

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
August 15, 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. Mrs. Swango arrived directly after the votes were cast for the adoption of the agenda and the approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

Others in attendance were Darin Gullion, Ronald Hocker, Darrell Hansel, Sharon Barbour, Melissa Morris, Hope Phillips, Glenda White, Pansy Covington, Glo Asbury, David Steele, Ryan Jesop, Shellie Fowler, Chris Mattox, Candy Haskell, Elizabeth Jones, Mona Crabtree, and Ann Geyman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

In a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Truitt, the board voted unanimously to approve an amended agenda. The revised agenda included the addition of a name on the High School list of ECA assignments, consideration of the CAPE grant and Bio-diesel grant, the first reading of the Early Entrance Appeal Procedure, the formation of a committee to research options for bus driver contracts, the YMCA contract, and a notice of change regarding school board elections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the school board meeting of July 18, 2005. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

A motion to approve the fund report as submitted was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps. Mr. Cole asked about the LSTA Library Grant for \$15,000. He asked if the school corporation would receive it before September. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that we should, but could not guarantee that.

Mrs. See moved to approve the claims, #30891 through 31036, for payment as submitted, with Mr. Cole seconding. Claim #30994 to Kratz Sporting Goods in the amount of \$3,000 for a windscreen for the baseball field was questioned by Mr. Phipps. Mr. Caddell explained that it was a transparent screen going around the back of the outfield. Mrs. Swango asked why the school corporation was paying \$300 to the Community Mental Health Center for the therapy for a middle school student as stated in claim # 30961. Mr. Caddell explained that the payment for three sessions was part of a contract agreement made with a student's parents in order to avoid his expulsion, as they were unable to pay for the sessions. Mrs. Swango then asked about claim #30986 to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. The amount was for \$495.74 for unemployment for July, 2005. Mrs. Swango wanted to know if this amount was for actual claims. Mrs. Geyman said the money paid was for legitimate claims. Claim #30894, to Bill Olds Auto Body shop in the amount of \$500 for the deductible on repairs to a wrecked bus was also questioned by Mrs. Swango. She was interested to know if any children were hurt during the wreck. Mrs. Geyman explained that no children were involved because the damage was done while the bus was parked.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Phipps moved to adopt the vending machine policy #11.0-6 as presented. Mr. Cole seconded. The new policy would require all vending machines available to students to provide at least 50% healthy beverages and 50% healthy foods. This policy is being presented for approval in order to be in compliance with current state and federal child nutrition program regulations. The vote to approve the policy was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mr. Phipps, to continue the suspension of corporal punishment for the 2005-2006 school year. The main reason for the recommendation of continuation is that the school corporation's liability will increase due to lack of coverage if a student is injured during the process. The recommendation failed to pass with the vote as follows: AYES: Ranz, Swango, Phipps. NAYS: See, Roberts, Cole, Truitt.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the acceptance of donations from the Endowment Corporation for Project #s 168, 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, and 181. Mr. Truitt seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve an Endowment Request from Mr. Caddell to fill in the Lagoon on the Switzerland County Elementary property in the amount of up to \$20,000 in a motion by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

A motion was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Truitt, to approve the updated administrative benefit policy, reflecting changes previously adopted by the board. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See made a motion to approve the agreement between the school corporation and King's Daughters Hospital to provide athletic training and consultation. Mr. Cole seconded. This agreement has been approved in previous years. The vote to approve the agreement was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to accept the CAPE Grant, for \$800,000 and the Bio-Diesel grant for \$3,735 in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

The board voted unanimously to table the approval of the Early Entrance Appeal Procedure presented to the board in a motion by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Cole. This procedure pertains to the admittance of children under 5 years of age before the designated date set by the Indiana Department of Education to the kindergarten program. Action will be taken at the next meeting.

Mr. Phipps moved to form a committee to take a look at the escalation of gas prices and come back with a proposal to the board next month regarding bus driver contracts. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the committee which is to consist of Mr. Caddell, Mr. Gullion, Mr. Roberts and Mr. Green.

The board voted unanimously to approve the new YMCA contract and take the \$25,000 fee to the Endowment Committee. The motion was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole. There was an addition to the contract involving a Swim Program for all second grade students. There was some discussion about the use of the facilities.

There was an announcement of the notice of change in the school board elections. The State has certified the plan that the School Board adopted earlier, to move the election from May, 2006 to the general election in November, 2006. The board will re-organize on January 1, 2007, following the election. Everything will move up six months. There has been no change from what the Switzerland County School Board approved in November. The plan has now been certified by the State Superintendent of Education.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hope Phillips expressed her concern regarding her transfer request for her son to attend Jefferson Craig Elementary this year, rather than Switzerland County Elementary School. She did not understand why her son could not transfer because he did not ride the bus, so transportation would not be a problem. She also said that she did not think it fair that her letter of request would not be considered until September 15th, which would mean that her son would have to enroll at one school and then change schools if the request was granted.

Glo Asbury asked what the board had decided about the gas clause regarding the bus drivers. Mr. Caddell explained about the committee formation and said that a proposal would be made at the regular board meeting in September.

PERSONNEL:

The motion to approve all Extra Curricular Activities appointments for each school was made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Phipps. The recommended assignments are as follows:

SCES: Elementary Volleyball	Kathy Keith
Elementary Cheerleader	Sally Weales
Student Council	Tammy Gregory, Lee Jaye Lohide
Yearbook	Sharon Barbour, Marilyn Devers
Newspaper	Travis Griffith
General Music	Tammy Beitzel
Drama Club	Rob Banta, Mike Berg
Math Bowl	Melissa Morris
Spell Bowl	Debbie Christman, Marla Edwards

JCES: Newspaper	Konna Padgett
Yearbook	Mrs. Curlin
Volleyball	Kathy Daugherty
Math/Spell Bowl	Kathy Yokie
Drama Club	Jacquita Lanman

SCMS: Jr. National Honor Society	Phyllis Weaver
Student Council	Phyllis Weaver
Builders Club	Tara Justice
6 th grade Sponsor	Kim Temple
7 th grade Sponsor	Sheila Gault/Sean McGarvey
8 th grade Sponsor	Paul Hewitt/Pam Yates
Drama Club	Becky Martin Meyerhoff
Newspaper	Jill Cord
Yearbook	Donita Cole/Joan Hickman
FFA	Kyle Weaver
Spell Bowl	Tara Justice
Academic Team (interdisp.)	Meagan Meadors
Math Bowl	Lesa McGarvey
Athletic Director	John Druba
8 th gr. Boys Basketball	Open
7 th gr. Boys Basketball	Larry Gault
6 th gr. Boys Basketball	Gary Pavy
Boys Cross Country	Larry Gault
Boys Track	Tony Spoores
B/G Asst. Track	Open
Boys Golf	Bill Kindle
Soccer	Kyle Weaver
6 th gr. Girls Basketball	Dennis Cole
7 th gr. Girls Basketball	Gary Pavy
8 th gr. Girls Basketball	Larry Gault
Girls Track	Tara Justice

Girls Volleyball	Karoline Green / Becky Curlin
Girls Cross Country	Larry Gault
6 th gr. Cheerleader	Becky Meyerhoff
7 th gr. Cheerleader	Janie Konkle
Girls Golf	Fred Ross
 SCHS: Shannon Barger	Varsity Baseball
Brian Bowen	Boys Reserve Basketball
	Boys Summer Basketball
Ryan Cummings	Boys Asst. Baseball
	Math Dept. Head
Greg Curlin	Junior Class Sponsor
	Concessions
	FFA
	Vocational Dept. Head
Bonnie Fancher	Academic Science
	Academic Interdisciplinary
	Cons/Science Club
Brian Ford	Ski Team
	Freshman Sponsor
Erin Gerth	Newspaper
Janet Hendricks	Jr. Historical Society
	Academic Coordinator
	Academic Interdisciplinary
	Academic English
	Academic Spell Bowl
Shaun Holliday	English Dept. Head
Denny Jackson	Soc. Studies Dept. Head
Michael Jones	Key Club
Pamela Jones	Student Council
	Academic Math
	Academic Interdisciplinary
William Kindle	Band
	Summer Band
Denise Loaring	Senior Class Sponsors
	Guidance Dept. Head
Michael McClure	Boys Varsity Golf
	Girls Varsity Golf
	Fellowship of Christian Athletes
	PE Dept. Head
Meagan Meadors	French Club
	Soc. St. Academics
	Academic Interdisciplinary
Donna Paige	Art Club
	Fine Arts Dept. Head
	Academic Fine Arts

Virginia Reeves	Academic Interdisciplinary
Ann Roller	National Honor Society
	Sophomore Sponsor
	Science Dept. Head
Debra Seaver	HS Yearbook
	Business Dept. Head
David Todd	Varsity Basketball
	Boys Summer Basketball
Glenda White	Special Ed. Dept. Head

Mrs. Swango questioned some of the Interdisciplinary assignments at the High School. She questioned how many positions there were. Mr. Marshall explained that Art and Music were one, Math was one, and Language Arts was one. The vote to approve the ECA appointments was as follows. AYES: Cole, Phipps, Ranz, Roberts, See, Truitt. NAYS: Swango.

In a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Truitt, the board unanimously approved Christopher Mattox as a teacher in the school corporation, currently in 7th grade language arts.

Shellie Fowler was approved for employment as a teacher in the school corporation, currently in 7th grade science. The motion to approve her employment was made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Truitt, followed by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the employment of Ryan Jesop as a teacher in the school corporation, currently in 6th grade language arts. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Truitt to approve the teacher contract settlement and administrative contracts based upon the administrative salary formula. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS (Superintendent):

Mr. Caddell announced the Endowment meeting on August 25, 2005.

Mr. Caddell also announced that the first budget notice will be August 25, 2005. The second budget notice will be on September 1, 2005. There will be a budget hearing on

Thursday, September 8, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The budget adoption will be at the regular school board meeting to be held on September 19, 2005.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Phipps welcomed the new teachers and said that he hoped they would like our school corporation.

Mr. Cole said that with ten new teachers, it should be an exciting year. He welcomed them and wished them luck.

ADJOURNMENT:

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