

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
SPECIAL SHOOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 29, 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 were Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance included Mona Crabtree, Candis Haskell and Darin Gullion.

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.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Truitt moved to renew the contract of Negotiator, Marvin Liberson for one year. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was as follows: AYES: Phipps, See, Ranz, Truitt. NAYS: Roberts, Cole.

In a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. See, the board voted unanimously to declare one van and three buses as surplus vehicles. Mr. Cole asked if they were all 66 passenger buses. Mr. Caddell said yes, excluding the van, of course. Mr. Caddell said it will probably cost more to advertise them in the paper than what we will get for them, but that we will see. The surplus vehicles are identified as follows: 1983 Chevy Van: 1G8EG25407115770 / (#6), 1985 Chevy Bus: 1GBG6P1A6FV103856 / (#65), 1985 International: 1HPVLHXP5FHA46618 / (#66), 1985 International: 1HVLPHPXP5FHA47137.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Truitt made a motion to award the Middle School restroom renovation contract to the recommended Poole Group, Inc. at a base bid of \$89,138 and an additional \$20, 137 for new ceramic tile over the existing flooring. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Ranz asked if the Endowment monies for this project would cover the total amount. Mr. Caddell said that it would cover everything except for the architect's fees, which would be around 7 percent. Mr. Truitt asked if the school would pay for that part. Mr. Caddell said the corporation would pay that amount. The vote to approve the bid was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. See to approve the recommendation for the corporation to pay up to 7.5 percent of the cost of the new insurance rates for both certified and non-certified employees. Darin Gullion, Ann Geyman, and Mr. Caddell, as well as Missy Morris, Sharon Barbour, and David Todd met and discussed the increases. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the drug testing policy for bus drivers as presented. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Gullion explained that it was the same as the previous policy except for a couple of changes on pages six and eleven. Some of the language was changed to better serve the school's needs. Mr. Phipps asked if a driver tested positive, would the record follow them to another employer. Mr. Gullion said that would depend on the new employer and what records would be requested for that position. Mr. Ranz asked if he was correct in interpreting that a driver would be terminated after a positive test. Mr. Caddell said this was correct. Mr. Roberts said that we are testing students and we are testing bus drivers and then asked why we don't test others, such as instructional assistants and teachers. Mr. Caddell said that it would be hard to get that included in any type of agreement with teachers. Mr. Ranz said that he felt we needed to do something a little broader. Mr. Caddell said that he could do a survey and see what's out there in other school systems if this is what the board preferred. He also said that the corporation would need to include this in the teacher's job description and he did not see how the teacher's association would ever agree to drug testing. Mr. Roberts said he thought we needed to work on it. Mr. Cole asked if the responsibility to terminate was up to the employee, if one of Mr. Christman's fleet drivers tested positive, who would be doing the terminating? Mr. Caddell said that Mr. Christman would be asked to terminate the employee, and if he refused, then Mr. Christman's employment would be terminated. Mrs. See asked if that would just mean the one route that the driver was responsible for. Mr. Caddell said that it would mean his whole contract. Mr. Caddell also said that Mr. Christman has been very cooperative in other situations, and felt that he would abide by any decision the board would make in this regard. The board then voted unanimously to approve the policy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

PERSONNEL:

None

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS:

The board voted unanimously to approve the request from David Todd for the Boys Basketball team to attend an Indiana Pacers game on December 22, 2004. The motion was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole.

USE OF FACILITIES:

A request for the use of Switzerland County Elementary's gymnasium on Wednesday evenings, beginning ASAP through March 1, 2005 by Tom Stowe and Scott Weaver. Due to the increase in vandalism at the schools, it was recommended by Mr. Caddell that the rules and regulations of the school facilities be followed. The rules concerning gym rental state that only the Old Gym can be rented at \$50 per day and that the gymnasiums at the High School, Jefferson Craig, and Switzerland County Elementary could not be rented. Mr. Phipps asked if we had let them use it in the past and just waived the fees. Mr. Caddell said he was unsure about the fees. Mr. Cole said that he knew that it was always paid through a collection of those present. Mr. Truitt said that since we had done it this way for a number of years, now, he didn't think we should stop with this group at this time. There was no vote on this recommendation due to a lack of motion.

Mr. Truitt made a new motion to approve the request for the elementary gym, and change the ruling to include the rental of the Switzerland County Elementary Gymnasium at \$50 per day. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. Mr. Phipps said this would open up two gym possibilities, one downtown and one out in the county. Mrs. See also mentioned that whenever someone was using the gym, the rest of the school should be partitioned off. The vote to approve the request and the rules change was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and REPORTS (SUPERINTENDENT):

Mr. Caddell announced that since October 15, 2004, the town of Vevay, Patriot, and the Ogle Foundation have not received monies according to the casino revenue sharing plan due to the discovery of overpayments in the past. As a result, the Endowment Corporation has also not received payments. Mr. Caddell's understanding is that there would be a reduction, not that the payments would cease.

Mr. Caddell said that in view of this fact, the school corporation would need to pay for the necessary kitchen equipment and then ask for a reimbursement from the Endowment. Mr. Caddell told the board that Mr. Hocker has been working with the corporation to see where we are. As it stands, six weeks have lapsed.

Mr. Ranz suggested that perhaps we just need to ask for the money.

Mrs. Haskell gave a brief presentation on the middle school's grade report for the first nine weeks as well as discipline referrals. The figures were compared to last year's during the same time period.

ADJOURNMENT:

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