

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2002**

**CALL TO ORDER AND
PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

President Wayne Daugherty called the meeting to order and lead the group in pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE

Wayne Daugherty, James Phipps, John S. Ranz, William Roberts, Laurice See, Andy Truitt and Tracy Caddell were all present.

Others in attendance: Janet Daugherty, Ron Hocker, Darin Gullion, John Sieglitz, Elizabeth Tharp Jones, Sandi Kidwell, Sharon Wright, Darrell Hansel, Duane Cole, Lary Jones, Sara Pavey, Vernon Waltz, Lorna Naylor, Tony Spoores and Pat Lanman.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Caddell recommended adding drug testing, student transfers between schools, hire CAPE personnel, welcome new high school teacher and hire MS Alternative School personnel. He also stated there would be no fund report and no claims. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from August 5th meeting were presented. Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

None

CLAIMS

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Ranz made a motion to approve bus replacement bid from Kerlin Bus Sales as lowest and best bid. Mrs. See seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

Bus Drivers Handbook was submitted for approval. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Phipps and motion passed unanimously.

John Sieglitz showed the Board the new key plates that will be used at the High School (4 outside doors and Middle School (3 outside doors). If a staff member loses his/her key, Mr. Sieglitz can remove that number from the list and it will not admit anyone using the key. Name and time will be recorded as the staff member comes in or leaves the building. The doors that are not closing automatically now will be repaired in the near future.

Experience Works, formerly Green Thumb, is requesting a \$300.00 donation for each Experience Works employee in the corporation. Presently we have 2. Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve donation, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Due to the overcrowding at Jefferson-Craig Elementary, Mr. Caddell recommended that the Board deny all transfer requests for the 2002-2003 school year. He also asked permission to send a letter to all parents whose child has been identified as possibly attending the wrong school without Board approval. Mr. Phipps made a motion to deny the 3 requests, second by Mr. Ranz and vote was:

AYES: Phipps, Ranz

NAYS: Daugherty, Roberts, See, Truitt

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve 3 but have the ones already enrolled continue on but do not allow any more transfers the rest of the school year. The motion died due to lack of a second. Mr. Phipps then made a motion to notify all parents of identified students of a deadline to appeal for a waiver unless Board has previously approved. These appeals will be considered on a case by case basis. Those who do not ask for a waiver will immediately be enrolled in the school district where they live. Mr. Ranz seconded the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Gullion stated a new policy needs to be set to clarify these stipulations. Presently, SCES has an empty room and JC is overcrowded. Mr. Hansel stated some students may suffer being transferred after school has started but over-

crowding also causes the children to suffer. Mrs. See stated she thought the K through 2nd should move but 3-4-5 would suffer from uprooting. Either way, not all students will be identified.

Mr. Lary Jones, Town Council, presented a plan to install a sidewalk from the High School to the YMCA. Presently they have \$40,000.00. He asked for 2 things:

- 1. Permission to put sidewalk on school property**
- 2. Half of funding above \$40,000.00**
Total cost will be between \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00.

Mr. Caddell recommended not using any tax dollars but to submit request to Endowment to fund the school's share. After discussion, Mr. Phipps made a motion to give Town Council an easement on school property with the stipulation that a request be made to the Endowment Committee for funding. Motion was seconded by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell will have a list of donations from School Endowment at next meeting to be approved.

Jefferson-Craig and Switzerland Co. Elementary students have been transported to the YMCA for an after school program with the parents picking them up from the Y. The school has provided a bus and a driver. Mr. Caddell is requesting to donate one of the older buses to the Y and the Y having one of their employees get his/her CDL license to carry out this program. The last older bus sold brought between \$200.00 to \$300.00. Mr. Hocker stated as long as the bus was certified and inspected, it could be transferred to the Y with no liability since they are not-for-profit. The bus would need to be painted a different color and no longer represent the School Corporation. A motion to donate the bus was made by Mrs. See, seconded by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.

A Resolution Authorizing an Agent to Accept Pension Liability on Behalf of Employee to

execute and deliver documents related to PERF of Indiana was recommended. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. See and motion passed unanimously

Since the State is cutting basic grant by \$61,000.00 , it is necessary to transfer that amount from Capital Projects Fund to General Fund. Mr. Caddell stated the Corporation was not in financial trouble but he recommended the Board approve the transfer since the same thing will happen next year. Mr. Ranz made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Phipps and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell recommended that accumulative sick days for non-certified employees be increased to 90 instead of 60. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.

He also recommended paying 12 month non-certified employees for 5 vacation days if by their anniversary date they have more than 5 accumulated and are unable to use or choose not to use them. Mrs. See made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.

The Division of School and Community Nutrition Programs and Switzerland Co. School Corporation need to sign a Letter of Agreement. Mrs. See recommended signing the Agreement, second by Mr. Roberts and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Kidwell invited the board members to visit the SSU classrooms and meet their teachers. Mr. Lanman, as PTO President, asked why there was an art fee on the book bill when Jefferson-Craig did not have an art teacher. Mr. Caddell stated he would look into this matter. Mr. Sieglitz stated that website is up and operational.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Waltz, HS Principal, stated he had talked

with Mrs. Betty Hayes and she was resigning as in-school-suspension instructional assistant. Mr. Caddell recommended that the Board accept her resignation. Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve second by Mr. Phipps and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell requested permission to post ISS/bus monitor position. Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. See and motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jones recommended Becky Martin for Alternative School Teacher. She needs to apply for a limited license. This is funded through the At-Risk Grant for Alternative School. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Phipps and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hansel has submitted the following names for ECA for Jefferson-Craig:

Yearbook – Becky Curlin, Elem. Volleyball – Kathy Daugherty, Student Council – Joanne Gaudin/Sara Pavey, Drama Club – Jacquita Lanman, Newspaper and Spell Bowl – Konna Padgett

Mrs. Haskell has submitted the following names for ECA for SCES:

Spell Bowl and History Day – Pam Ely, Cheerleaders – Amy Bovard, Yearbook – Sharon Barbour/Marilyn Devers, Student Council – Peggy Eckerty/Janice Meadors

Mr. Waltz has submitted the following names for ECA for HS:

Newspaper – Rosalind Harrell, Yearbook – Debbie Seaver, Boys Varsity Basketball – David Todd, Boys Varsity Assistant – Mark Boggs, Boys Freshman – Sean McGarvey, Boys Summer Basketball, David Todd, Boys Baseball, Paul Hewitt, Boys Assistant Baseball – Fred Ross, Boys Cross Country – Mark Boggs, Student Council – Pam Jones, Concessions, Greg Curlin, Vocal Music – Steve Ward, Band 6-12 – Bill Kindle, Summer Band – Bill Kindle, FFA – K.Weaver/G. Curlin, French Club – Nancy

Adams, Spanish Club – Nancy Adams, Art Club – Vicki Wilson, Science Club – Bonnie Fancher, NHS – V. Reeves, FCA – Mike McClure, Key Club – Mike Jones/Anita Danner, Boys Varsity Track – Sean McGarvey, Boys Soccer, - Dennis Steinbis, Girls Soccer – Stephanie Stewart, Girls/Boys Golf – Mike McClure, Girls Freshman Basketball – Denny Bowling, Girls Summer Basketball – Wayne Ellegood, Girls Varsity Basketball – Wayne Ellegood, Girls JV Basketball – Steven Konkle, Senior Class – Denise Loaring, Junior Class – Greg Curlin, Sophomore Class – Ann Roller, Freshman Class – Brian Ford
Mrs. Jones submitted the following names for ECA for the middle school:
Volunteer Soccer Coach – Mitch Barnes
Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES/FIELD TRIP REQUEST – None

USE OF FACILITIES

- 1. H. S. Cafeteria by Gideons for Annual Meeting of Pastors’ Banquet on October 5th at 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Oct. 12 Alternate Date)**
 - 2. H. S. Cafeteria by Farm Bureau for Annual Meeting on Oct. 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.**
- Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. See and motion passed unanimously.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell introduced Sharon Wright who has been recognized as American Legion Secondary School Teacher of the Year and presented her with a plaque.
He also introduced Mrs. Lorna Naylor, newly hired teacher at the high school. She was unable to attend last meeting due to being with her husband in Italy. Mr. Waltz congratulated Mrs. Wright on her award.
Mr. Caddell also shared a card from the cafeteria staff stating how much they appreciated the air conditioning and new appliances.
Mr. Caddell stated there would be drug testing policy presented to the Board next week for the high school. The tests will be picked at random

from the ECA, athletes and student drivers. Cost will be \$35.00 per test and will cover 9 drugs. Dogs will again be used this year. Students testing positive will not be expelled but will get drug education and counseling. Students have to have a clean test before they can return to activities.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS

Mr. Daugherty stated a new board member will be appointed at the next meeting. Interviews will begin at 6:00, executive session from 7:30-8:00 p.m. and open session will begin at 8:00 p.m. Applicants will be interviewed one at a time and there are 5 applicants at this time. He asked about the volleyball being played at the high school gym and Mr. Waltz stated only the first game would be at Jefferson-Craig. Contractors did not receive materials because they were shipped to the wrong school. New addition is scheduled for completion on September 6th, with everything else being completed in October. He welcomed Mrs. Naylor, congratulated Mrs. Wright and enjoyed note from cooks.

Mrs. See thanked the audience for attending and also welcomed Mrs. Naylor.

Mr. Roberts congratulated Mrs. Wright and also welcomed Mrs. Naylor.

Mr. Truitt congratulated Mrs. Wright and thanked the audience for coming. He also stated that decisions that have to be made are not always popular but hoped people would understand.

Mr. Phipps congratulated Mrs. Wright and welcomed Mrs. Naylor.

Mr. Ranz also congratulated Mrs. Wright and welcomed Mrs. Naylor.

With no other business, Mr. Ranz made a motion to adjourn, second by Mr. Roberts and motion passed unanimously.