

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 15, 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, Pat Lanman, Ron Hocker, Candis Haskell, Donna Paige, Pam Jones, Tammy Beitzel, Tara Justice, Elizabeth Jones, Tina Fuller, John Haskell, Melody Smith, Vernon Waltz, Lauren Williams, Myles Griffith, Meghan Peters, Ron Paradise, Melissa Kinne, Jason Deacon, Denise Loaring, Mary McClellan, Caleb McClellan, Jason Gatto, Beth Gatto, Angela Hauri, and Justin Beach.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Phipps motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mrs. See made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular School Board Meeting of February 23, 2004 as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daugherty with the vote being unanimous.
- FUND REPORT Motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the Fund Report as submitted with Mr. Cole seconding. Mr. Cole commented that he felt like we were making progress in the right direction by looking at the current balances. Mr. Phipps asked Ann Geyman what she felt our financial status was at this point. Mrs. Geyman gave a short comparison to last year's figures and pointed out some changes that were being done to improve collections and cut down on costs. Mr. Caddell said that he felt Melissa May and Mrs. Geyman were doing a great job in their capacity as Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. The vote to approve the fund report was unanimous.
- CLAIMS Mr. Daugherty moved to approve Claim #28285 through 28345 as presented and Mr. Truitt seconded. Mr. Ranz

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questioned claim #28344 to McAllister Farms for a gate repair at the Middle School. Mr. Caddell responded that the weight had caused a crack that needed repairing. He also asked about a voucher to the Door Co. for a door repair at the Middle School. Mrs. Jones said that the building was settling which caused the doors to sag. Five vouchers to Crossman Fire & Safety were questioned by Mr. Cole. Mr. Caddell explained that this was less than the amount previously paid for annual inspections and maintenance of the equipment. Claim #18897 to M.O.M. was questioned as to whether the amount being paid was a one-time or a monthly payment. Mrs. Geyman said that it was a monthly payment. Mr. Cole also asked whether the licenses referred to in the LanSchool Direct voucher explanation were user licenses for computer software. Mrs. Geyman said that they were. Mr. Daugherty asked if the payment to Rohe for clearing the parking lots or sidewalks included any additional cleaning. Mr. Caddell said that if they did not get called to do the clearing, they would not get paid. As all questions were answered satisfactorily, the vote to approve the claims was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

In the Celebrating Success segment of the board meeting, President Ranz presented pins to the following students for their achievements:

SCES: Jason Gatto, gr. 2, nominated by Tina Fuller

JC: Justin Beach, gr. 5, nominated by Melody Smith

SCMS: Caleb McClellan, gr. 6 nominated by Tara Justice

SCHS: The Academic Team, nominated by Mr. Waltz & Mr. Marshall. Team members included:

Myles Griffith, Daniel Clubb, Ron Paradise, Amanda Gray, Lauren Williams, Chaoni Nash, Amanda Watson, Meghan Peters, Alisha Konkle, Melissa Kinne, Rebecca Phipps, Jill Gregory, Angelique Maples, Devin Jones, Jason Deacon, Brittney Lock, and Dane Briese.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Endowment Request to replace the existing carpet at Jefferson-Craig Elementary School for \$32,000. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

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A unanimous vote followed a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Truitt, to approve donations by the Endowment Committee as follows:

Boiler Repair at the Middle School: \$ 7,000

Playground Equipment at SCES: \$ 43,001

Debt Service for the Corporation: \$ 66,597

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to employ Sara Rogers as custodian at the high school to replace Mike Carter. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and passed unanimously.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/  
FIELD TRIPS**

Motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the FFA's annual chapter retreat to Gatlinburg with national recognition from Friday, April 2nd, through Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, with the provision that the FFA or the High School would pay the transportation costs. Mrs. See seconded. Mr. Cole asked about the number of students and chaperones going on the trip. He just wanted to make sure the trip would be well chaperoned so that there would be no problems. Mr. Waltz said Mr. Weaver would also be going, so there should be ample supervision. The vote to approve the trip was unanimous.

**USE OF FACILITIES**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS  
AND REPORTS:  
(SUPERINTENDENT)**

Mr. Caddell announced that Switzerland County's tax rate was the lowest in the state for school tax rates.

**BOARD REPORT AND  
COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Phipps moved to adjourn the meeting with Mr. Daugherty seconding and the vote being unanimous.

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John S. Ranz, President

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Andy Truitt, Vice President

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Laurice See, Secretary

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William Roberts, Member

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James Phipps, Member

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Wayne Daugherty, Member

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Duane Cole, Member