

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 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. Daugherty, Mr. Cole, and Superintendent Caddell.
- Others in attendance were Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Pat Lanman, Ginny Reeves, Megan Meadors, Elizabeth Jones, Stan Tressler, Bob Tressler, Rachel Tressler, Becky Tressler, Judy English, John Haskell, Candis Haskell, Carrie Truax, Jacob Haskell, Darlene Haskell, Dawn Ransdell, Jennifer Abbott, Carole Lewis, Bill Lewis, Nathan Lewis, Tray Meyer, Trenton Ricketts, Mark Sharp, Tyler Johnson, Clay Meyer, Jordan Hewitt, Jim Abbott, Nathan Hickman, Matt Johnson, Cliff Meyer, Gerald Peters, David Hickman, Darin Gullion Missy Morris, Sharon Barbour, Darrell Hansel, Towell Sullivan, Laura Helt, Mark Helt, Samantha Helt, Denise Loaring, Angie Satterfield, Laura Hoskins, Natalie Daugherty, Rob Daugherty, Kathy Daugherty, and Janet Daugherty.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Daugherty made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Mr. Cole seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the minutes of September 15, 2003 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts and the vote was unanimous.
- FUND REPORT A motion was made by Mrs. See to approve the fund report as submitted and was seconded by Mr. Roberts. The vote was unanimous.
- CLAIMS Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the claims for payment as submitted. Mrs. See seconded the motion. Mr. Ranz questioned claim no. 27535 to Dell and claim no. 27547 to MicroWarehouse. Mrs. Geyman explained what the payments were for to each of these companies. Mr. Ranz also asked about the claim to Mastercard. After Mrs. Geyman's

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response, Mr. Ranz commented that this claim needed a better description. Mr. Cole asked about the status of the transportation cameras. Mr. Gullion explained that we have them in all of the buses we use on a daily basis. There being no more discussion, the vote to approve the claims as submitted was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Gullion presented an update on the Cape Grant. There has been an addition of an A+ Computer Class, a hardware/software repair class. There is also a CAD, (Computer Aided Drafting) class that has been added back into the curriculum. Also, there is now a class offered at the High School which teaches the National Standards that must be met by the Certification Tests. So far, none of the twenty students who have taken the test have passed, but some were very close. Mr. Gullion stressed that the test was quite difficult. He said that a re-vamping of the curriculum was needed to help the students achieve their goal.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Hansel, a member of the American Legion Post 185, introduced Lowell Wayne Sullivan who presented Virginia Reeves with an award for the Ninth District for Teacher of the Year, sponsored by their organization.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve the endowment contributions to the corporation as presented. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the endowment requests as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt with the vote being unanimous.

A motion to table the first reading of the corporation's job descriptions was made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Truitt. They will be presented at a later meeting for review. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ranz presented pins to each of the students of the following list who were selected for the Celebrating Success awards for their buildings:

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Jacob Haskell	Middle School
Bob Tressler	Switz. Co. Elem.
Samantha Helt	Jefferson-Craig
Natalie Daugherty	High School

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the elementary grading scale as presented with Mr. Cole seconding. Mr. Gullion explained that there was a consensus of opinion that the current grading scale was outdated and inconsistent and that changes in the curriculum and ISTEP testing warranted changes for Handwriting, Science/Health, Social Studies, and all other classes taught by non-certified personnel. The O, S+, S, S-, and U scale will be used in all elementary schools within the corporation for these classes.

Mrs. See moved to delete a list of school board policies due to changes or amendments through student and employee handbooks which have already been approved by the board. The list consists of policy numbers 6.0-34, 6.0-33, 6.0-32, 6.0-31, 6.0-28, 6.0-22, 6.0-21, 6.0-20, 4.0-25-1, 6.0-2, 4.2-15, 4.2-14, 4.1-25-4, 4.1-25-3, 4.0-25-2, 4.1-9, and 4.0-32. Mr. Daugherty seconded with the vote being unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve a new Pepsi contract, with Mr. Daugherty seconding. Under the current contract, we have been getting significantly low profits. The new contract would give us a five year amount of \$160,250 plus profits, compared to the \$1750 we are now receiving. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. English spoke to the board regarding the rules of the student handbooks and the responsibility of the parent information. She felt that the parents weren't being notified soon enough about problems in the school or on the bus. She said that if a parent were notified sooner, the parent might be able to avoid a situation that was out of control.

Mr. Caddell said the board would take her comments into consideration.

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PERSONNEL

Mr. Daugherty moved to table the new Extra Curricular Activities positions. Mr. Truitt seconded with the members voting unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Truitt to approve the dismissal of Paul Frock as custodian for the corporation. Mrs. See seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the Senior Class Trip to Disney World scheduled for April 29th to May 2nd with several stipulations regarding parent/student conduct awareness. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. All of the outlined stipulations were discussed. The board voted unanimously to approve the trip.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve several Professional Leaves and Field trips. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The trips approved by a unanimous vote are as follows:

Field Trips: 1. Pam Jones: Student Council to Center Grove HS in Greenwood Nov. 8-9 for IASC conference.
2. Becky Curlin & Karoline Green: Middle School Volleyball Team overnight at JC gym on Oct. 31 for a reward for players.

Professional Leaves:

1. Denise Loaring, Lyn Hall, Cindy Haskell, John Seiglitz, and Darin Gullion: STI conference at Lexington, KY on 12/8-10 for the student management system scheduling training. (trip to be paid for with CAPE grant funds).
2. Denise Loaring: Indiana Counselors Workshop in Indianapolis on Nov. 20-21.

USE OF FACILITIES

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the use of facilities as presented, providing they are available after consulting with the building principals. They are as follows:

SCES- Cafeteria/Gym by Virginia Roberts for Family Reunion on 11/29/03 from 10am to 4pm

SCES- Gym by Jason and Darrin McCreary for basketball on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 at \$25 per night

SCES- Cafeteria by Roy Leap for SC Soccer Association Banquet on 11/7/03 from 5pm to 8:30pm

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The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt with the vote being unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND REPORTS:
(SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell reminded the board members that the next endowment meeting would be on October 28, 2003.

The subject of stray dogs at Switzerland County Elementary School was brought to the board's attention again. Mr. Hocker was asked if there was anything being done that he knew of. He said the subject had been discussed by some of the Switzerland County governing officials, but as of yet they had come up with no solutions that he knew of.

BOARD REPORT AND
COMMENTS

Mr. Daugherty said that it was a great pleasure to be able to be there to listen to all of the good things going on in our schools. He said that it was great that we are recognizing these outstanding students for their accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

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

John S. Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

William Roberts, Member

James Phipps, Member

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Wayne Daugherty, Member

Duane Cole, Member