

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2003

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG President Wayne Daugherty called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE Wayne Daugherty, John S. Ranz, Laurice See, James Phipps, William Roberts, Andy Truitt, Duane Cole, and Superintendent Tracy Caddell.

Others in attendance were Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Pat Lanman, Ron Hocker, Kim Temple, Deb Archer, Jo Gaudin, Martha Blodgett, Sara Pavey, Denise Maxwell, Peggy Eckerty, Marilyn Goodner, Ann Roller, Rebecca Bunner, Vonda Downing, Sharon Earls, Pam Jones, Debbie Seaver, Marie Abbott, Angela Todd, Jacquita Lanman, Cynthia Griffith, Amy Bovard, Sharon Barbour, Vernon Waltz, David Todd, Rolland Goodner, Darin Gullion, Lary Jones, Elizabeth T. Jones, David Soldan, John Lackner, Charles Dennis, Tony Spoores, Bill Kindle, Janet Hendricks, Jon Maxwell, Candis Haskell, and Christy Hewitt.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA Mr. Ranz made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Ranz made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 03, 2003 with one correction concerning the 2003-2004 calendar adoption. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

FUND REPORTS A motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Ranz asked if there could be a report done projecting 24 to 36 months for Textbook Rental. Mrs. Crabtree said that something would be ready for him at the next board meeting. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS Mrs. See made the motion to approve Claims #26377 to 26436. Claims questioned included Dell, Danco, and Coca Cola. Mr. Roberts seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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OLD BUSINESS

The motion to approve Draft #1 of the 2003-2004 calendar was made by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Cole, the vote unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Roberts made the motion to approve a 3-day waiver request from the Department of Education for the 2002-2003 school year. Discussion took place concerning the number of days requested, after which Mr. Ranz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion to approve a request for a 2-day waver for seniors was made by Mr. Ranz. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to table the adoption of a 12-point Grade Point Average scale as presented. Mr. Ranz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Motion was made by Mr. Truitt to amend the present drug testing policy by suspending the testing of nicotine, due to a recent court appeals decision. The motion was seconded by Mrs. See, the vote unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the exploration of offering a pay for a full day Kindergarten program. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Charlie Dennis, John Lackner and Dave Solden of Dow Corning made a presentation regarding \$750 renewable Science / Engineering Scholarships; an educational program that would send Middle School teacher, Tony Spoore, to Keystone, Colorado for a weeklong Environmental training program; and a Business Education Partnership with the School Corporation, (matching funds proposal), that would involve things such as teacher planners, software programs, etc.. Mr. Ranz made a motion to accept the donations and proposals. Mr. Roberts seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion that an after school child care

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grant for Switzerland County Elementary School be approved as presented. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole made a motion to table the deletion of outdated School Board policies 5.0-36, 5.0-52, 6.0-14, 6.0-92, 6.0-93, and 6.0-96. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt, the vote unanimous.

Lary Jones made a presentation to the Board on the status of the school/town sidewalks. Mr. Daugherty said that he knew there had been a problem with the drainage ditch. It was stated that the Endowment Corporation had approved \$40,000 for the project, which should take care of that problem.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to bid out bus contracts for the 2003-2004 school year. Mr. Caddell announced that the state is considering eliminating transportation from the state budget and recommended that the contracts only be for one year instead of four, as has been done in the past. Mr. Cole and Mr. Phipps had questions about the routes and bids after which Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Denise Maxwell stated that she felt the board should consider re-hiring any teachers who have been rified after they have studied the next year's budget and can find a way to do so.

Christy Hewitt said that she wanted to express her appreciation for Mrs. Haskell's diligence in gathering information on the full-day kindergarten program. She felt that the kids would benefit so much, and would really like to see it implemented if the school corporation could find a way to fund it.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Truitt made the motion to non-renew the teaching contracts of High School English teacher, Lorna Naylor, and part-time High School Guidance Counselor, Denise Maxwell. Mrs. See seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the resignation of High School/Middle School Art teacher, Vickie Wilson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps, the vote unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/ None
FIELD TRIPS

USE OF FACILITIES Mr. Roberts made a motion to allow the Valley 4-H group to hold meetings at Jefferson-Craig, as long as the dates were worked out with building principal, Mr. Hansel. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:
(SUPERINTENDENT) Mr. Caddell expressed his desire to emphasize that the ISTEP results in English and Math for our school corporation, which were above the state averages, was a true compliment to the staff, administrators, and teachers.

Mr. Caddell also read a letter from Marv Liberson regarding Switzerland County CTA negotiations. A mediator had been named and negotiations started.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS Mr. Daugherty thanked the gentlemen from Dow Corning for coming to the meeting and for their generous donations and proposals. He said that he appreciated Mr. Spoores's appointment for the environmental training. He also thanked the bargaining staff for their work toward settling teacher negotiations.

Mrs. See thanked Ann Geyman for her work on making the fund reports more informative and easier to read.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Mr. Ranz to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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Wayne Daugherty, President

John S. Ranz, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

Duane Cole, Member

James Phipps, Member

William Roberts, Member

Andy Truitt, Member