

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

September 13, 2004

7:30 P.M.

The school board met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. to discuss the corporation budget.

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, Mr. Cole, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance included Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Pat Lanman, Morgan Nay, Kathy Yokie, Denise Loaring, Corey Wilson, Brittany Frazier, Earl Frazier, Sheila Frazier, Amanda Frazier, Petty Eckerty, Sally Nay, Rodney Nay, Dave Ziegler, David Forbeck, Nathaniel Forbeck, Darrell Hansel, Sharon Earls, Christina Soler, and Devon Wilson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented, in a motion made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2004 meetings as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded. The vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the Fund Report as presented, with Mrs. Swango seconding. Mrs. Swango asked if Fund #672 was a new one. Treasurer, Anne Geyman said that it was a new Fund for the New Horizons Program. The vote to approve the report was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

Claims number 29041 to 29190, as well as other un-numbered claims, were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Ranz asked about an un-numbered claim to Phillips Supply for \$685.10 for foliage treatment for the

Administration Office. Mr. Caddell said this was actually for the athletic field. Mrs. Swango questioned what the claim to KDB Planning was for. Mr. Caddell explained that this was the last payment for Dr. Day's services through the Cape Grant. Mrs. Swango also asked about a voucher to Karen Smith for After School Remediation treats in the amount of \$190. Mr. Caddell said that this agreement, instigated last year, was funded through a grant and that even though the program had been discontinued, the corporation wanted to follow through with the payment until the ending date of the agreement. The vote was as follows: AYES: Ranz, Truitt, Roberts, Swango, Cole, Phipps. Mrs. See abstained from Claim #29172, but approved all other claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Bus Replacement Plan was discussed. Mr. Caddell said that the main goal of the plan was to replace any buses that are over 10 years old. He said that it has taken a number of years to get to where we are now due to financial reasons, but that he feels good about the current situation. He stated that for a number of years no new buses had been purchased by the corporation and that the board members had done a good job over the last three years to rectify this by allowing purchases and trades and that it was showing in the bus inspections.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the resolution to adopt the 2005 Capital Projects Plan as presented. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve the 2005 Bus Replacement plan as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the 2005 General Fund, Capital Projects Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation-Operating Fund, and Retirement/Severance Bond Fund. The budget hearing was held on August 30th, 2004. The motion to adopt these Funds was made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the appropriations for the 2005 budget as presented. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Truitt to approve the tax levies as presented, with Mrs. See seconding. The approved levies will not be the final levies. Final levies will be determined by assessment. The vote to approve the levies was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Board President, Ranz, presented pins to students from each school who received nominations for Celebrating Success. They were as follows:

- JC:Nathaniel Forbeck, nominated by Sharon Earls, was introduced by Mr. Hansel.
- SCES: Matthew Abdon, Brittany Frazier, and Corey Wilson, nominated by Debbie Christman, were introduced by Mrs. Jones.

MS: Morgan Nay, nominated by Kathy Yokie, Megan Meadors, and Ryan Cummings, was introduced by Mrs. Haskell.

HS: Melissa Kinne was nominated by Ryan Cummings.

There was one Endowment Request introduced to the board for approval. Mr. Caddell requested Endowment funds to pay for the Debt Service for 2005 in the amount of \$784,897. Mrs. Swango moved to approve the request. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the Appointment Renewal Certificate of Virginia Reeves for the Indiana Cooperative Library Services. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the memorandum of agreement between the SCTA and Superintendent Caddell, adding 10 days to the High School Guidance Counselor's contract for the 2004-2005 school year only. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the memorandum of agreement between Superintendent Caddell and the SCTA to split soccer into two stipends for boys and girls. Mrs. Swango said she thought she had seen both girls and boys on the same team and asked if they were separate or could those kids have been from the other team. She was told that they were separate here and that it probably was the other team that was mixed. The motion to approve the split stipend was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

The board unanimously approved the Eighth Grade Field Trip to Michigan and Canada as presented. Middle School teacher, Mrs. Yokie presented the plans and particulars for the trip to the board. There was some discussion regarding the refunding of money for tickets if a student is unable to go on the trip. Mrs. Yokie said they will do what they can for anyone who has a valid reason for not being able to go, but that there were no guarantees because of the group-rate pricing. Mrs. Haskell said she had made the parents aware of this possibility at a meeting regarding the trip. The parents will also be signing notarized forms containing other important trip information prior to the trip. Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the trip and Mr. Truitt seconded.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Lanman asked if the school corporation was taking a position with regards to the Highway 101 project. Mr. Caddell said that he will be writing a letter of support for the project, with the board's approval, and could provide him with a copy. Mr. Lanman said he knew the letter needed to be submitted before the 15th. Mr. Caddell said that it would be.

PERSONNEL:

Kathy Yokie was unanimously voted to serve in the Extra Curricular positions for Middle School Spell Bowl, Junior Super Bowl, and Jefferson Craig Spell Bowl in a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the employment of C. Janet Boling as a Language Arts credit recovery night school teacher. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Caddell said that he felt the students would greatly benefit from this program and that eventually, the corporation may have to charge the students for this, but he wanted to get it off the ground at no charge. Mrs. Swango asked if they had already met. Mr. Caddell said that the board would be voting on two nights of class. Mr. Cole asked if the corporation would be obligated to this for a certain time. Mr. Caddell said the period of time right now was this semester only. The vote to approve Ms. Boling's employment was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve requests from Darrell Hansel to attend an IASP conference in Indianapolis on November 22nd and 23rd, and from Carolyn Sears to attend the Indiana School Nurses Conference on September 21st through the 24th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mrs. See moved to approve four requests for the use of school facilities, as listed below, with Mr. Cole seconding. SCES Cafeteria: Betty Chase for Thanksgiving Dinner on Nov. 25, 2004.

HS Cafeteria: Bill Roberts for Reunion on Oct. 30, 2004, from 4:00 to 9:00p.m.

SCES Cafeteria: Jessica Mullins for Girl Scout Troop #8505 on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month from 3:30 to 5:00p.m.

SCES Cafeteria: Tammy Gregory for Girl Scout Troop #6533 on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

The vote was as follows: AYES: Ranz, See, Truitt, Phipps, Swango, Cole. ABSTAIN: Roberts.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT):

Mr. Caddell urged the board members to attend the Endowment Meeting to be held on September 28, 2004 if they could possibly do so. He felt it was important to attend the meeting to show support of the request for payment on the debt service.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting after a motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. See.