

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 26, 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, Pat Lanman, Duane L. Cole, Sondra K. Turner, Shannon Hoffman, Dennis Gilbert, Vernon D. Waltz, Ginny Reeves, Janet Hendricks, Josh South, Robert Lock, Rita Brogan and Greg Curlin.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** **Mr. Caddell recommended the agenda be adopted as presented. Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.**
- SELECTION OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER**
The Board interviewed 5 candidates beginning at 6:00 p.m. After the interviews, the Board went into Executive Session. Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve Duane L. Cole as the new school board member from York, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously. Mr. Hocker, School Board Attorney, administered the Oath of Office and Amy Springer notarized the Oath.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** **Minutes of the August 19th, 2002, meeting were presented. Mr. Ranz made a motion to table minutes, second by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.**
- FUND REPORT** **Mr. Phipps commented on the Greenhouse account being in the black. Mr. Caddell stated money had been put in Greenhouse account to pay bills and he wants to build up the account to make it self-sufficient. Mrs. See made a motion to approve fund report as presented, second by Mr. Phipps and motion passed unanimously.**
- CLAIMS** **After discussion of claims, Mrs. See made a motion to approve claims, second by Mr. Ranz and motion passed unanimously.**

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OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Caddell recommended that the Board table the requests to the Endowment Corporation since there were only a few. Mr. Ranz made a motion to table requests, second by Mrs. See and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell then opened the Board meeting to a public hearing.

GENERAL FUND

He stated the tax rate should be lower this year due to two things:

1. Corporation is in better shape now with a cash balance.
2. Help from the Endowment Corporation and Grants

(Last year the advertised rate was \$2.34 and actual rate was \$2.02.) This year the advertised rate is \$2.28 and actual rate will be between \$1.65 to \$1.70. Mr. Caddell stated the Endowment Committee may pay the Debt Service if County Council does not cut out the 14%. He also stated there will be a huge increase in group insurance but does not know the exact amount. Salary negotiations will begin in September. Last year's enrollment figure was 1557. He projected 1550 this year but now it is up to 1640. He stated Corporation should receive 2.3% new money.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

High School

Move Transportation Office to modular (from East Enterprise) to land behind high school, pave and fence it in for security reasons. This would also add parking at C.O. especially for MS basketball games. Resurface gym floor and track. Lights and ceiling in main office. Fire alarm system.

Middle School

Carpet. Fire alarm system. Landscaping.

SCES

Roof repair. Fire alarm system. Playground equipment. Phone system. Reseal pavement.

JCES

Fire alarm system. Painting. Water fountains. Blinds. Grease trap.

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Old Gym

Roof. Brick tuck pointing. Finish Windows.

Adm. Office

Remodel office. Central air. Stripe parking lot.

Gutters.

Last year's advertised rate for CPF was .2942, the actual rate was .2510. This year CPF is advertised at .2918.

Transportation Plans

Replace 2 buses and 1 activity bus each year.

The advertised rate this year is .3871, while last year the rate was advertised at .3995 and actual rate was .3635.

Mr. Caddell then closed public hearing. Budget will be adopted at the September 16th meeting.

Mr. Caddell, along with Mr. Hocker, Virginia Reeves and Mr. Waltz, have proposed a random drug testing program for the high school. There will also be searching with drug dogs. The proposed policy mandates that any student who participates in extra-curricular activities at the high school or drives to or from school, must sign a consent form to be placed in an eligible "pool" of students who may be called in to take a drug test. The parents must also sign the form that they consent to having their child tested. If either refuse to sign, the student will not be allowed to participate in ECA or drive to school. Mr. Lanman, Vevay Newspapers, volunteered to run the full policy in the newspaper at no charge in order that the parents, students, etc. would have full knowledge of what the policy states. After discussion, Mr. Phipps made a motion to run policy in newspaper at no charge and delay the vote until September 16, 2002. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Lanman stated the Gideon Dinner date approved at the last meeting has been changed to Oct. 12, 2002. He also stated any requisition items not approved by the Superintendent will be considered by PTA. He will run the School Performance Report at no cost.

The ISS position at the high school has not been filled. Mr. Caddell requested permission to fill the position

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with a qualified person. Mr. Phipps made a motion to allow Mr. Caddell to fill ISS position, second by Mrs. See and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell requested to post suspension teacher position. Salary will be paid from \$29,000.00 grant. Classroom would be in the front section of the old gym for students suspended from 3 to 10 days.

Meals would be eaten at the old gym. He hoped the Judge would do a court order for this program. Mrs. See made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Phipps and motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Caddell also requested to post remediation teacher positions for 3-6-8-10 grades for ISTEP. They would be paid \$25.00 per hour through September. Groups can be not be larger than 10 students and no transportation will be furnished. Classes will be held immediately before or after school. Mr. Ranz made a motion to approve, second by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES/FIELD TRIP REQUESTS: None

USE OF FACILITIES: None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

School Endowment meeting will be August 27, at 6:30 p.m. Some requests that have been made are telephone system (\$61,000.00), walk-in freezer, washer, reach-in cooler, water softener, air in cafeteria and YMCA sidewalk.

Mr. Caddell stated work at high school is going well. There are several projects that will be finished in the next few days. Mr. Waltz stated the students are thrilled with the new restrooms at the high school.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

**Mr. Cole – thanked the Board for selecting him.
Mr. Phipps – thanked all the candidates and welcomed Mr. Cole.
Mr. Roberts – welcomed Mr. Cole and thanked the candidates for their interest in the schools.
Mr. Daugherty – was glad such qualified candidates applied for the York district, welcomed Mr.**

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Cole and told him to be ready to lighten up.

Mr. Ranz – stated he appreciated the candidates taking time to apply and come to the meeting and also welcomed Mr. Cole

Mr. Truitt – welcomed Mr. Cole and stated how much he appreciated good parents applying for the school board position.

Mrs. See – welcomed Mr. Cole and stated it was a tough decision because the candidates were great. She also thanked Pat for running the drug policy in the newspaper.

Mr. Daugherty apologized for the late meeting but stated this was a very important meeting.

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

Wayne Daugherty, President

John S. Ranz, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

Duane L. Cole, Member

James Phipps, Member

William Roberts, Member

Andy Truitt, Member