

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JULY 12, 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.
- OATH OF OFFICE Mr. Hocker performed an Oath of Office for re-elected board members, James Phipps, Duane Cole, and William Roberts, and newly elected member, Wilma Swango.
- ATTENDANCE Board Members in attendance included Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Swango, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, and Superintendent Caddell.
- Others in attendance were Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Debbie Cole, Darin Gullion, Derek Marshall, Kent Dunning, Gayla Bullock, Bonnie Fancher, Peggy Eckerty, Elizabeth T. Jones, Darrell Hansel, Sharon Barbour, Tina Fuller, and Kathy Keith.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the agenda as amended. The amended agenda included the recommendation of approving an AP Animal Science as a weighted class, adding a milk vending machine at the High School, and removing the recommendations for the English and Social Studies positions at the High School.
- REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES Mr. Truitt nominated Mr. Ranz for school board President, seconded by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Roberts moved to close the nominations with Mrs. See seconding. The vote was:
Ayes: Cole, Swango, Phipps, Roberts, See, Truitt
Abstain: Ranz
- Mr. Truitt was nominated by Mrs. See to serve as school board Vice President, seconded by Mr. Cole. The motion to close nominations was made by Mrs. See. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was:
Ayes: Cole, Swango, Phipps, Ranz, Roberts, See
Abstain: Truitt
- Mr. Roberts nominated Mrs. See for school board Secretary. Mr. Truitt seconded the nomination. Mr.

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Truitt made a motion to close the nominations and Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was:
Ayes: Cole, Swango, Phipps, Ranz, Roberts, Truitt
Abstain: See

Mrs. See nominated Ann Geyman to serve as the school corporation's Treasurer. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. A motion to close nominations was made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mrs. Swango. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Hocker was nominated by Mr. Roberts to serve as the school corporation's Attorney at Law. Mr. Cole seconded. Nominations were closed in a motion made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mr. Roberts. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to set meeting dates and times for the School Board of Trustees for the 2004-2005 school year at 6:30 p.m. for executive sessions and 7:30 for regular sessions on every third Monday of the month. Mrs. See seconded the motion with the board voting unanimously.

Mr. Truitt moved to set the school board salaries at the rate and stipend established by the state legislature. The motion was seconded by Mrs. See. The vote was:
Ayes: Ranz, See, Truitt, Roberts, Cole
Nays: Swango, Phipps.

In a motion by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Truitt, Bonds for school personnel were approved in a unanimous decision as follows:

Treasurer:	\$100,000
Asst. Treasurer:	75,000
HS ECA:	10,000
MS ECA:	5,000
JC ECA:	5,000
SCE ECA:	5,000
Textbook Rental:	10,000

Mrs. See and Mr. Cole were once again appointed to serve on the Negotiations Committee in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. Swango. The vote was

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as follows: Ayes: Truitt, Ranz, Swango, Roberts, Phipps.
Abstains: Cole, See.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Mr. Truitt moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2004 meeting as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was: Ayes: Truitt, Ranz, Roberts, Phipps, Cole, See. Abstain: Swango.

FUND REPORT Mrs. See moved to approve the fund report as submitted with Mr. Truitt seconding. Mr. Cole asked about Fund #261 for the Elementary Attendance Officer. He wanted to know why there was a negative balance. Mrs. Geyman explained that this position was funded by a grant in cooperation with the Division of Family and Children and that they were waiting on reimbursement. Mr. Caddell said that he wanted to point out that the Cafeteria balance had significantly decreased its deficit this year. He went on to congratulate the director, Gayla Bullock, and all of the Food Service staff for all of their hard work in trying to get the balance where it needed to be. Mr. Truitt asked what was being done with the Textbook Rental Fund to restore a positive balance. Mrs. Geyman said that she was working with Mr. Hocker to send some of the parents to small claims court for non-payment. The fund report was then approved by a unanimous vote from the board.

CLAIMS Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve Claim #'s 28867 through 28908. Mrs. See seconded the motion. Mr. Ranz asked about the Wilson Education claim for \$650. Mrs. Geyman said this was for required training for Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Temple for Mentor Licensing. Mr. Truitt asked what claim #28877 to Peelman Construction for \$ 1,100 was for. Mr. Caddell answered that it was for 5 posts at Switzerland County Elementary School to keep vehicles off the concrete in the entry-way. Claim #28878 to Lowes for \$1400 was also questioned. Mr. Caddell said that this purchase was for landscaping rocks around the base of the trees planted at the High School. The vote to approve the claims as submitted was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Graduation Exercises Policy as submitted, with Mr. Cole seconding. Seniors participating in graduation exercises would have

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to meet one of the following criteria:

- *Be receiving a high school diploma
- *Be within 2 credits of receiving a diploma, having met all other requirements, and completing credit requirements by the end of the same summer.
- *Be receiving a Certificate of Achievement, having met all graduation requirements except the Graduation Qualifying exam, or the GQE waiver requirements.

The vote to approve this policy was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously on a motion made by Mrs. See to approve the AP Animal Science course at the High School to be a weighted class. Mr. Truitt seconded. Mrs. Fancher explained that basically what made a course an AP class was the advanced curriculum. These classes must meet Freshman college class curriculum standards. Mr. Marshall said that Mr. Curlin has been certified through Purdue to teach this AP class. Mr. Gullion explained that we have had the Animal Science course before, but not the AP Animal Science.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Endowment request for \$12,702 made by Mr. Marshall and Mr. Caddell for Cinergy to move overhead electric lines to underground for safety reasons Mrs. See seconded. Mrs. Swango asked if the school corporation would need to pay to have an inspection done when the project was completed. Mr. Hocker said that if we had contracted an independent electrician to do the work, the inspection would be necessary. However, if Cinergy does the work, an independent inspection is not needed.

Mr. Phipps move to approve an Endowment request for \$7,931.25 made by Switzerland County Elementary's second grade teachers for 8 sets of 25 books to be shared in the classrooms and some storage units for the books to be used as extra materials for four-block teaching. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked if the book storage units would pose a problem since space was an issue at the elementary schools. Mrs. Fuller said that the storage units are expandable and had wheels, so this should not be a problem. Mrs. See asked exactly what the four-blocks teaching was. Mr. Caddell said that it would be hard to explain, but that it was an innovative method of

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teaching and encouraged all of the board members to visit the school and see for themselves how it worked. The decision to approve the request was unanimous.

The Middle School had presented a request for Library materials in the amount of \$4,910.15. Mr. Cole moved, with Mrs. See seconding, to table the requisition as there was no one there to answer questions regarding the request.

The board voted unanimously to approve the Endowment donations as presented in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. See. The donations approved were \$6,870 for a water softener at the Middle School and \$5,700 for desks for the Middle School art room.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to table an amendment to the current drug testing policy to include graduation exercises as one of the extra-curricular events. Mr. Roberts seconded. Prior to the recommendation to the board, this topic was opened for public comments. Mr. Marshall said that he thought this was a good thing. Mr. Hocker said that there was actually no change in policy being recommended, just an addition to the list of activities being tested. The motion to table the amendment passed with Ranz, See, Truitt, Roberts, Cole and Swango favoring and Mr. Phipps opposing.

Mr. Caddell presented a review of the corporal punishment policy and opened up the issue for public comments before making a recommendation to continue a ban on it for one more year to the board. Mr. Gullion said he felt like corporal punishment was a very individualized, personal issue and should stay within the close, personal boundaries of families. Mrs. Geyman said that the insurance coverage was very expensive. Mr. Roberts said that the board needed to decide now, and not wait another year. Mr. Caddell said that he felt like we needed to collect more data on the results of the ban on student's behavior patterns. Mr. Roberts said that they had agreed to the ban last year for the same reasons and he felt they needed to either ban it for good or reinstate it. Mr. Phipps moved to continue the ban on corporal punishment for one year with Mrs. See seconding. Mrs. Swango proposed to amend

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the motion with the stipulation that there be a more aggressive exploration of suspension alternatives. vote on the amended motion was as follows
Ayes: Phipps, See, Ranz, Swango, Truitt.
Nays: Cole, Roberts.

Mr. Truitt moved to agree to explore the possibility of joining the alternative school at the Southeastern Indiana Career Center. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the Floating Classroom Application as presented. Mrs. See seconded. The Environmental Science class would have the chance to spend one day on a paddlewheel boat at Cincinnati to study water sampling, navigation, river biology, etc. Mrs. Fancher explained the details and the benefits of such an opportunity. The board unanimously to approve the application.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a proposal made by Food Service Director, Gayla Bullock, to approve the installation of milk vending machines at the High School. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mrs. See asked if there were other beverages available to the students who are lactose intolerant. Mrs. Bullock said they do have juice and water available. Mrs. Swango asked how long the cafeteria would be open to the students. Mrs. Bullock said the students could get in the cafeteria until 2:00. Mr. Caddell suggested that the machines be put in the hallway next to the pop machines. Mrs. Bullock said that she would like them placed somewhere that they would be readily accessible to the students. The vote to approve the milk machines was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

PERSONNEL

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the athletic training service contracts from King's Daughter's Hospital. Mr. Cole seconded. The services outlined in the contracts would include instructing student athletes and coaches on proper training and conditioning, evaluating injuries, physician referrals and providing assistance, instruction and recommendations for re-

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habilitation of injured student athletes. Mrs. Swango asked if the school would be responsible for providing supplies to the trainers. Mr. Marshall said that they should have most of their own supplies, but might use some things such as bandages or ice packs, etc. The board voted to approve the contracts in a unanimous decision.

In a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole, the board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of Jump Start personnel on an as needed basis depending on the first day's enrollment. Mr. Cole asked who would make the recommendations. Mr. Caddell answered that Mike Jones would be given the authority to make initial recommendations and then he would make the final decisions himself.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the summer school bus driver rate of pay at \$67 per day. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve a 3% pay rate increase for corporation bus drivers for the 2004-2005 school year. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was:
Ayes: Cole, Phipps, Ranz, See, Roberts, Truitt
Abstain: Swango

In a unanimous decision, the board approved a resignation from High School Social Studies teacher, Amber Florey. The motion to approve the resignation was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/
FIELD TRIPS

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request from Mr. Caddell and Mr. Dunning to attend conferences, with Mr. Truitt seconding. Mr. Dunning will be attending the IASP conference for new administrators in Indianapolis on August 1 and 2, 2004. Mr. Caddell will be going to the AASA National Conference of School Superintendents in San Antonio, Texas.

USE OF FACILITIES

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND
REPORTS:

Mr. Caddell said that he and Ann would be working on the budget for 2004-2005 and that he would keep the board members posted. He also said that he did not foresee any

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significant changes.

BOARD REPORT AND
COMMENTS

Mr. Roberts wanted to congratulate Gayla on her efforts as well as those of her staff to significantly improve the financial status of the cafeteria.

Mr. Phipps welcomed Wilma Swango to the board and congratulated Gayla. He also asked if there would be room for him to attend the floating classroom.

Mr. Cole said that the floating classroom sounded great and also welcomed Mrs. Swango.

Mr. Ranz wanted to reiterate what the other members had said regarding the cafeteria's finances and the floating classroom and welcomed Mrs. Swango.

Mrs. See said that she, too wanted to say a thank you to Gayla and to Mrs. Fancher. She said the hands on learning experience is great for the students.

ADJOURNMENT

The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting in a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

John S. Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

William Roberts, Member

James Phipps, Member

Wilma Swango, Member

Duane Cole, Member