

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
MAY 16, 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 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, Ann Geyman, Ron Hocker, Pat Lanman, Greg Curlin, Elizabeth Jones, Candis Haskell, Derek Marshall, Alex Watson, Natalie Peters, Chantal Snyder, Ashley Watson, Ginna Watson, Lisa Fisher, Kyle Green, Joe Green, Kaulene Green, Ronald Sandidge, Jean Sandidge, Wilma Dennis, Anthony Dennis, Amanda Watson, Brittany Lock, John Lock, Kim Lock, Erin Gerth, Ginger Peters, Kyle Weaver, Fred Ross, Denise Andrews, Jennifer Johnson, Donald Bright, Bradley Johnson, E. Leon Hostetler, Tammy Beitzel, Joe Creager, and Jerry Firestone.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The board voted unanimously to approve the agenda of the meeting as presented in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the school board held on April 25, 2005. Mrs. See seconded. The vote to approve the minutes was as follows: AYES: Ranz, See, Truitt, Phipps, Cole, Roberts. ASTAIN: Swango.

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.

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CLAIMS:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the claims, #30400 through #30474, and #30493 to #30497. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked about claim #30420 to McAllister Farms for \$12,106.00 and #30453 to J.A.M. Construction for \$21,983.40. Mr. Cole mentioned that the doors need to swing out and not in. Mr. Marshall said he would check on that the next day.

OLD BUSINESS:

The school board recognized Jean Sandidge and Leon Hostetler for their years of service as teachers in the Switzerland County School Corporation. Mrs. Sandidge was commended for her 31 years in the corporation during which time she was considered a team player and a role model for her students. Mr. Hostetler was a teacher with the corporation for 17 years. Both retirees were thanked for their many years of service and presented with a wooden bell by school board President, Ranz.

Lisa Fisher was also recognized for her years of hard work and dedication as cheer sponsor for the High School.

NEW BUSINESS:

During the Celebrating Success portion of the meeting, Mr. Ranz presented a pin and certificate to each of the students nominated from each school. They are as follows:

JC: Anthony Dennis, gr. 5, nominated by Mr. Ross

SCE: Jennifer Johnson, gr. 4, nominated by Ms. Andrews

MS: Kyle Green, gr. 8, nominated by Mr. Spoores, and Mr. Hewitt

HS: High School Fine Arts Academic Team, (Alex Watson, Amanda Watson, Brittany Lock, Natalie Peters, Chantal Snyder, Sarah Snyder), nominated by Mrs. Paige.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the Endowment Request from Mr. Weaver of \$44,000 for renovations to the High School in order to meet state standards. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion with the request granted by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Endowment Request made by Mr. Caddell for \$417,500 to pay off a bond which will mature January 1, 2011. The bond is currently at 7% interest. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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The board voted unanimously in a motion made by Mr. Cole, and seconded by Mr. Phipps, to declare the following vehicles as surplus items and to send them to a Vehicle Auction.

#6	1985 Chev.	66 passenger, gas engine bus	1GBG6P1A6FV10385
#61	1985 Int.	66 passenger, diesel engine bus	1HVPLHXP0FHA46610
#62	1985, Int.	66 passenger, diesel engine bus	2GDG35JXL4503468
#65	1985, Int.	66 passenger, diesel engine bus	1HPVLHXP5FHA46618
#66	1985, Int.	66 passenger, diesel engine bus	1HVLPHXP5FHA47137
#20A	1990, GMC	16 passenger, diesel engine bus	2GDGG35JXL4503468
	1985 Chevy Van	1G8EG25H4D7115770	
	1988 Ford Van	1FBJS31H8JHA46364	
	1989 Dodge Van	284JB35ZOKK377966	

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the school improvement plans of Switzerland County Elementary School, Jefferson-Craig Elementary School, Switzerland County Middle School and Switzerland County High School as presented. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote to approve the plans was unanimous.

In a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Middle School athletic handbook was adopted as presented by a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mrs. Haskell wanted to say something to the board about this year's eighth grade trip. She felt they shined in their behavior at the motel and visitations and that it was a really good educational experience for them. She thanked the board for allowing them to go.

Mr. Curlin thanked the board for approving the Agriculture Department's Endowment Request.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Summer Tech position as presented. Mrs. See seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve a one-year ECA agreement between CTA and the school corporation for the Assistant Baseball Coach to receive the same stipend as the JV Coach. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

The request of resignation from Melissa Morris as Switzerland County Elementary's student council sponsor was approved in a unanimous decision by the board. The motion to approve the resignation was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. See.

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Mr. Phipps moved to employ Erin Gerth to fill an English teaching position at the High School due to a recent retirement, providing she obtain the appropriate license. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

In a motion by Mrs. See and seconded by Mrs. Swango, the board voted unanimously to approve the Summer School personnel as follows, with the provision that more teachers may be needed if the numbers increase:

SCES: Gr. K Nicole Lyle Gr. 1 Denise Andrews
Gr. 2 Kathy Keith Gr. 3 Any Bovard, Rob Banta (1 week, each)
Gr. 4 & 5 Melissa Morris, Sharon Barbour (1 week, each)
Instr. Assist.'s: Lee Jaye Lohide, Cleo Detmer, Nancy Turner, Tina Scudder

JCES: Gr. K Linda Kurdys Gr. 1 Becky Bunner
Gr. 2 Deb Archer, Angie Todd Gr. 3 Vonda Downing, Sara Pavey
Gr. 4 Brooke Levell Gr. 5 Konna Padgett
GT Becky Curlin
Instr. Assist.'s: Connie Thies, Cathy Hopper, JoKay Beatty, Vicki Koons

HS: Summer Band Bill Kindle
SAE Greg Curlin

Summer School classes are being held August 1 through August 12, 2005. Students will have designated pick-up points where they can get on and off the bus. Summer Band is not self-supporting and will need outside funding.

Mr. Truitt moved to employ Joseph Creager as a Math teacher at the middle school. Mrs. Swango seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to authorize the hiring of bus drivers for summer bus maintenance and summer school routes in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the summer employment of Rita Ross for a student who needs additional speech therapy. Mr. Cole seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD REQUESTS:

The board voted unanimously to approve the following professional leave and field trip requests as follows, in a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. See:

Greg Curlin: 4-Student FFA Field Trip to Washington D.C. for a National Conference on July 12-17. (Transportation: air travel).

Greg Curlin: 12-Student FFA field trip to Purdue for State FFA Convention, 6/12-6/16.

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Greg Curlin: Professional Leave, 6/21-6/23 to Purdue for Agricultural Teacher Workshop.

Greg Curlin: Professional Leave, 6/27-6/29 for Region Ag Teachers Workshop at South Bend., Indiana.

Todd/Bowling: 20-Student Field Trip to University of Tennessee for team camp, 6/12-6/15. (Cost: \$100 for food and housing)

Kyle Weaver: Professional Leave, 6/21-6/23 to Purdue for State Agricultural Teacher Workshop.

Kyle Weaver: Professional Leave, 6/26-6/29 for Region 4 Ag Teachers Workshop at Napanee, Indiana.

Kyle Weaver: Professional Leave, 6/12-6/16 to Purdue for State FFA Convention.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve three Use of Facilities applications. Mrs. Swango seconded. The vote to approve the first two applications was unanimous, with Mr. Phipps and Mr. Cole abstaining from the third application. They are as follows:

SCES Cafeteria: 5/28/05, 5pm to 9pm, by Richard Adams for Patriot HS Alumni.

HS Cafeteria: 5/21/05, 6pm to 9pm, by Mike Jones for Democrat Dinner.

HS Softball Field: At End of Season, by Jim Phipps, Duane Cole, Debbie Sefton and Steven Konkle for 15 and Under softball teams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting would be on May 24th at 5:30pm. He said that there was a National Honor Society program that same evening that he needed to attend.

Mr. Caddell also gave an update regarding school funding. There would be a statewide 4% increase in funding in 2006, and 3% in 2007. However, this would be a result of a 6 cent to 8 cent increase in property taxes in the general fund over the next two years.

Mr. Caddell said he wanted to bring some scholarship concerns to the board's attention. He said that there have been situations where individuals were able to obtain two full-ride scholarships. He said he felt that the scholarship committees needed to be asked to really look at the application so that perhaps another student might receive those benefits. Also, if organizations giving smaller amounts would agree to give the money to the students, rather than the University, that would be more beneficial to the student. Mr. Caddell went on to say that he wanted the board to know that he was writing a letter to the scholarship committees, making them aware of the situation.

Jefferson Craig Elementary School was one of four schools mentioned, along with photographs, in the state's Annual Performance Report.

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BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Truitt welcomed Erin Gerth to the staff.

Mrs. Swango said that she was really excited about the High School being awarded the Honor Council designation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. See moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Swango seconded. The vote was unanimous.

John S. Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

Duane Cole, Member

James Phipps, Member

William Roberts, Member

Wilma Swango, Member