

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 19, 2005
7:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session on the budget from 6:30 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 Darin Gullion, Ronald Hocker, Mona Crabtree, Ann Geyman, Candis Haskell, Darrell Hansel, Derek Marshall, Kent Dunning, Elizabeth T. Jones, Virginia Reeves, Janett Boling, Kim Temple, Shannon Barger, Tony Spoores, Ryan Cummings, Fred Ross, Wayne Ellegood, Dave Ziegler, Steve Crabtree, Bonnie Fancher, Ryan Sullivan, Scott Sullivan, Rita Sullivan, Lowell Wayne Sullivan, Laura Helt, Samantha Helt, Mark Helt, Donna Brubaker, Pete Brubaker, Kyle Brubaker, Sean Tatum, and Jim Fortner.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

In a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Cole, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with an addition of one new item under New Business, the parent-teacher conference days.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Truitt moved to table the August 15, 2005 minutes until the next meeting to give the board members time for review. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

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Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the claims, #31037 through 31109, for payment as submitted. Mrs. Swango seconded. Mr. Cole asked about the Lewis and Kappes claim to for \$1,056.96 for the roof construction dispute. He wanted to know if this matter was near a close. Mrs. Geyman said that it was. Mr. Ranz asked about the claim to Laughery Valley Co-op for \$7,910.00. He wanted know if we had purchased new tanks. Mr. Gullion explained that this was part of the Bio-diesel grant which paid for 50% of the tanks. Mrs. Geyman said we had purchased two 1,000 gallon tanks. One was here and one was at Switzerland County Elementary School. He then wanted to know where they were located. Mr. Gullion said that we had used the same dykes as the previous tanks. Mrs. Swango asked about claim #31132 for Spanish books for \$725.34. She wanted to know what grade the books were for. Mrs. Geyman said they were Level 3 books for the High School. Mrs. Swango said that was good enough. Mr. Truitt asked about purchase order 3253 to Grainger for electrical poles for the High School English department in the amount of \$1,456.56. Mr. Caddell explained that this was part of the computer grant for paperless classrooms and that the pole was used for computers and printers to plug into. Mrs. Swango asked a claim to West Main Supply for \$756.34. This was for Shop Renovations at the High School. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the 2006 Capital Projects Plan for the corporation. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The 2006 Bus Replacement Plan was approved unanimously by the board in a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the 2006 School Corporation Budget as follows:

General Fund	11,113,650
Debt Service Fund	627,702
Capital Projects Fund	952,018
Transportation Fund	1,186,000
Bus Replacement Fund	239,866
Special Ed. Preschool Fund	71,500

The total appropriation of all funds came to \$14,190,736.00. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion to approve the budget. The vote was unanimous.

In a unanimous decision, the board voted to approve the resolution to adopt the 2006 budget appropriations as presented. The motion was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. See.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the resolution to adopt tax levies for the 2006 corporation budget. Mrs. Swango seconded and the vote was unanimous. The tax rates approved will not be final, as these will be determined by assessment. The rates are artificially

high in order to protect the corporation from not advertising a high enough rate if the assessment decreases. The approved rates are as follows:

General Fund	.9170
Debt Service Fund	.2004
Capital Project Fund	.2302
Transportation Fund	.3376
Bus Replacement Fund	.0678
Special Ed. Pre-School Fund	.0033

The board voted unanimously to approve the Early Entrance Appeal Procedure Policy in a motion made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. See.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the new administrative benefit policy reflecting changes in the Social Security Medicaid Bridge of the Master Contract with the new teacher contract approved at last month's board meeting. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Endowment Request from High School Principal, Mr. Marshall, for the Masonry repair and tuck pointing at the High School for a maximum of \$46,176.00, and with the stipulation of obtaining one more bid. Only one bid was presented to the board. Mrs. See seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Endowment Request for Physical Education Equipment presented by Fred Ross at a cost of \$12,649.91. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mrs. See asked what Dribble Aids were. Mr. Ross explained that they were similar to blinders put on horses to teach the student to get in the habit of dribbling without actually looking down at the ball. Mrs. See also asked about the batons. Mr. Ross said these were two sets of six racer's batons. Mr. Truitt said he was concerned about storage room for the equipment. Mr. Ross said that they would find the room. Mr. Phipps said that if you broke the cost down to \$3,000 for each school, this seemed to be a reasonable amount to him. Those voting to approve the request were Phipps, Cole, Ranz, and Roberts. See, Truitt and Swango were opposed.

A motion was made by Mrs. Swango to approve the Endowment Request presented by Kent Dunning for a commercial washer and dryer to be used by the physical education department and the athletics department. The total amount being requested was \$1809.75. Mrs. Swango asked if there was only one quote. Mr. Dunning said that was all they had right now. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion to approve the request with the stipulation that a second quote be obtained. Mr. Dunning explained that the appliances would be used to launder the P.E. students' and athletes' uniforms and towels. He said the old appliances were at least ten years old and had to be repaired every year. He said that the purchase of the appliances would cut down on having to replace the uniforms when they were damaged at home. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

The next Endowment Request came from Steven Konkle, Wayne Ellegood and David Todd for new video equipment for the athletic department at a maximum of \$1700. The new equipment would be purchased to make a transition from the current VHS system to DVD. The new system would be more user friendly, offer more options for playback, easier duplication for student athletes, and easier storage and set-up. Mr. Roberts moved to approve the request, with Mr. Cole seconding. Mr. Truitt mentioned that none of the quotes added up to what was being requested. Mr. Konkle said he broke each item down and added the highest price quoted for each. The vote to approve the video equipment was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Endowment Request submitted by Steven Konkle, Rob Daugherty and Shannon Barger for new softball and baseball dugouts. The amount of \$4,000.00 to \$4,500.00 per dugout was quoted. The old dugouts would be torn down and replaced by newer, bigger ones to meet the needs of hosting the softball sectional next year. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked Mr. Konkle if he had written the note on the quote breakdown about doing the work himself. Mr. Konkle said yes, he thought he could do it. Those voting to approve the request were Ranz, Roberts, Phipps, Swango and Cole. Those opposed were Truitt and See.

The next Endowment Request from coaches Shannon Barger, Steven Konkle and Mike McClure for \$26,048.00 for an indoor facility in which to hold practices and camps during inclement weather to free up the gym, as well as hold equipment was presented to the board. There was much discussion about the facility. Mr. Barger explained that some of the cost of the building could be recovered by obtaining sponsors who would donate funds. Their company's name would go on the building and remain there for the life of the building. Mrs. See asked where the building would be placed and how this would affect future plans. Mr. Barger said the facility would be built between the baseball and softball fields, so it should not have a bearing on any future plans to expand the school buildings. Mrs. See also asked if anyone had looked into the costs of insurance, heating, and maintaining a new building. Mr. Roberts expressed concern about the level of usage during the winter months. Mrs. Swango asked if the following request for equipment was separate or if one depended on the other. Mr. Konkle said they could be separate. Mr. Roberts said that he felt like the athletic department needs to pay for some of the things it wants. Mr. Roberts made the motion to approve the request with \$1 for every \$2 that could be generated from outside funding. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. Ranz, Roberts, Phipps, and Cole voted to approve the request. Swango, See, and Truitt were opposed.

Mr. Dunning submitted an Endowment Request for sports equipment for the All Season Practice Facility, including hitting tunnel nets, pitching machines, pitchers mounds, indoor batting tees, and pitcher's screens in the amount of \$9,000 to \$9,500. Mrs. Swango asked if the P.E. students could also use this equipment. Mr. Konkle said he did not see why they couldn't. Mr. Dunning said that all of the people involved worked well together and were very good about sharing. Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request.

Mr. Cole seconded. Those voting to approve the request were Ranz, Phipps, Cole, and Roberts . Those opposed were See, Truitt and Swango.

Mr. Dunning withdrew his request for a rebounding machine for the High School Boys and Girls Basketball teams.

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the Endowment donations from project numbers 183 and 185. Mrs. Swango seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Board President Ranz presented pins and congratulated each student nominated for September's Celebrating Success award. Those students are as follows:

 SCHS: Sean Tatum, gr. 10, nominated by Janett Boling and Ginny Reeves

 SCMS: Samantha Helt, gr. 6, nominated by Sixth Grade Teachers

 SCES: Kyle Brubaker, gr. 5, nominated by Marla Edwards

 JCES: Ryan Sullivan, gr. 4, nominated by Mr. Hansel

Mr. Truitt moved to table the approval of four new school board policies until the October board meeting. The new policies are in response to new state laws. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Transportation Agreement between the school corporation and Madison's Special Services Unit. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous. The agreement concerns the transportation services to visually and hearing impaired students in the school corporation to and from the School for the Blind and the School for the Deaf in Indianapolis for the school year, 2005-2006.

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the bus route modifications as presented. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous. Route # C2, driven by Tammy Cole for Pleasant View Bus Company, and Route #63, driven by Lisa McNeely for Larry Monjar were those submitted for modification.

Dow Corning representative, Steve Crabtree, presented a \$5,000 award to the Switzerland County High School Science Class to teacher Bonnie Fancher on behalf of the Dow Corning Foundation. The money will be used laboratory supplies and calculators for a new Indiana Core 40 class, Integrated Chemistry and Physics, introduced this year.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a Home Rule Resolution. Mr. Phipps seconded. The resolution was drawn up to allow the school corporation to pay contract drives more dollars than originally stated in the contract due to a sharp increase in gas prices. Attorney, Ron Hocker, added a sentence to the resolution on the same day of the meeting. The vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to approve the Parent-Teacher Conference Days as presented. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

The board voted unanimously to table the employment request from Cafeteria Director, Gayla Bullock, for Debbie Graybill to serve at the High School Cafeteria. The motion was made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mrs. See.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the request from MS athletic director, John Druba, to employ Gary Pavy as the 8th grade boys basketball coach. Mr. Phipps seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to employ Shellie Fowler as Middle School Assistant Soccer Coach in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the Maternity Leave for Brooke Levell, beginning around October 4, 2005. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. A substitute will be hired during Ms. Levell's absence, who is a second year teacher in the corporation. The vote to approve the leave request was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board voted unanimously to approve two requests for professional leave and two field trip requests in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts. They are as follows:

Virginia Reeves : State Library Conference in Indianapolis, Nov. 6-8, 2005

Greg Curlin: NAAE Convention in New Orleans (relocating), Dec. 6-8, 2005

FFA trip: Louisville, October 26-29, 2005

FFA trip: Trafalgar, IN, October 14-16, 2005

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve several Use of Facilities requests. Mr. Roberts seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the following requests:

SCES Cafeteria: Tammy Gregory for Girl Scout Fall Registration, Sept. 9, 5 to 7pm

SCES Classroom or Cafeteria: Tammy Gregory for GS troop 6533 for meetings, on second and fourth Mondays from 3:30 to 5pm.

SCES Cafeteria: Rachel Christenson for GS meetings on 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 3:30 to 5pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (Superintendent)

Mr. Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment meeting on September 27, 2005.

Mr. Caddell informed the board of the employment of Carol Banta, beginning September 6, 2005, as the Director of Health Services for the corporation. The superintendent was given the authority at the July 18th board meeting to hire someone to fill the position, which was done between meetings.

BOARD REPORTS AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Swango just wanted to say that she thought the school board should nominate Celebrate Success recipient, Sean Tatum, for the “Good For You” award given by the local newspaper for his poem and his acts of kindness. Mr. Caddell said that if she would type something up for him, he would take care of it.

ADJOURNMENT:

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