

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

- CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG President Ranz called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.
- ATTENDANCE Board members in attendance included Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Cole, and Superintendent Caddell.
- Others in attendance were Mona Crabtree, Ron Hocker, Pat Lanman, Rachel Bladen, Levada Bladen, David Cox, Kim Cox, Debra Cox, Janet Hendricks, H. Kent Kendricks, Elizabeth Jones, Larry Thomas, Shona Thomas, Tylor Thomas, Darrell Hansel, Candis Haskell, Sharon Barbour, Denise Andrews, Denise Loaring, Missy Morris, Martha Blodgett, Chad Riley, Caleb Hall, Christopher Kelso, Chase Jackson, Dennis Alford, Jeff McKittrick, Chad Townson, Allison Miller, Vernon Waltz, Keven Craig, Konna Padgett, Beverly Aufdenkampe, Lisa Arnoldy, Tabitha Arnoldy, Heather Fussnecker, Bill Kindle, Larry Monjar, Ann Monjar, Kaitlynn Rayls, and Darrell Thurnall.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Phipps made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Cole seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21 and August 18, 2003. Minor corrections were made to the minutes of both meetings. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The vote was unanimous.
- FUND REPORT Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the Fund report as submitted. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- CLAIMS Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the claims for payment as submitted. Claim #27403 and 27427 were questioned. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed unanimously.
- OLD BUSINESS A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve a Resolution to adopt the 2004 Capital Projects Plan, reviewed at a hearing held on September 2, 2003.

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Mr. Phipps seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous vote.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the 2004 Bus Replacement Plan reviewed at the September 2, 2003 hearing. Mrs. See seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the 2004 Budget which included the General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation-Operating Fund, Bus Replacement Fund, and Pre-school Education Fund. The budget was reviewed at the September 2, 2003 hearing. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to adopt the 2004 budget appropriations as presented. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the tax levies as presented. Mr. Caddell explained that even though the board adopts the approved levies, they will not be the final levies. They will actually end up being much lower. Mr. Cole seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mrs. See moved to accept the fuel bid from Bullock Oil for the 2003-2004 school year. The bid was:

Cetane rating of fuel bid: 50 Cetane
Dock Price on date of bid: .909 Per Gal.
Total delivered price 1.063 Per Gal.
(This does not include state road tax of \$.16 per gallon.)

Alternate bid: 89 Octane
Dock Price on date of bid 1.121 Per Gal.
Total delivered price 1.263 Per Gal.
(This does not include state road tax of \$.18 per gallon.)

Bulk Oil:
Total delivered price 285.00 Per Drum

Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously.

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NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Cole to adopt a teacher job description as presented. All other job descriptions have been board approved. Mr. Daugherty seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to delete policy numbers 2.1, 2.19, 2.21, 5.0-19, 20, 23, 24, 6.0-43, and 7.0-2-2. Mr. Daugherty seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See made a motion to approve a list of fundraisers for the 2003-2004 school year. The list included the following:

Key Club:	Sponsor, Mike Jones
Senior Class:	Sponsor, Denise Loaring
Band Boosters:	Sponsor, Bill Kindle
Boys' Basketball:	Sponsor, David Todd
Sophomore Class:	Sponsor, Ann Roller
MS Choir, Staff:	Sponsor, Elizabeth Jones
Junior Class:	Sponsor, Greg Curlin
SCES PTO:	Sponsor, Bev Aufdenkampe

Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ranz presented pins to the students selected at this month's board meeting for the Celebrate Success recognition. Mr. Hansel introduced Kim Cox of Jefferson Craig, nominated by Mrs. Blodgett. Mrs. Haskell introduced Tylor Thomas of Switzerland County Elementary, nominated by Denise Andrews. Asia Covington was given mention by Mrs. Jones from the Middle School but she was unable to attend the meeting and will be recognized at the next board meeting. Mr. Waltz then introduced a group of students who had worked diligently to raise funds for the family of fellow student who was killed in a car accident. The students were David Westrich, Chase Jackson, David Harris, Dustin Alford, Chad Townson, Caleb Bovard, Jeff McKittrick, Chris Kelso, Caleb Hall, and Chad Riley.

Mrs. See moved to declared a number of Chairs and Desks from SCES as surplus items. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous. Fifteen of the desks and chairs will be donated to the Cross Plains Church. Fifteen desks and chairs will go to the high school. Fifty desks and chairs will go the Middle School.

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Fifty desks and chairs will go to Jefferson-Craig. The remaining 270 chairs and 285 desks will be auctioned off in the Spring with other declared surplus items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Daugherty moved to accept the resignation of Stephanie Stewart as Girls Soccer Coach. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed unanimously.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve Kevin Craig as the Girls Soccer Coach. Mr. Truitt seconded with the vote being unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve Lesa Gregory McGarvey as Varsity Cross Country Volunteer Assistant Coach. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve a medical continuation for Sarah Headen. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the retirement of Clarence Buster Chase as presented. Mr. Phipps asked if we would be posting the position. Mr. Caddell said that it would probably be posted sometime in October. Mr. Cole asked how it would be posted. Mr. Caddell answered that it would be posted as an Assistant Maintenance position. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve Ann Monjar as a driver for the special education route, retroactive to August 12, 2003. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole, with the vote being unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve the transfer of Dereck Marshall's sick days over a three year period. Mr. Phipps seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Daugherty made a motion to employ Becky Curlin as a teacher with the initial assignment at Jefferson-Craig Elementary, pending the release of her contract with Madison Special Services Unit. Mr. Phipps asked if her contract release would be a problem. It was mentioned that our school corporation was working with SSU on it and that it was believed that it would not be a problem. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to employ Kent Hendricks as an attendance officer for grades K-5. The position is to be 20 hours per week at \$20 an hour, plus mileage, and is to be funded by a grant with the Division of Family and Children. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was: AYES: Daugherty, Roberts, Phipps, Cole, Truitt, Ranz. NAYS: See.

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to increase bus driver pay retroactive to August 12, 2003. The proposed daily rates are as follows:

0-45 miles	\$67
45.1-60 miles	\$73.50
61 miles & over	\$79.85
Vocational	\$54
Express	\$17.65
Special Education	\$82
ECA	\$9

Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve John Druba as the Middle School's Attendance Officer and Derek Marshall as the Attendance Officer at the High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve Susan Reuber as the Middle School Spell Bowl Coach. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/
FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve two field trip requests, one from Mr. Curlin and Mr. Weaver to take 12 students to Louisville, Kentucky for a PALS program and the other from Mr. Kindle to take the Marching Band and

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Flag Corp members to Disney World during Spring Break, 2004. The Band trip had several written stipulations which included a Code of Conduct form to be signed by the student and his/her parent(s), a mandatory meeting for students and parents, a trip agenda approved by the principal and superintendent, and a student/chaperone ratio minimum of ten to one. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole. The vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve two requests for use of facilities. The first request was made by Betty Chase for the SCES Cafeteria for a Thanksgiving Day Dinner on November 27, 2003. The other was made by Peg Ehlers of the Switzerland County Extension Office for the use of the High School Cafeteria on March 6, 2003 from 7:30 to 4:00, pending any prior scheduled events. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt and passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell reminded board members of the School Endowment meeting on Tuesday, September 30, 2003.

The issue of stray dogs was brought to the board members' attention by Mr. Caddell. He said this has become a serious problem at Switzerland County Elementary and that he has written letters to the members of the Switzerland County Council and the Commissioners. School Attorney, Mr. Hocker, attended a Commissioner's meeting at which they discussed an Animal Shelter and obtaining property. They are taking the funding issue to the Council. Mrs. Haskell, SCES Principal, stated that it would probably be six months before building permits, etc. would be final and wondered what she could do in the mean time. She said she would welcome ideas from anyone and that she was worried about the safety of the students. Pat Lanman of Vevay Newspapers suggested she call the Swiss Friends of Animals. Mrs. Haskell said she had already done that, but was told that they would only come pick up the animal if it was sick..

Mr. Caddell told board members that he received a notice from the Indiana Department of Education which urged school board members, superintendents and school leaders

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to review Draft #3 of the P-16 Plans and Higher Curriculum Requirements.

BOARD REPORT
AND COMMENTS

Mr. Ranz presented a plaque to Mr. Daugherty for his past service as the school board president. He said that he wished to express his gratitude for Mr. Daugherty's dedication.

Mr. Roberts congratulated Mr. Hendricks on his appointment as the K-5 Attendance Officer.

Mr. Daugherty was gratified that the students who raised funds for the family of a deceased classmate were recognized. He said they showed initiative and empathy and that was a good thing.

Mr. Phipps told Mr. Kindle that he wanted the Band and Flag Corp to make us proud in Florida.

Mr. Cole welcomed Mr. Hendricks. He thought this position would be a good thing.

Mr. Truitt said he wanted to be a chaperone for the Florida trip.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Daugherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

John S. Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

William Roberts, Member

James Phipps, Member

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Duane Cole, Member