

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 17, 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 Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Candis Haskell, Becky Tressler, Bob Tressler, Gina Kincaid, Shawn Wainscott, Ginna Watson, Ashley Watson, Toni Gridley, Timothy Young, Anna Spoores, Jacquita Lanman, Joseph Spoores, Drusilla Morgan, Ashley Hite, Brittany Mukadam, Abby Lanman, Emily Hehe, Megan Lohide, Adrienne Shaw, Brenda Shaw, Lisa Fisher, Shonda Rose, Scotty Kincaid, Janet Truitt, Crystal Parham, Joe Parham, Justin Truitt, Amber Parham, Lensi Parham, Janice Furnish, Rahe Jean Griffin, Lewis King, Frances King, Vicki Griffin, Chloe King, Lori Ann Lozier, Judy Lozier, LeAnn Lozier, Phil Lozier, Pamela Ely, Tina Fuller, Janet Hendricks, Bonnie Fancher, Debbie Seaver, Darrell Hansel, Darin Gullion.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Truitt moved to adopt the agenda with the addition of a request for a public auction, and a request for portfolio fees to be added to the High School book bills. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2004 and the April 26, 2004 minutes. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Ranz said one change needed to be made to the April 19th minutes. He said he did not vote in opposition to the the tobacco lease bid. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with this change.
- FUND REPORT The board voted unanimously to approve the fund report as submitted in a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Truitt. Mr. Phipps asked about the cafeteria fund status. Mr. Caddell said that we were waiting on a State Reimbursement check that should be between \$40,000 and \$50,000.

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CLAIMS

In a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Phipps, the board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted. Two vouchers were questioned. Mr. Ranz asked about voucher number 28635 to Danner's Hardware in the amount of \$605.37. Ann explained that it was for a replacement washing machine at the High School. The old one was deemed non-reparable. Mr. Cole questioned voucher number 28622 to IAAVD, Inc. for \$3295.00. Ann reported that it was for a software program user renewal.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

This portion of the meeting was devoted to those students nominated for Celebrating Success awards as follows:
SCES Science Fair Winners – LeAnn Lozier, Kelly Kincaid, Chloe King and Bob Tressler and Indiana State History Day First Place Winners, Chelsea Duvall and Kelly Kincaid. A slide show was presented with the assistance of Mrs. Ely and each student came forward to describe their their individual projects which were on display.
JC – Lensi Parham was nominated by Mrs. Findley and Ashley Walton was nominated by Mrs. Jones for their excellent ISTEP grades and exceptional classroom performances.
HS – Jayme Ballard, Dane Briese, Jon Hann, and Ron Paradise were nominated by Mrs. Seaver and Mr. Deaton for passing the Microsoft Office Specialist exam.
- Also, at the HS, the Science Team won 3rd place in the State Competition. They were honored at last month's regular meeting as participants of the Academic Team. They include Myles Griffith, Daniel Clubb, Ron Paradise, and Amanda Gray.

Among some of the students nominated for Celebrating Success at previous meetings but were unable to attend were the Varsity Cheerleaders who won the Rivertown Classic Competition. They were present at this meeting to receive their awards. Board President Ranz presented each of the students with pins for their accomplishments.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve three endowment requests as presented. They are as follows:

Danny Debaun: Water Softener for Middle School	\$6,870
Steve Higgins: 50 desks for Middle School	\$5,700
Mrs. Loaring: High School Guidance Offc. Furniture	\$9,917.71

Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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A motion was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole to accept the donations from the Endowment Corporation for the following:

Ten heat pumps at Switz. Co. Elem.: \$ 37,743

PLATO Computers/Program for all schools: \$180,000

The board voted unanimously to approve the donations.

In a unanimous decision, the board accepted a rejection of Bus Routes 17 and 31 by James May, and accept a secondary bid of \$225 per day for the same routes from Roger Christman. Mr. May had previously been awarded the routes, but had not yet signed a contract. The motion to act on the bids was made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve an agreement between Swiss Villa, LLC and the School Corporation that would allow the living center residents to use school facilities in emergency situations that would warrant such use. Mr. Truitt seconded with the vote being unanimous.

There was much discussion concerning the recommendation to the board by Guidance Counselor, Denise Loaring, that two advanced placement courses offered at the High School, AP Environmental Science and AP Calculus, be changed to weighted courses. These courses would have a different grading scale than that of the other courses. The differences are noted below:

<u>Other Courses</u>	<u>AP Env. Sci./ Calc.</u>
A = 4 points	5 points
B = 3 points	4 points
C = 2 points	3 points
D = 1 point	2 points
F = 0 points	0 points

The reasoning for requesting the new grading scale stems from the fact that these courses are more rigorous than others, using college level texts, better preparing students for secondary education, and should therefore carry more weight. As it stands, students are reluctant to sign up for these courses, knowing that if they don't receive an A in the class, they may be forfeiting a scholarship due to competition from students taking easier classes in order to boost their grade point average. Some scholarship committees look at transcripts, others only look at GPA's. Mrs. See moved to approve the new grading scale for the two courses, with Mr. Cole

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seconding. The board's vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the 2004-2005 student handbooks for Jefferson-Craig, the Middle School, and the High School. They were approved by a unanimous vote.

Mrs. See moved to approve a 10 cent increase in the price of school lunches for 2004-2005. Mr. Cole seconded with the vote being unanimous. The price changes are as follows:

	<u>2003-2004</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>
High School:	1.80	1.90
Middle School:	1.70	1.80
Elem. School:	1.60	1.70
Adults:	2.45	2.55

There was a first reading of the student handbook for Switzerland County Elementary for 2004-2005. Mrs. Haskell pointed out each of the proposed changes to the handbooks. Mr. Daugherty moved to table the adoption of the new handbook until the June meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve an auction of surplus computer and related equipment. The date of the auction would be decided upon at a later time. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Hendricks requested that a portfolio fee be added to the book bill for students at the High School. As she was not present at this part of the meeting to present her proposal, Mr. Daugherty moved to table action on the request. It was seconded by Mr. Cole, with the vote being unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Judy Lozier asked about any corporation bus routes that might be available. Mr. Caddell said that there were no openings at this time. At present, there are ten routes and ten drivers.

PERSONNEL

It was recommended to the board to post a High School

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Math / Science position due to an increase in numbers. Mr. Truitt moved to post the position with Mr. Phipps seconding. Mr. Daugherty asked about the funding for the position. Mr. Caddell said the funding must come from the General Fund. The motion passed in a unanimous decision.

Mr. Daugherty moved to accept the oral resignation of Dennis Steinbis as Varsity Soccer Coach as witnessed by Athletic Director, Derek Marshall. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL
LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS

None

USE OF FACILITIES

Two requests for the use of school facilities were approved by a unanimous vote following a motion made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Roberts. They are as follows:

HS Cafeteria: June 18, 5pm-8:30pm, 4-H Queen Contest
SCES Cafeteria: May 29, 7pm-9:30pm, Patriot Alumni

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND REPORTS
(SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell said that he really appreciated the students coming out to the meetings throughout the year to be recognized by the board. He said he was very proud of all the kids' accomplishments.

BOARD REPORT AND
COMMENTS

Mr. Phipps asked if the Volleyball Coach position had been filled. Mr. Marshall said that the position had not yet been filled, but that he was actively trying to fill it with someone within the corporation or by a prospective employee.

ADJOURNMENT

In a motion by Roberts and seconded by Mr. Phipps, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

John S. Ranz, President

Mr. Truitt, Vice President

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Mrs. See, Secretary

William Roberts, Member

James Phipps, Member

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Duane Cole, Member