

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2004
7:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 6:30 to 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 were Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance included Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Pat Lanman, Rob Banta, Sean McGarvey, Shaun Holliday, Ryan Cummings, Diana Johnson, Reva Bragg, Howard Bragg, Brennan Bragg, Jeanne Bragg, Russ Bragg, Denise Loaring, Debbie Seaver, Jennifer Deaton, Madonna Jordan, Hunter Jordan, Elizabeth T. Jones, Greg Curlin, Derek Marshall, Kent Dunning, Eric Cole, Fred Ross, Lowell Sullivan, Darrell Hansel, Candis Haskell, Darin K. Gullion, and Shannon Phipps.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2004 board meeting. Mr. Cole seconded. Mrs. Swango asked that in the future, all claim numbers be identified in the minutes. The vote to approve the minutes was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

In a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole, the board voted unanimously to approve the Fund report as submitted. Mrs. Swango had questions on how the Debt Service fund worked. Mrs. Geyman said that the 2004-2005 Debt Service Fund is set up so that the Endowment can make payments to the school and the money is deposited into this Fund. This is so the common school loan that is deducted from our basic grant can be reimbursed to the General Fund.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve Claim numbers 29408 to 29589. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole. Mrs. Swango asked about claim #29506, described as Fernandes Transportation. Mr. Caddell explained that this was for a student with special needs. She also asked about claim #29578 for \$507 for the annual license for STI. It was explained to her that this was a payment for the license renewal on our student management computer program. Mr. Ranz noticed a payment to Johnson Controls in the amount of \$3300 for a re-built and re-programmed heating unit in the Middle School Library. He wanted to know what the cost might be for a new one. Mr. Caddell said that we would have to check on that. Mr. Ranz also asked about claim number #29550 to Nading Mechanical for \$156.16 for the replacement of buttons on a water fountain and the repair of condensate problems. He asked if this was just for one unit. All board members voted to approve the claims as submitted with the exception of Mrs. See who abstained from claim #29426 to See's Dairy Queen.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

During the Celebrating Success portion of the meeting, the following students were introduced by the principal of their respective schools and presented with a pin by board president, Ranz.

SCES: Hunter Jordan was nominated by Rob Banta.

JC: Paige and Quinten Freeman were nominated by Diane Johnson.

MS: Brennan Bragg was nominated by Sean McGarvey and Shaun Holliday.

HS: Jennifer Deaton was nominated by Debbie Seaver.

High School student, Melissa Kinne, who was nominated as last month's Celebrating Success recipient by Ryan Cummings, was unable to attend the September meeting and was now on hand to be recognized and receive her pin from Mr. Ranz.

Three Endowment Requests were presented to the board for approval. Teacher, Sharon Earls and Principal, Darrell Hansel from Jefferson-Craig Elementary, requested an expansion of their present Accelerated Reader Program, which would consist of new book sets and related materials in the amount of approximately \$5735. Mrs. Swango asked if the books would be kept in the classroom. Mr. Hansel answered affirmatively. Mrs. See moved to approve the request. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Sieglitz submitted a request for the replacement of copper network wire with fiber optic cable for each of the schools and the Administration Office in the amount of \$9058. The request was being made to attempt to avoid the replacement of copper wire several

times a year after being struck by lightning. Mrs. Swango asked what the life of the fiber optics would be. Technology Coordinator, Darin Gullion, said that he was not sure. Mr. Cole asked if we knew how we would do this without interruption. Mr. Gullion said that two weeks ago we had been hit by lightning, so we were already being interrupted. The board voted unanimously to approve the request in a motion made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

In a revised motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. See, the board voted unanimously to table the request made by Mr. DeBaun and Mrs. Bullock for new kitchen equipment at the High School and Switzerland County Elementary in the amount of \$76,514. Mr. Truitt had asked exactly how big the dishwasher was that would cost \$26,477. The high cost of the equipment and the fact that there was only one quote resulted in the tabling of the request. The board then asked that other bids be sought for the kitchen equipment.

Mr. Darin Gullion gave the board members an update of the status of the CAPE grant. Mr. Gullion was excited that four students had taken and passed the technical exam for the MOUS Certification. Mr. Gullion was also optimistic about the possibilities for the Distance Learning program which provides High School aged kids with quality coursework and the ability to obtain High School credit.

Mr. Hansel introduced Lowell Wayne Sullivan of the local American Legion Post 185. Mr. Sullivan presented a plaque to Mr. Fred Ross and to Dr. Elizabeth Jones for the Educator of the Year award. This is the third year in a row that an educator from Switzerland County has won a district award. Three years ago, an educator from this county was chosen for a state award.

The board unanimously approved a schedule of early student release times for the remainder of the year in order for the teachers to have professional development time in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts. The half days approved were Nov. 18th, 2004, and Jan. 24th, Jan. 25th, Mar. 9th, and April 19th, 2005.

Mrs. See moved to approve the Senior Trip as presented, with Mr. Truitt seconding. The seniors requested a trip to Disney World in Florida. The particulars of the trip were outlined for the board members. The vote to approve the trip was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agreement between the school corporation and the SIEOC to serve pre-school aged children in their Head Start program. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Kristi Harms, the Switzerland County Public Library Director, submitted two letters of interest for a position on the Switzerland County Library Board of Trustees formerly held by Jill Hutcherson who has now completed her term of office. Superintendent Caddell recommended C. Janett Boling for the position. Mrs. Boling is currently serving as a Language Arts tutor at the High School. The board unanimously approved the appointment of Mrs. Boling in a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. See made a motion to establish a Non-Certified Salary and Benefits Committee. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to appoint Mr. Roberts and Mr. Ranz to serve on the Benefits Committee. Mrs. See seconded. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Ranz abstained from the vote while all other members voted to approve the appointments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (BOARD MEMBERS WILL TAKE COMMENTS UNDER ADVISEMENT):

Athletic Director, Kent Dunning, said that he was excited about the athletic program. He mentioned that there will be a Varsity Boys Basketball "Throw-Back" game against Oldenburg on December 21, 2004 in the newly renovated Old Gym. There will be an auctioning off of Patriot Trojan and Vevay Warriors uniforms. Mr. Dunning said that he hoped everyone in the community would be as pleased and excited as he was about the event.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Cole made a motion to retroactively approve the FMLA request by Mrs. Sandidge for the period of 8/23/04 to 10/04/04. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the FMLA request of Larry Monjar for an "as needed" time period, as he is unsure of the time he will be off. Mr. Roberts seconded, with the vote being unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the ECA appointments of Becky Curlin as Newspaper Sponsor at Jefferson-Craig Elementary and Rebecca Martin for sixth grade cheer sponsor at the Middle School. Mr. Roberts made the motion for the approval, while Mr. Truitt seconded.

In a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Truitt, the board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Helen Parks as the eighth grade Reading teacher at the Middle School.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Superintendent's Contract and Addendum, (a three to five-year contract with an automatic roll-over provision). The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Roberts said that Mr. Caddell had made many good things happen for both the school and community, but he felt that there was no benefit to the corporation in awarding a five-year contract. AYES: Ranz, See, Truitt, Phipps, Cole. NAYS: Roberts, Swango.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve Gary Pavey as the sixth grade Boys Basketball coach. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Several Professional Leaves and Field Trips were presented for approval. All trips were approved by a unanimous vote in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Ranz requested that the professional and field trips be presented to the board in a timelier manner. The approved trips are as follows:

- *Pam Jones (HS): Student Council trip to Penn H.S. in Mishawaka, Indiana on November 5th through November 7th, 2004.
- *Greg Curlin (HS): FFA trip to Trafalgar on October 15th to October 17th for Leadership Camp for Freshmen (retroactive).
- *Kyle Weaver and Greg Curlin (HS): FFA trip to Fair and Expo Center in Louisville, Kentucky on October 27th to October 30th.
- *Denise Loaring (HS): National Dropout Prevention Conference in Orlando, Florida from October 31st, to November 3rd, 2004.
- *Gullion, Haskell, Sieglitz, P.Weaver, M. Edwards, J. Beatty (tech.) : Annual software technology conference for our corporation software management system (STI) in Lexington, Kentucky on December 8th to December 10th.
- *Greg Curlin (HS): trip to Las Vegas, Nevada for a National Agriculture Teachers Conference on December 7th to December 10th.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Nine requests for use of facilities were presented to the board for approval.

- SCES Cafet.: Vickie Alford – Soccer Banquet on 11/12 , 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- SCES Parking Lot: Diana Johnson – Trunk or Treat on 10/31, 4:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- JC Gym: Eric Cole – Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby on 3/11/05, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.
- SCES Cafet.: Bill Roberts - Family Thanksgiving on 11/27, 10a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- MS Cafet.: Paige Semmel – Prevent Child Abuse Workshop on 10/25, 4:40 to 7:30p.m.
- SCES (10 classrooms): Paul Covington – EMT classes on 11/20, 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- JC Gym: Karoline Green & Becky Curlin- Overnight reward for MS Volleyball team on 10/29, 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- JC/MS Cafet.: Steve Crabtree - Democrat JJ Dinner on October 9th, 4:30 to 9:00 p.m.
- SCES Cafet.: Theresa Evans – Girl Scout Troop 9104 meeting on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month, beginning on November 2nd, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. See motioned to approve the requests and Mr. Truitt seconded. AYES: Ranz, See, Truitt, Phipps, Cole, and Swango. Mr. Roberts approved all of the requests except the SCES Cafeteria for the family Thanksgiving, for which he abstained from voting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT):

Mr. Caddell announced that the next meeting of the Endowment Committee would be held on October 19, 2004.

He also mentioned that Wednesday, during the day, Jefferson Craig Elementary would celebrate their 50th Birthday. He said that he would be giving Blue Ribbons to all staff members. He said that on November 5th, Mr. Hansel and another teacher would be going to Washington to accept the National Award on behalf of the school.

Mr. Caddell then thanked the board members for the extension of his contract.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Truitt congratulated Jefferson-Craig staff and said that he appreciated their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Truitt moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.