

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2005  
7:30 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an executive session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30.

**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 were Mona Crabtree, Melissa May, and Derek Marshall.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the school board held on February 21, 2005. Mr. Phipps seconded. Mrs. Swango suggested that the word adopted should be changed to approve in the minutes section. The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes with this correction.

**FUND REPORT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the Fund Report as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote to approve the report was unanimous.

**CLAIMS:**

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the claims, #30241 through #30331. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked about Claim #30243 to the Wintergreen Systems for Computers in the amount of \$10,010. Mr. Caddell said that this was payment for the Paperless Classroom, which was a project funded by a grant. Mr. Truitt said he was confused about claim #30248 to Wagner's Locksmith Service in the amount of \$225.44 for new locks at the Old Gym, as he thought we had changed the locks not too long ago. Mr. Caddell said that there had been some things taken from the gym, but there

had been no forced entry, and to be cautious, had decided to go with new locks and a new sign-out system that kept track of the keys with numbers. Mr. Ranz asked about claim #30279 to Custer Electric for \$3,280.00 for athletic field lighting. He wanted to know if this was the last payment scheduled for this company, as this was an older project. Mr. Caddell said that it was the last of the payments and that he had held off until he knew the project had been completed to our satisfaction. Mr. Truitt asked about Claim #30326 to Star Solutions in the amount of \$265.00. He asked what the non-food cafeteria supplies consisted of. Assistant Treasurer, Melissa May, said that this would be things like plastic containers and napkins, and other disposable items. Mr. Truitt asked about the \$548.35 paid to West Main Supply listed in claim #30330. He said it seemed high for wire, filters, a hammer, chain, and nuts for the administration office, as indicated on the description. Ms. May explained that there were actually 200 air filters purchased for the whole corporation, not just the administration office. After all claim questions were satisfied, the vote to approve the claims was unanimous.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There were several Endowment Requests brought before the board for approval.

Mr. Marshall requested an electronic sign for the High School in the amount of \$35,000, to replace the current one. Mr. Marshall said the new sign would increase communication possibilities, promote a good and renewed school and community image, and decrease vandalism. Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Roberts said that he does not think we need to spend this amount of capital projects money for something like this. He said that there should be other ways to handle vandalism. Mr. Caddell said he wanted to stipulate that the vandalism was not the primary reason that he recommended the request to the board. The board voted as follows: AYES: See, Swango, Cole, Ranz, Phipps. NAYS: Truitt, Roberts.

Mr. Phipps moved to table a request from Janet Splain, head custodian at the High School, for floor materials and labor in the amount of \$29,108.20. Mrs. Splain was not available at the meeting to answer any questions the board might have. Mrs. See seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the request from High School Principal, Derek Marshall, for fencing of outdoor athletic facilities in the amount of \$17,435.00. The request was made as means to collect money from attendants, as other schools do, and to protect the new track. Mrs. See seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous..

Mrs. Swango asked if the Endowment Corporation ever had problems with reimbursing the school corporation for projects that we have already paid for as opposed to asking for

the payments ahead of time. Mr. Ranz said there has not seemed to be any problems so far.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve donations from the Endowment Corporation as follows:

- \$20,000 for defibrillators for all schools in the corporation
- \$250,000 (\$125,000 a year for 2 years) for CAPE Grant Match to the Community Foundation, contingent on the new grant approval.

Mrs. See made a motion to table the school's student handbooks and athletic handbooks until the regular meeting of April. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

### **PERSONNEL:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Lisa Fisher as Cheerleader sponsor in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the resignation of Fred Ross as the Middle School Girl's golf coach for the 2004-2005 school year. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the appointment of Tara Justice as sixth grade track coach. Mr. Phipps seconded, with the vote being unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts to approve the retirement request from Mrs. Jean Sandidge. The vote to approve the request was unanimous.

A motion to approve the retirement request from Mr. Leon Hostetler was made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Phipps. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the resignation of John Harkness as a Science/Math teacher at the Middle School and High School. Mr. Roberts seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the resignation of Cheryl Dayadharum as a Spanish teacher at the High School and Middle School, in a motion made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. See.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve several postings as presented. Mrs. See seconded. Mr. Cole asked if all positions were posted on the website. Mr. Caddell said they would be. Mrs. Swango asked if the Spanish position was one or two positions. Mr. Caddell said that it was only one position. Mrs. Swango asked what Meagan Meadors taught. Mr. Caddell said that she taught French. The board voted unanimously to approve the postings as follows:

- Math position at the Middle School
- Language Arts position at the High School
- Business position at the Middle School
- Full Time Remediation position at the Middle School
- Full time Reading position at the Middle School
- Science/Math position at the Middle School and High School
- Spanish position at the Middle School and High School
- Summer School positions
- Any open /vacant positions during summer months

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS:**

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve two professional leave requests as presented. Mrs. Swango seconded. The vote was unanimous. The requests were as follows:

- Darin Gullion and Ivan Green – Transportation seminar in Indianapolis, April 20-22.
- Melissa May and Ann Geyman – IASBO meeting in South Bend, May 10-13.

#### **USE OF FACILITIES:**

Mr. Roberts moved to approve four requests for Use of Facilities. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous. The requests were as follows:

- HS Cafeteria by Brack Rayles on July 30<sup>th</sup> for Class of '95 Reunion, 3pm to 7pm.
- HS Cafeteria by Katie Collier on June 17<sup>th</sup> for 4-H Queen Contest, 5pm to 8pm.
- HS Cafeteria by Pam Acton on April 16<sup>th</sup> for Community Foundation/FFA Breakfast and Retreat, 7:30 am to 2:30 pm.
- Old Gym by Bob Meyer on May 7 & 8 for Boy Scout's Dodge ball tournament, 8am. to 8pm.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Mr. Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment Meeting on March 29, 2005.

Mr. Caddell announced that the regular board meeting in April would be moved to the 25<sup>th</sup>, and that there would be an open working session on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to consider long range planning of school facilities.

#### **BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Phipps said that Lisa Fisher had done an excellent job with the cheerleaders for a number of years and he thought we should honor her at an upcoming board meeting and

write a letter of thanks from the school board for her services. Mr. Marshall said that he did want the board to know that she had been recognized at a recent athletic banquet and was given a plaque.

Mr. Roberts said that we should not forget those teachers who were retiring. He asked if we had a special ceremony for them. Mr. Caddell said that we usually present them with a bell that displayed their name and years of service.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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