

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 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. Daugherty, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps and Superintendent Caddell.
- Others in attendance were Melissa May, Mona Crabtree, Pat Lanman, Judy Lozier, Phil Lozier, Ginny Reeves, Michael Edwards, Marla Edwards, Lauren Edwards, Justin Kasson, Jenny Abbott, Jennifer Kasson, Michael Jones, Vernon Waltz, Virginia Furnish, Rebecca Curlin, Victoria Abbott, Rob Banta, Norma Beach, Christopher Beach, Oneva Beach, Melissa Perry, Denise Loaring, Lauren Williams, Kathryn Williams, Elizabeth T. Jones, Candis Haskell, Brandon Gatto, Michael Gatto, Larry Monjar, Ann Monjar, and Tammy Gregory.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve an amended agenda with Mr. Cole seconding. The revised agenda included requests for approval of endowment donations, a professional leave for Derek Marshall, and a property and casualty insurance proposal. It also excluded the Rumpke contract and the roll over provision to the superintendent's contract. The vote was unanimous.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the minutes of the October 20th and November 17th, 2003. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daugherty and the vote was unanimous.
- FUND REPORT Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.
- CLAIMS Mrs. See moved to approve the claims for payment as submitted, with Mr. Cole seconding. Mr. Cole asked if the class that we purchased French books for would be one that the High School would offer in future years. Mr. Caddell said it was their intention to do so. Mrs. See also mentioned that she did not think all of the students in the

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class had received their books yet. Mr. Caddell said he was not aware of this and asked Mona to check on it. The vote to approve the claims was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

In the Celebrating Success segment of the meeting, one group of students as well as six individuals were recognized by their schools for their outstanding achievements. They are as follows:

SCMS: Christopher Beach, nominated by the 7th grade Teaching Team.

SCHS: Key Club Members, represented by Lauren Williams, nominated by Vern Waltz, Principal, and Mike Jones, Key Club Sponsor.

SCES: Lauren Edwards, Brandon Gatto, Justin Kasson, and Lori Ann Lozier nominated by Mrs. Haskell, Principal, and teacher, Rob Banta.

JC: Victoria Abbott, nominated by Mrs. Curlin, Mrs. Archer, and Mrs. Todd.

Mr. Ranz presented each student with a pin.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to delete the the following policies from the Policy Manual: 2.11, 2.39, 3.0-1, 3.0-2, 3.0-3, 3.0-6, 3.06-3, 3.0-7, 3.08, 4.0-15, 4.0-17, 4.0-18, 4.0-20, 4.0-21, 4.0-22, 4.0-24, 4.0-32, 4.0-35, 4.1-7, 4.1-9, 4.1-10, 4.1-25-1, 4.1-25-1-2, 4.1-25-2, 4.1-25-3, 4.1-25-4, 4.2-1, 4.2-4, 4.2-14, 4.2-15, 4.2-18, 4.2-50, 5.0-1, 5.0-2.5.0-3, 5.0-4, 5.0-6, 5.0-12, 5.0-13, 5.0-14, 6.0-2, 6.0-13, 6.0-20, 6.0-21, 6.0-22, 6.0-23, 6.0-28, 6.0-31, 6.0-32, 6.0-33, 6.0-34, 6.0-42, 6.0-100, 6.0-75, 6.0-96, 7.0-1, 7.0-2, 7.0-2-1, 7.0-7, and 7.0-15. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to pay all increases in the medical insurance premium for each plan to a maximum of 7.5% for the 2003-2004 school year. This is identical to the teacher contract for the 2003-2004 school year. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. The vote was unanimous.

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A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve an Eighth Grade trip to Dearborn, Michigan with the following conditions:

1. All participating students and their parents must attend a mandatory meeting.
2. A "Code of Conduct" must be signed by parents and students outlining that any drug/alcohol use or possession will be reported to Michigan Police and that this report will be brought back to school officials after which they will file expulsion papers pending the outcome of their investigations.
3. The student/chaperone ratio will be a minimum of ten to one.
4. The trip agenda must be approved by the school's Principal and Superintendent at least one month prior to the trip. Board Members will receive a copy. Educational components must be included in the agenda.
5. Students must not have any out of school suspensions from this date forward, and must meet the Middle School's attendance requirements.

Mrs. See seconded the motion. After some discussion relating to the cost of the trip and security issues, the board voted unanimously to approve the trip.

Mrs. See moved to accept a donation of \$2000 from Pepsi to be used by the central office for student activities. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve a resolution to borrow funds from the Indiana Bond Bank. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See made a motion to approve a resolution to transfer appropriations as presented. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ISTEP results were presented by each school's Principals. Overall, this school corporation's students have made improvements and are in good standing, statewide. Mr.

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Daugherty asked if eighth graders are failing, are they still being passed on to the ninth grade. Mr. Caddell said that the decision to pass or fail a student was not based solely on ISTEP or class grades. He said that we are looking at Freshman Academics concepts and other programs which may help this situation.

Mr. Daugherty moved to accept donations from the Endowment Corporation as submitted. The project numbers previously submitted were: 99, 100, 101, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, and 120. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the Extra-Curricular positions as presented. The positions included:

Tony Spoores for Middle School Track

Michelle Manaugh for MS Track Asst.

Gary Pavy for 7th Gr. Girls Basketball, and

Ronnie Otter for 6th grade Basketball Asst.

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

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve a seven semester graduation for Calvin Wood, Hannah Goldstone, and Elisha Duke. Mrs. See seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve Tom Davee with Madison Insurance to replace Hardy Insurance (Indiana Insurance), for property and casualty insurances. The change would mean a savings of \$46,000. Mr. Daugherty seconded and after some discussion the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Lanman thanked the Board for approving the 8th grade trip to Michigan. He said that there have many people who have worked really hard to make sure every student who wanted to go, could. He said that this would be a very educational trip.

PERSONNEL

Mr. Phipps made a motion to accept the resignation of Brian Burke for the second semester of the 2003-2004

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school year, and to authorize the hiring of a replacement. Mr. Cole seconded, adding that Junior English was very important and that finding a replacement needed to be acted on immediately. The vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/
FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the following trips as presented, with Mrs. See seconding:

1. Mrs. Weaver to attend the Indiana Counselor Assoc. Conference on Feb. 19-20, 2004
2. Derek Marshall to attend the National Athletic Directors Conference in Indianapolis Dec. 13-16, 2003.

The vote to approve was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES

A motion was made by Mrs. See to approve the request to use the High School Gym by the Switzerland Co. Health Department in any emergency situations for treatment and shelter for residents of the county on an as needed basis. Mr. Truitt seconded with the vote being unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the use of one of the gymnasiums for Girls Indoor Soccer for one to two days a week. As stated on the application, this approval is dependent on previously approved practices and other scheduled uses of the gym and contacts with the building Principals before each use are required. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. After some discussion, the request was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND REPORTS:
(SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell announced that the School Endowment meeting would be Tuesday, December 16, 2003 at 6:30.

He congratulated Pat Lanman and Vevay Newspapers for being awarded 1st Place by the Hoosier State Press Association in the community service category on "student drug testing" information that was disseminated to the public via the newspaper.

Mr. Caddell wanted to inform the board of some recent decisions made by the State Legislature regarding school finances. He stated that we must either cut transportation costs or services. The cuts on the state level will force us to do one or the other. Mr. Phipps asked if we could possibly draft a letter and get signatures to send to our

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legislators regarding the hardship this would be for our schools. Mr. Caddell said that we could and will.

Mr. Caddell presented a certificate of appreciation given to him by the Chamber of Commerce to the School Corporation for its continued efforts to provide quality employment and community service to the residents of Switzerland County.

BOARD REPORT AND
COMMENTS

Mr. Daugherty said that he was not pleased at all about Sports and other Extra-Curricular Activities transportation being cut.

Mr. Phipps complimented Mrs. Haskell on Switzerland County Elementary's ISTEP scores.

Mr. Roberts wanted to say congratulations to all the Principals on the ISTEP scores and also to Pat Lanman.

Mr. Truitt said that the Celebrating Success achievements are what we need to be focusing on and that he is proud of these students.

Mrs. See said that she wished to express the same sentiments.

Mr. Ranz agreed with the other Board members statements and expressed that it had been a lot more fun to serve on the board the last few years than it used to be.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Truitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

John S. Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

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William Roberts, Member

James Phipps, Member

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Dennis Cole, Member