 and Science (no action yet); *HB 1004* provides that after 6/30/2017, early education grant pilot programs shall include eligible providers in any count (passed/amended 8-1); *HB1007* allows the DOE to authorize course providers to offer courses through any method including online & transfer tuition fees to providers(as yet, no action); *HB 1024* provides that a school corporation shall not discriminate against a student or parent of a student on the basis of a religious viewpoint or expression (as yet, no action); *HB 1079* requires expanded criminal history checks on every employee every five years (passed 9-0); *HB 1384* provides that a student who has not attended the same school for at least 90% of a year will not count in that school's graduation count and after 7/1/18, the SBOE shall establish a definition of a high mobility school / *SB 475* allows two or more schools in the same or adjoining counties to consolidate administrative functions (passed 10-2); *SB 475* requires the SBOE to amend rule establishing developmentally delayed as a disability category for ages 3-9, (passed 13-0); *SB 504* requires education service centers to provide services to charter schools upon request. Hearings this week include: *SB 409* which provides that formal bargaining may not begin before September 15; *SB 498* which changes certain factors that are used to determine a teacher's salary or increment from 33.0% to 33.3%; *SB 1382*

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regarding charter schools, definition of a charter school, websites and selection process; and *SB 1383* which provides that no later than July 1, 2019, the SBOE must establish one or more elementary content area licenses that include Math and Science.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Parent/Student Handbooks for the High School, Switzerland County Elementary School, and Jefferson-Craig Elementary School were presented for first readings at the February 20, 2017 Board Meeting and were presented for approval at this meeting. Mr. Sullivan mentioned that the technology repair fees listed in the handbooks were inconsistent. Technology Director, John Sieglitz, mentioned that those prices will need to be adjusted and Principals will be informed of the changes as soon as they are confirmed. Motion to approve with revised figures: Sullivan/ Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Collier opened the floor for public comments:

Pat Lanman mentioned that perhaps the Corporation could get a grant to pay for a structural engineer to assess the building and give a renovation estimate. Indiana Landmarks might have grant monies that could be used for that. School Board Attorney, Matt Hocker, replied that the town was able to acquire a matching grant through Indiana Landmarks, and the Corporation might need to request that before hiring an engineer to do the assessment.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A list of 2017 Summer School courses, instructors, and schedule submitted by Fred Ross was recommended for approval. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous. The list is as follows:

#### Switzerland County High School

Subject: Credit Recovery

Teacher: Adam Pietrykowski (June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23) Kris Sandlin (June 26, 27, 28, 29, 30)

Days: 20 days.....June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30

Time: 6 hours per day

Approximately: 15 students

Subject: Marching band

Teacher: Jamie Slone

Days: 6 days.....June 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Time: Full Days (6 hours per day)

Approximately: 15 students

Subject: Summer Ag.

Teacher: Greg Curlin and Ashley Wehner

Days: 22 days.....June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and July 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14

Time: 3 hours per day

Approximately: 30 students

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Jefferson Craig Elementary School

Subject: Kindergarten Jump Start  
 Teacher: Linda Kurdys, Jennifer Druba & Becky Bunner  
 Days: 5 days.....July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28  
 Time: 3 hours per day  
 Approximately: 45 students

Jefferson Craig Elementary School

Subject: STEM Enrichment Program  
 Teacher: 2 teachers  
 Days: 5 days.....July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28  
 Time: 3 hours per day  
 Approximately: 30 students

Switzerland County Elementary School

Subject: Kindergarten Jump Start  
 Teacher: Becky Curlin, Erin Lampkin, Stephanie Whaley & Sherrie Howard  
 Days: 5 days.....July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28  
 Time: 3 hours per day  
 Approximately: 60 students

Switzerland County Elementary School

Subject: STEM Enrichment Program  
 Teacher: 2 teachers  
 Days: 5 days.....July 24, 25, 26, 27, 28  
 Time: 3 hours per day  
 Approximately: 30 students

It was recommended that the Board approve a Revised Use of Facilities Application form which may deter applicants from marking the areas that are for board action only.

Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. The revised application will be posted on the Corporation's website.

A revised 2016-2017 Dual Enrollment Memorandum of Understanding including additional classes was recommended for approval. Motion: Deck / Second: Combs . Mrs. Cord asked if the welding classes could be done here. Mr. Jones said that could be revisited. Vote: Unanimous.

A revised Neola Policy #0167.5 with the addition of the word "official" was presented for approval by the Board. Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw. Mrs. Cord believes this policy stifles communication and stated that she could not vote for it as written. Vote: *AYES*: Bennett, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan. *NAYS*: Cord.

**PERSONNEL:**

The following Extra Curricular Activity recommendations were approved as follows:

- Resignation: Sydney Sefton as HS Cheerleading Coach
  - Resignation: Casie Jesop as HS Cheerleading Coach
  - Assignment: Jake Koons as Volunteer MS Baseball Assistant Coach
- Motion: Bosaw / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous

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The 21st Century Learning Centers Grant Positions for 2017-2018 were approved by the Board as follows: Motion: Deck / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous:

- Program Director: Molly Prichard
- JC Educator: Ashley Kitts
- JC Site Coordinator: Nicole Leap
- SCE Site Coordinator: Diane McCarty

A Site Educator for Switzerland County Elementary School will be recommended at a later date.

The Board accepted three requests for retirement at the end of the 2016-2017 School Year as follows: Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

- Janet Hendricks
- Rebecca Bunner
- Larry Gault

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Music Teacher, Jonathan Grice, at the end of the 2016-2017 school year as submitted. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

#### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:**

It was recommended that the Board approve one Professional Leave and one Field Trip as submitted:

- BPA to National Leadership Conf. in Orlando, FL, 5/10-5/14, 2017
- W. Rosenberger/C. Haskell to annual IASBO Conf. in Ft. Wayne, IN, 5/10-12, '17

Motion: Deck / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous

#### **USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

It was recommended that the Board deny the use of the Old Gym by C. Voils / R. Garvey for USWA Professional Wrestling event on 4/17/17 from 2pm to 11pm and every Friday evening beginning in May. Motion: Deck/ Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board consider the following requests for use of school facilities as follows:

- HS Cafe: A. Combs for Garry Jessup's Birthday Gathering, Sunday, 4/30/17, 2:00-6:00 P.M.

Motion to approve with waiver of fee and Certificate of Liability: Deck / Second: Sullivan. Vote: Combs: ABSTAINED / all others: AYES.

- SCES: R. Young for Patriot Assoc. Mtg., May 27, 2017, 4:00-9:00 P.M.

Motion to approve with waiver of fee and waiver of certificate of liability: Bennett / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous.

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- HS Gym: R. Jesop for Staff/Community Open Gym, Sunday Evenings, Nov., 2016 – July, 2017, 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Motion to approve use of OLD Gym with no fee waiver and the acquisition of Hold Harmless Agreements signed by each participant: Bosaw / Second: Bennett.

Discussion: The application states that the High School Gym cannot be rented.

Some members of the Board agreed that this was to protect the facility, and all entities should be treated equally. There are other options for them. Vote:

Unanimous.

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

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.
- School Board Workshop – (J. Halik, Presenter) – April 10, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Administrators & Board Workshop – (J. Halik)- June 5 & 6 @ 6:00 P.M.
- School will now be closed on Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>. The last student day will be May 24 and Teacher Record Day will be May 25.
- Superintendent’s “In the Neighborhood” Meetings 2017:
  - ✓ (done) Cotton Township – Wed., 2/22/17 @ E. Enterprise Fire House @ 6:00 P.M. (SCES Grade 2 – Love the Hungry Project)
  - ✓ (done) Jefferson Township – 3/15/17 @ Public Library @ 6:00 P.M. (JC River Robotics Class)
    - Craig Township – 4/19/17 @ Union Baptist Church in Lamb @ 6:00 P.M. (HS Robotics/Advanced Manufacturing Class)
    - Pleasant Township – 5/17/17 @ Brushy Fork Baptist Church @ 6:00 P.M. (Program to be announced)

### **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

*Castle, Stud. Rep.:* Proud of the Jefferson-Craig Robotics Team / Sad that we are losing good teachers after this year.

*Combs:* After speaking with Mr. Goewert and Mr. Todd, some changes will be attempted regarding drug testing process to try to reduce costs for the athletic department so more money can actually go towards student athletes. She will be partnering with Kathy Cole to do some reworking on current lice procedures. Congratulations to Adam Dennis and the boys’ basketball team for a great season. Good luck to the baseball and softball, golf and track teams.

*Sullivan:* Would like a quarterly update on the grant dollars the Corporation receives. He wondered if the Corporation has considered a device app for website access. He asked if there was wifi access on buses, as he knows kids have devices and some of them ride for a lengthy period of time. Technology Director, John Sieglitz, reported Universal Services cut funding for that and it would be a totally out of pocket expense. They currently pay 80% of the Corporation’s internet. Sieglitz also mentioned that the FCC in Washington, DC was petitioned to try to get that changed with no success. Sullivan



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reported that nineteen different students, past and present, were recognized in the local newspaper for athletic and academic accomplishments, so kudos to them.

Cord: Wondered if the High School had the three Board Members they needed to meet with the review team on April 6 to answer questions, share vision/mission, share concerns/needs and strengths, in order to achieve accreditation. President Collier responded that since she just volunteered, only one more Board Member will be needed. Cord asked if the day to go through things at the Old Administration Building was tomorrow. Mr. Jones explained that there will be a few people going there this Tuesday to identify documents and other items that need to be salvaged and stored elsewhere. She announced that she will be there on Tuesday, 3/28/17, to assist with the actual removal of the items. Some interesting facts she found in a pamphlet about the Old Vevay High School: It was built in 1859, and the census of school children in Switzerland County that year was 4,810 children.

Bennett: Thanked Mr. Ross and the people working with him for the grants. He announced that he had gift certificates to Shells for a free ice cream cone for each of the three Board Members who recently had birthdays.

Collier: Congratulated the FFA, BPA, and the Archery teams. She congratulated the ISTEP and IREAD students and staff for making it through the week of testing. She wished everyone a great Spring Break.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 P.M.**

Motion to adjourn: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. The Meeting was so adjourned.

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Kathryn Collier, President

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Josh Deck, Vice President

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S. Jill Cord, Secretary

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Joseph Bennett, Member

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Greg Bosaw, Member

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Amy Combs, Member

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