

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25, 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 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 member in attendance were Mr. Ranz, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Darin Gullion, Ron Hocker, Glo Asbury, James May, Jimmy Williams, Renda Miller, Pansy Covington, Mark Helt, Samantha Helt, Laura Helt, Larry Monjar, Sean McGarvey, Lesa McGarvey, Jerry Firestone, Monica Muschong, Rebecca Muschong, Kyle Weaver, Lyn Hall, JoKay Beatty, Kim Stout, Roger Christman, Darrell Hansel, Elizabeth T. Jones, Greg Curlin, and Candis Haskell.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

In a motion by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Truitt, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as amended. The amended agenda included three additions to the New Business consisting of recommendations for approval of a donation from the Vevay High School Alumni Association, a resolution for Ann Geyman, and a modification of the Gas Clause.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the school board of trustees held on March 21, 2005. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

The board voted unanimously to approve the fund report as submitted in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve Claim # 30342 through 30594, as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Phipps asked about claim #30553 for the roof construction dispute for \$2,057.57. Mr. Caddell said this was the attorney's fees for the roof dispute which has not yet been settled. Mr. Phipps said this was a real concern to him and hoped the dispute would be settled soon. Mr. Ranz asked about claim #30554 to Bobbi Marskberry in the amount of \$217.60 for a lunch payment refund. Mr. Caddell said this was a refund to a parent who paid for the child's lunches for the whole year who is no longer eating a tray lunch. Mr. Cole asked about the computer monitors for \$4,340.00 described in claim #30593 to Wintergreen Systems. Mr. Caddell said this was more equipment for the Paperless Classroom project and explained that we had paid for the actual computers about a month earlier. He also mentioned that this was a grant funded project. Mr. Ranz questioned claim #30508 to Bovard and Leap for pea gravel for the playground at Switzerland County Elementary in the amount of \$2,652.88. He said that amount seemed high and asked how much gravel was delivered and if this company was the only one that would deliver the gravel. Ann said that it was for 196.51 tons at \$13.50 a ton. She was not sure if they were the only company and that Danny DeBaun, who was not present at the meeting, had signed off on the claim. The vote to approve the claims was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

School Board President Ranz presented a pin and an award certificate to each of the April nominees for Celebrating Success. Those honored were as follows:

JC: Samantha Helt, gr. 5, nominated by Konna Padgett

MS: Rebecca Muschong, nominated by the gr. 7 teachers

HS: James Williams, gr. 11, nominated by Derek Marshall

The nominee from Switzerland County Elementary school was unable to attend and will be recognized at next month's meeting.

There were a number of Endowment Requests presented to the board for approval.

Middle School Librarian Sharon Ward, and Secretary Donita Cole requested new furniture for the library and office areas in the amount of \$5,014.57. Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request, while Mr. Truitt seconded. Mr. Phipps, Mr. Truitt, Mr. Cole, Mr. Ranz and Mr. Roberts voted to approve the request. Mrs. See was opposed.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve a request from Mr. Marshall for \$24,612.00 to remodel the front office at the High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Cole wanted to clarify that they were asking for the current room to be remodeled and not a new room as mentioned on one of the diagrams. Mr. Marshall said that was correct. The area referred to as the new room was actually where the attendance officer, Mrs. Beatty's

office was located. The vote to approve the request was as follows: AYES: Roberts, Truitt, Cole, Phipps, Ranz. NAYS: See

Switzerland County Elementary Principal, Elizabeth Jones requested a new intercom system for the school. She explained that the old one was barely working and that not all classrooms could communicate with the office. Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Phipps seconded. The sound system request in the amount of \$44,995.00 was granted, with Mr. Roberts, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Ranz, Mr. Cole and Mr. Truitt approving and Mrs. See opposing.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Switzerland County High School's request for a grease trap at the cost of \$5,000. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Caddell said that the Vevay Utilities had inspected the grease trap and determined that it needed additional work. Mr. Caddell said that work had already been done on it and that there was no other real course of action than to replace it. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Mrs. See moved to table a request from Switzerland County Elementary School Principal, Dr. Jones, for the replacement of doors in the amount of \$11,500. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. Mr. Cole said that he was confused. The request was for their replacement, but the quotes indicated only repairs and repainting on existing doors and frames. Also, there was only one quote and more were requested. The vote to approve tabling the request was as follows: AYES: See, Truitt, Roberts, Ranz, Cole. NAYS: Phipps.

Mr. Cole moved to approve a request for \$27,840.00 by High School Principal Derek Marshall for the purchase of new desks for the classrooms. Mr. Phipps seconded. Mr. Marshall explained that the additional desks would be needed due to an expected increase in the Freshman class next year, as well as additional seating for 35 students in each classroom. Due to state level budget cuts, classroom sizes will increase. Mr. Marshall also explained that they would be ordering extra desks due to the high cost of freight. The extra desks would be used to replace those desks that were old and worn. Mr. Roberts questioned why we would need 320 desks for an expected 70 student increase. Mr. Marshall explained that each class would need 35 desks and that they would not have enough desks to do that. Mr. Roberts said he thought the problem might be corrected through better scheduling. Mr. Phipps asked if we had checked with the Wilson Center Co-op for pricing. He went on to say that the schools should check with them on more things to see if they could get better pricing. The vote to approve the request was: AYES: Ranz, Phipps, Cole, Roberts, Truitt. NAYS: See.

Greg Curlin and Kyle Weaver made requests for remodeling the Agri-Science Department, (\$47,007.95) and additional shop equipment and furniture, (67,396.00), as well as the removal and replacement of the existing outdated electrical system in the same area, (\$44,807.00). The three projects were presented to the board as one. After Mr. Curlin and Mr. Weaver explained why these changes and new equipment were needed, concerns were voiced as to the high cost of the project which totaled \$159,209.95. Mr. Caddell suggested that the board table the project until he could make a final determination as to the absolute necessities of the project. Mr. Roberts said that he was

concerned that if we waited on the approval, there wouldn't be time for everything to be in place by August, when classes resumed. Motion was made by Mr. Truitt to table the request. Mrs. See seconded. The vote to approve tabling the Endowment request was made by Truitt, See, Ranz, and Cole. Roberts and Phipps opposed.

Mrs. See moved to approve student handbooks as presented. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Marshall wanted to mention that the High School handbook actually had two versions with respect to the discipline grid. One version included after school detention or Saturday school instead of ISS, which the other version contained. Mr. Truitt mentioned that he liked the attendance policy description in the Middle School handbook. He said it was very clear and complete. He did, however, think that the policy regarding non-payment of cafeteria dues needed to be more detailed. For example, he said that the policy stated the parent would be contacted but it did not state how. He felt there needed to be more descriptive information included, such as exactly how and when the parent would be notified. Mr. Caddell said that the current policy may change because of the purchase of new cafeteria software which would have different capabilities such as generating overdue balance letters. He said some things might need to be changed once the software was in place, but he was not sure when that would be. Mrs. Haskell said that she could reword the non-payment portion of the handbook to mention that the installation of the software could change current policy and be more specific on what the current policy is. Mr. Truitt also commented on Jefferson Craig's student handbook. He said that the cafeteria non-payment policy was not included in the handbook at all. Mr. Hansel said that he had not included it in the student handbook because it was corporation policy. Mr. Caddell said that it should be included because the parent needed to be informed of the policy. There were no questions regarding Switzerland County Elementary's student handbook. The vote to approve the student handbooks with the aforementioned additions or corrections was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the High School athletic handbook as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mr. Phipps questioned the wording on page 11, regarding the policy of participation after an athlete quits one sport. Mr. Marshall said that the intent was to discourage a student from starting in one sport, then quitting to go to another one, taking another athlete's spot, simply because he did not want to follow one coach's rules. Mr. Phipps said he felt an addition should be made stating that open gym will not be considered as participation in another sport. The vote to approve the athletic handbook with the suggested change was unanimous. The Middle School's athletic handbook will be presented for approval at the May 16th board meeting.

Dr. Jones presented the textbook adoption committee's recommendations for Health and Science textbooks to be used for the school years, 2005/2006 through 2010/2011. The committee members included teachers, Dawn Ransdell, Kathy Daugherty, Travis Griffith, Rob Banta, Ginger Furnish, Pam Yates, Bonnie Fancher, Mike McClure, and Brian Bowen, and administrator, Elizabeth Jones. Parent members of the committee were Diana Johnson, Jenny Abbott, Judith Kinne, and Kelly Floyd. Mr. Truitt moved to approve the committee's recommendations. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Phipps mentioned

that in the past, the board was presented with price comparisons to previous years and said that he would like to see these. He did not want to approve the books and then see a huge increase in student book bills. Dr. Jones explained that there were only a small number of textbook companies on the state approved adoption list to choose from and that the prices of the books were all very close. The vote to approve the following list of textbooks was unanimous.

Elementary Science: Macmillan/McGraw Hill

Gr. 1	Big Book Package	0022831665	\$576 (JC, 1 set /SCES, 2)
Gr. 2	Indiana Pupil Ed.	0022813020	\$39.69
Gr. 3	Indiana Pupil Ed.	0022813039	\$44.34
Gr. 4	Indiana Pupil Ed.	0022813047	\$44.34
Gr. 5	Indiana Pupil Ed.	0022813055	\$44.34

Middle School Science: Glencoe/McGraw Hill

Gr. 6	Science	0078617790	\$58.98
Gr. 7	Science	0078617812	\$58.98
Gr. 8	Science	0078617839	\$58.98

High School Science:

Gr.12	Environmental Science (AP Env. Sci.): <i>Holt, Rinehart & Winston</i>	0030661749	\$59.95
Gr.12	Physics, Principles & Problems (Physics): <i>Glencoe</i>	0078458137	\$62.49
Gr.11/12	Chemistry, Matter & Change (Hon. Chem.): <i>Glencoe</i>	0078664187	\$62.97
Gr.10	Biology, Indiana Edition (Honors Biology): <i>Pearson/Prentice Hall</i>	0131258354	\$62.97
Gr.10	Biology, The Dynamics of Life (Biology): <i>Glencoe</i>	0078675626	\$63.48
Gr. 9	Physical Science for Integrated Chemistry (Integrated Physics/Chemistry): <i>Glencoe</i>	0078619017	\$58.98
Gr.11/12	Astronomy Today (Astronomy): <i>Pearson/Prentice Hall</i>	0131924923	\$68.97
Gr.11/12	Hole's Essent. of Human Anatomy & Physiology (Anatomy): <i>McGraw-Hill</i>	007310938X	\$87.25
Gr.11/12	Chemistry, The Central Sci. for Adv. H.S. Chemistry (Chemistry II): <i>Pearson/Prentice Hall</i>	0130484504	\$92.97

Science-Agriculture:

HS	Farm Management (Agribusiness): <i>Delmar</i>	0766800245	\$44.50
HS	Livestock & Poultry (Agribusiness): <i>Thomson</i>	1401827373	\$76.25
Gr. 9	Agriscience (Agri-science): <i>Delmar</i>	0766816648	\$78.50
HS	Biotechnology (Animal Science): <i>Thomson</i>	076684272X	\$46.75
HS	Food Science (Food Science): Food Science Lab Book: <i>Glencoe-McGraw-Hill</i>	0078690811	\$39.99
		007869082X	\$ 8.97
HS	Greenhouse Production (Hort. Sci.): <i>Interstate</i>	0130364223	\$56.97
HS	Horticulture (CORE-40 Horticulture): <i>Delmar</i>	0766815676	\$73.00
HS	Landscaping (Landscaping): <i>Interstate</i>	0813432367	\$57.97
HS	Landscaping (Advanced Landscaping): <i>Thomson</i>	1401834116	\$83.75

Elementary Health: McGraw-Hill

Gr. 3	Health	0022764178	(Re-adoption of current text)
Gr. 4	Health	0022764186	(Re-adoption of current text)

Gr. 5 Health	0022764194	(Re-adoption of current text)
<u>Middle School Health: Holt, Rinehart & Winston</u>		
Gr. 6 Decisions for Health	0030664586	\$41.95
Gr. 7 Decisions for Health	0030668123	\$46.00
Gr. 8 Decisions for Health	0030668174	\$48.50
<u>High School Health:</u>		
HS: Glencoe Health (Health Education): <i>Glencoe</i>	007861211X	\$55.98

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the donation of a \$3,200 sound system from the Vevay High School Alumni Association for use at the Switzerland County High School. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the authorization of treasurer, Ann Geyman, to sign correspondences with the U.S. Department of Agriculture or any agency of the Department of Agriculture for payments to be made to the corporation in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve a modification of the current gas clause. Mr. Truitt seconded. The current contract regarding the gas clause states that there would be a \$1.00 per day increase or decrease from the initial base bid rate compared to current prices and will not be retroactive. Due to the unforeseen considerable increases in gasoline prices which are not expected to decrease much in the near future, Superintendent Caddell recommended amending the gas clause to include the \$1.00 per school day addendum to the contract and that the drivers be awarded retro pay beginning January 1, 2005. The vote to approve the recommendation was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roger Christman gave the board members a handout showing that there has been a 90% increase in fuel costs. Mr. Caddell said that with this new addendum, each August, the drivers would get a \$1.00 increase. Mr. Christman said that the \$1 increase was comparable to a ten cent increase in fuel.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Gullion presented a Summer Internship Program to the board for which he hoped for approval. Mr. Gullion explained that the program would involve four people in the Technology Department as part of the CAPE grant. They would work 20 to 30 hours per week for 6 to 7 weeks. The pay rate would be \$7.00 per hour for a total of around \$5,600. Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the program. Mr. Roberts seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to approve the resignation of custodian, Karen Peelman, and to post the vacant position as custodian/substitute bus driver. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the FMLA leave request made by Becky Curlin for April 11, 2005 through April 22, 2005 in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. See.

In a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Cole, Adam Dennis was unanimously approved by the board for employment as a Middle School Math teacher, provided he obtain the appropriate license, as he is just graduating.

Mr. Cole made a motion to accept the resignation of Middle School teacher, Angela Even. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the employment of Lesa Gregory as a Middle School Language Arts teacher. Mr. Phipps seconded. Mr. Caddell explained that the now half time position will change to full time next year.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve three Use of Facilities requests in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Phipps. The facilities requests were as follows:

- HS Cafeteria: Joy Briggs, Vevay Alumni Assn., on 8/27/05 from 10a.m. to 4p.m.
- HS Cafeteria: Joy Briggs, Vevay HS Class of '53 on 9/17/05 from 3:30p.m. to 8p.m. for class reunion.
- SCES Library: Cynthia Griffith, Julia L. Dumont Club on 7/09/05 from 6p.m. to 9p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS:

Mr. Caddell wanted to let everyone know that the next two Endowment meetings would be held on Tuesday, May 3rd, and Tuesday, May 24th.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Roberts said he wished to thank the Vevay Alumni Association for their generous donation to the corporation.

Mrs. See welcomed Lesa aboard.

ADJOURNMENT:

The board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts.