

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2004
7:30 P.M.

- 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 Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Rita Sullivan, Angela Even, Bryce Even, Jerry Girton, Buster Chase, Elizabeth T. Jones, Darrell Hansel, Vernon Waltz, Greg Curlin, Melissa Morris, Candis Haskell, Sharon Barbour, Tina Sandlin, Tonya Springer, Libby Smith, Mark Lohide, John Haskell, Calvin Snow, Debbie Christman, Derek Marshall, and Kent Dunning.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the adoption of the agenda amended to include the resignation of a bus driver and a use of facilities request. Mrs. See seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve the minutes of the December 15, 2003 meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt followed by a unanimous vote.
- FUND REPORT Mr. Phipps motioned to approve the fund report as submitted with Mrs. See seconding. Mr. Cole questioned the status of the Textbook Rental. Mrs. Geyman mentioned that book bills were being sent out each month on a regular basis and that we had received our state reimbursement which had not yet been posted. The fund report was then approved unanimously.
- CLAIMS Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the claims for payment as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps. The vote to approve the claims was unanimous.
- OLD BUSINESS Mr. Ranz presented Mr. Clarence "Buster" Chase with a plaque in honor of his retirement. Mr. Chase was thanked for his years of service to the school system.

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NEW BUSINESS

High School Principal, Mr. Waltz, and Athletic Director, Mr. Marshall, announced that they were proud of their cheerleaders for winning the Rivertown Classic competition and wanted to recognize them by nominations for the school's Celebrating Success program. Other winners included the Middle School's Erica Thein, nominated by Sharon Baker, Kim Temple, and Michelle Manaugh; Jefferson-Craig's Bryce Even, nominated by Angie Satterfield; and Switzerland County Elementary's Tonya Springer, nominated by Debbie Christman. Mr. Ranz presented each student present at the meeting with a pin.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the School Endowment Requests as submitted and the motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps. Requests included the following: \$6500 for sets of reading books for the Middle School requested by Sean McGarvey; \$43,001 for first grade playground equipment and installation at Switzerland County Elementary, requested by Tammy Tankersley; \$215,700 for lighting and sound systems for the Athletic Fields at the High School requested by Derek Marshall; \$5,049 for third grade reading books, dictionaries and book cases for Switzerland County Elementary, requested by Melissa Perry, Amy Bovard, and Rob Banta; \$66,597 for debt service requested by Mr. Caddell; and \$5,099 for updated computer software for Switzerland County Elementary requested by Pamela Ely; \$25,000 for the YMCA for youth programs offered there requested by Chester Meisberger. The vote to approve all requests was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to elect Mr. Daugherty as President and Mrs. See as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Cole seconded. AYES: Ranz, Cole, Truitt, Phipps, Roberts. ABSTAIN: Daugherty, See.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the gas clause as presented, and Mrs. See seconded. The clause reads as follows:

	87 Octane	89 Octane	Diesel
Base rate (1/1/03)	1.520	1.630	1.610
Curr. Avg.(1/1/04)	1.668	1.728	1.665
Difference	0.148	0.098	0.055

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The vote to approve was unanimous.

A Transportation Study Report by Educational Services Company was presented to the School Board for review. Some of the considerations in this report included such things as redistricting, double routing, eliminating town routes, and the construction of a bus garage.

Mr. Roberts motioned to allow Ivy Tech State College to use High School classrooms to hold three Computer Classes for Switzerland County citizens to be held March 8 through May 6 as well as use of the Middle School Library on February 26 for a special registration. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt with the vote being unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Haskell asked how much the Transportation Study cost and what fund the monies came from. Mr. Caddell answered that the cost was \$8,000 and that this amount was paid by the Endowment Corporation.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to employ Kent Dunning for the remainder of the 2003-2004 school year for High School English to replace a teacher whose resignation was approved at the last board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the recommendation for Meagan Meadors for two additional periods for the High School remediation. Mr. Cole asked if Mrs. Meadors would have her certification before school began and was assured that she would have. The motion was seconded by Mrs. See and the vote, unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to accept the resignation of Lindsey Merica as the Girls Volleyball Coach. Mr. Cole seconded with the vote being unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. See to accept the resignation of Anne Monjar as the driver for the Deaf/Blind route, effective February 23, 2004. It was seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote was unanimous.

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PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/
FIELD TRIPS Susan Reuber and Sherrie Howard were approved in a unanimous vote to attend the Indiana Alternative Education Conference in Indianapolis on March 16 and 17, 2004. The motion to approve the professional leave request was made by Mr. Roberts with Mr. Truitt seconding.

USE OF FACILITIES Mr. Roberts made a motion, to approve the following use of facilities requests:

1. The Old Gym and SCES Gym for AAU basketball, February 1 to April 15, made by Calvin Snow.
2. SCES Cafeteria for Cub Scout Pack 777's Pinewood Derby on Feb. 28 from 8:00 to 3:00, made by Lisa Hite.
3. MS Cafeteria for Cub Scout Pack 714's Blue-Gold Banquet on March 12 from 6:00 to 9:00, made by Eric Cole.
4. HS Cafeteria & Gym for the Vevay American Legion's WWII Dedication Celebration on May 29 from 11:00 to 4:00, made by Lowell W. Sullivan.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote to approve each of these requests was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND REPORTS:
(SUPERINTENDENT) Mr. Caddell announced that the next School Endowment meeting would be on February 24, 2004 at 6:30.

Mr. Caddell wanted to make mention that the All Day Kindergarten issue has been brought up again, but he did not believe that it would pass.

Mr. Caddell also announced that the corporation is still waiting on approval of the annual budget. The budgets cannot be approved until all Indiana counties' reassessments have been completed.

BOARD REPORTS
AND COMMENTS Mrs. See said that she wanted to welcome Mr. Dunning and thank him for his support. She also stated that she was glad to see such a big crowd at the meeting.

Mr. Roberts congratulated the cheerleaders for their accomplishments. He thanked Buster Chase for his years of service to the school corporation. He also wanted to mention that he was very impressed with the Sectional.

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Mr. Truitt said he wished to express the same sentiments as the previous board members.

Mr. Phipps also wanted to mention that he thought we held a fine Sectional. He welcomed Mr. Dunning and hoped he enjoyed his employment with us. Mr. Phipps also wanted to say that he was definitely in favor of all day Kindergarten and hoped that it would become a reality.

Mr. Daugherty wanted to praise the staff and the students for their Sectional Spirit and welcomed Mr. Dunning to the staff.

Mr. Cole wished to welcome Mr. Dunning and thanked everyone who was responsible for the excellent Sectional, especially Mr. Marshall.

Mr. Ranz said that he also wanted to thank Mr. Marshall and the staff for their work on the Sectional.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Roberts 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

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James Phipps, Member

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Duane Cole, Member