

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL COPORATION
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

August 30, 2004

7:30 p.m.

The school board met in a public working session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the school corporation budget. Others in attendance at this meeting were Darin Gullion and John Crawford.

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 were Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Swango and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance included John Crawford, Darin Gullion, Mona Crabtree, Debbie Christman, Elizabeth Jones, and Ann Geyman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the agenda with one addition to the Superintendent's Announcements and Reports. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve two endowment requests as presented to the board. Danny DeBaun requested a reimbursement from the Endowment for a water softener replacement at the High School. The job has already been completed. The amount of the project was \$6,870. Debbie Christman also had a request for Science Lab materials, field trips and instructional materials for Switzerland County Elementary's Science teachers in the amount of \$6,749.60. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote to approve both requests was unanimous.

Endowment donations were presented for approval were:

Underground electric at HS:	\$ 12,702.00
SCES 2 nd grade books:	\$ 7,931.25
MS visual material:	\$ 4,922.88
SCES TV and equipment:	\$ 7,770.00
MS window tinting:	\$ 8,200.00
SCES lighting (entrance):	\$ 9,348.60

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve these donations.
Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ann Geyman received a Conflict of Interest Statement from board member, Laurice See, owner of the local Dairy Queen, due to the selling of Blizzards in the cafeteria on Fridays. The vote to approve was as follows:
Ayes: Phipps, Truitt, Roberts, Ranz, Swango.
Abstain: See.

There was a working session on the budget. Mr. Caddell went over several aspects of the budget presented to the board for the first reading. Mr. Caddell mentioned that there was concern over the assessed valuation that was turned in to him by the county auditor on August 1, 2004. Assessment was calculated to be \$295,000,000. Last year's assessment was \$379,000,000. The corporation will be building their budget on \$370,000,000. The State of Indiana turned in figures to Mr. Caddell of \$413,000,000 which is what they anticipated. The assessment has to be certified by October 1, 2004. Mr. Caddell spoke of how the Endowment Corporation and direction from the school board have kept the tax rate down. The advertised rate will be \$1.51, but the actual rate will be much lower. Last year it was 80 cents. Mr. Truitt made a motion to table the budget until the next meeting schedule for September 13, 2004, which will replace the regular September 20th meeting. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Crawford asked if the projects approved for Endowment donations had been completed, specifically the SCES entrance lighting project. Mr. Caddell answered that it had not been completed. Mr. Crawford then asked if it would be possible for him to place a bid for the job. Mr. Caddell said that the work had not yet been completed, but that it was already underway, so the answer would have to be no. Mr. Crawford then asked how the jobs were advertised. Mr. Caddell said that usually small jobs were not published in the newspaper and that he usually left it up to the people requesting the work to do their own price comparisons and that we tried to use local businesses for the job. Mr. Crawford said that he was local and that he would like to be considered for any future projects if that was possible. Mr. Caddell said that would be fine.

PERSONNEL

The board voted unanimously to accept the resignation

of Laverne Wagner from her position in the High School cafeteria, in a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. See.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/
FIELD TRIPS None

USE OF FACILITIES Mr. Roberts move to approve the facilities request by the Indiana Valley Girl Scouts to use the Switzerland County Elementary School's Cafeteria for their Girl Scout Kick-off on September 10, 2004 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mrs. See seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
AND REPORTS:
(SUPERINTENDENT) Mr. Caddell announced that our school system had been nominated for a national Blue Ribbon Award and now had been selected to give a presentation at the National Rural School Conference in Indianapolis on October 21, 2004, during our Fall Break. He also announced that he would like Candis Haskell and Tammy Gregory to represent our school system at that conference.

Mr. Caddell complimented the school board members and the Endowment Committee members for enabling savings to the taxpayers. He said that there was a savings of 45 cents per \$100 of assessment.

Mr. Caddell was extremely pleased to announce that he had been notified from the Indiana Department of Education that Switzerland County Elementary and Jefferson Craig Elementary were listed as Four Star schools. They were listed in the top 93 of over 2200 elementary schools.

BOARD REPORT AND
COMMENTS None

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