

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2005**

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, Candis Haskell, Elizabeth Jones, Darin Gullion, Darrell Hansel, Debbie Myer, Quinn Meyer, Marlene Corl, Shirley Meadows, Bonnie Russell, Rebecca Justice, James Lake, Ken Sears, Carolyn Sears, Loren Lamson and Marla Lamson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. See.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Roberts moved to adopt the minutes of December 20, 2004 as presented. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Phipps moved to table the approval of the End of the year Fund Report until February. The motion was seconded by Mrs. See, followed by a unanimous vote.

CLAIMS:

A motion to approve claim numbers 29891 through 3021 for payment as submitted was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mrs. Swango asked about Claim #29904 to the Switzerland County High School for Pepsi incentive. It was a program set up with Pepsi, whereby the school gets money back based on sales. Mr. Ranz asked how much we get from them. Mr. Caddell said that it was a little complicated, but that he could show him the information and explain it. Mrs. Geyman said she believed it was \$4,000 a year.

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Mr. Ranz asked to see Claim #29903 for Travel Reimbursement to Kent Dunning in the amount of \$521.70 for the first semester. Mrs. Geyman presented the claim to Mr. Ranz for his review.

Mrs. Swango asked about Claim #29956 for \$156.90 to Young Explorers for a Chaos tower for Jefferson Craig. She wanted to know what the tower was. It was determined to be a movable science station used for experiments.

Mr. Cole questioned Claim #29993 to Harmony Publishing in the amount of \$4,595 for the Switzerland Schoolhouse Newsletter. He asked how many times a year the publication went out. Mr. Caddell answered that it was three times a year.

Mrs. Swango asked about Claim #30017 for \$700 to the Switzerland County Health Department for flu vaccines. Mr. Caddell said that each employee was charged \$5 for the vaccine and the corporation picked up the rest of the cost.

The vote to approve the claims as presented was unanimous, excepting claim #29917 and claim #29983, from which Mrs. See abstained.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

During the Celebrating Success portion of the meeting, Mr. Ranz presented pins to each of the nominated students from each school. They were as follows:

- JC: Quinten Meyer, gr. 5, nominated by Mrs. Blodgett
- SCE: Donnie Meadows, gr. K, nominated by Dr. Jones
- MS: Rebecca Justice, gr. 7, nominated by 7th gr. teachers
- HS: Loren Lamson, gr. 12, nominated by Kent Dunning

Four Endowment Requests were presented for action by the board. Mr. Caddell recommended that the board table his request for a Corporation Rainy Day Fund, as well as Mr. Gullion's new Cape Grant proposal. Mr. Gullion said the deadline for the grant would be June or July, but wanted time to rewrite, if necessary, so would like a decision in February or March. Mr. Truitt moved to table the two requests, with Mr. Cole seconding and the vote being unanimous.

In a motion made by Andy Truitt and seconded by Mrs. See, the board voted unanimously to approve the Endowment Request of Carolyn Sears for \$20,100 for defibrillators. There was some question as to where they would be located. One of the places mentioned was the Press Box at the softball field. If there was any need for one to

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be moved, such as in an ambulance with a patient, one would be borrowed from another location until the other was returned.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve an Endowment Request from John Druba for Middle School Athletic Uniforms in the amount of \$11,415. Mr. Phipps seconded. Ayes: Ranz, Phipps, Truitt, See, Cole, Roberts. NAYS: Swango.

Mr. Caddell asked each of the school's principal to give the school board an overview of their ISTEP results, including a performance history of the students. The reports showed a slight drop in one subject or another in different grade levels, but the overall results show improvement for the schools.

Nominations for the Officers of the Board of Finance were opened in motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Roberts was nominated as President and Mrs. See as Secretary. Nominations were closed in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. Swango. AYES: Ranz, Phipps, Cole, Swango, Truitt. ABSTAIN: Roberts, See.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Review of Bank Depositories and Interest for 2004, as presented. Mrs. See seconded. As a result of the review, the depositories in the Heritage Community Bank would move to Main Source Bank in order to get a better rate of interest on the money. Mrs. Swango asked what time period we were looking at. Mrs. Geyman said that it was a two year schedule, so this would not be voted on again until 2006. She said there was no law regarding this, but that this was the history of the depository schedule. She said it would not be advantageous to do this on a yearly basis because of changes in the checks and deposit forms associated with the accounts. The vote was unanimous.

Principal, Darrell Hansel, was honored by the NAESP for Jefferson Craig Elementary's Blue Ribbon Award. He was presented with a plaque by Board President, Jack Ranz.

Dr. Elizabeth Jones made a presentation on a pilot Bus Driver Recognition Program she has implemented at Switzerland County Elementary School. She is excited about the incentive based program and believes the students are excited as well. She believes the program will bring about a better report between the drivers and students.

Mr. Phipps moved to table the adoption of the 2005/2006 corporation calendar, until the CTA had a chance to review and choose their favorite of the three calendars presented for consideration. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

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PERSONNEL:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to employ Steve Konkle as varsity girls' softball coach and Rob Daugherty as his assistant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole with the vote being unanimous.

Mrs. See made a motion to approve Michelle Manaugh's FMLA request for an 8 to 10 week period. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mrs. Swango asked if she was already off on sick leave. Mr. Caddell said that he was proposing the FMLA to run concurrently with her sick time. Mrs. Geyman said that the leave request was due to an emergency surgery. The vote to approve the request was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board voted unanimously to approve Phyllis Weaver's request to attend the 2005 Indiana Counselor Association conference in Indianapolis on February 17 and 18 in a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. See.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (Superintendent)

Mr. Caddell wanted to mention to the board that there was a shortfall in the tax levy paid to the corporation in a total of \$175,000 and that he is investigating the reasons for the shortfall. He said that from what he has learned so far, the shortfall may have occurred due to the lack of tax payments made to the county on the November 10th. He said he would keep the board informed of his findings as the information becomes available.

Mr. Caddell reminded the board that the next Endowment meeting was scheduled for January 25, 2005. He encouraged anyone who could to attend to do so.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Truitt wanted to say Congratulations to Mr. Hansel for his accomplishments. He said that he was proud of the Celebrating Success students. He said he felt the ISTEP scores were great and that it was a proud night for the corporation.

ADJOURNMENT:

The board adjourned the meeting with a unanimous vote preceded by a motion to adjourn by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

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Jack Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

Duane Cole, Member

James Phipps, Member

William Roberts, Member

Wilma Swango, Member