

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2005
7:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an executive session 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, Mrs. See, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mrs. Swango, Mr. Roberts and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Darin Gullion, Ronald Hocker, Eric Stogsdill, Mary Stogsdill, Sally Weales, Darrel Hansel, Greg Curlin, Tyler Allen, Tyler May, Justin Thomas, Sean McGarvey, Candis Haskell, Elizabeth T. Jones, Christian Stogsdill, Peggy Eckerty, Kimberly Cox, Debra Cox, Bradley Cox, Pat Lanman, Debbie Cox, Tyler McAfee, Stephanie McAfee, Rob Bledsoe, Troy McAfee, Janie Sullivan, Mona Crabtree, and Ann Geyman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve an amended agenda that included the addition of a waterline easement consideration. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the board meeting minutes of August 15, September 8, and September 19, 2005. Mrs. Swango seconded and the vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Cole moved to approve the fund report as submitted, with Mrs. See seconding. The board's vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

The board unanimously voted to approve the claims for payment as submitted in a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Cole moved to approve the adoption of four new board policies as presented. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The topics of the four policies adopted by a unanimous vote were the administration of medication at school, the daily observance of a moment of silence, the withholding of learner's permits or operator's license to a habitual truant until the age of 18 or until the student's attendance record improves, and lastly, the display of the U.S. flag in every classroom and daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the endowment request for the replacement of the wood flooring of the cafeteria stage at the high school for \$19,900, submitted by principal, Derek Marshall. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to approve the Endowment Request for \$12,473 from head custodian, Teresa Theetge for the final stage of re-doing the floors at Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

A request from Maintenance Director, Danny DeBaun for adding electric at the administration building to bring the gas pumps up to code was approved in the amount of \$4,645 in a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. Swango. Vote: AYES: Ranz, Phipps, Swango, Roberts, Cole. NAY: See.

In a unanimous decision by the board, the Endowment donations for project # 184, 186, 187 and 190 were approved. These included the YMCA contract, cafeteria floor drains, P.E. equipment and the softball / baseball dugouts. The motion to approve the donations was made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mr. Cole.

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, Mr. Ranz presented each student nominee with a pin and congratulated them with a handshake. Those nominated for the award are as follows: SCES: Christian Stogsdill, gr. 4, nominated by Peggy Eckerty
SCMS: Kim Cox, gr. 7, nominated by Chris Mattox.
JCES: Tyler McAfee, gr. 1, nominated by Darrell Hansel
SCHS: Tyler Allen, Tyler May, and Justin Thomas, nominated by Ag. teacher, Greg Curlin.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve Laughery Valley Co-op as the gasoline supplier for the 2005-2006 school year. Due to unusual circumstances, Bullock Oil will not be providing the school corporation with gasoline, although the company was awarded the bid. The only other bidder, Laughery Valley, has agreed to fulfill the bid and is also providing Bio-Diesel. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the consideration of student expulsion # 050608. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There was a first reading of a new Bullying Policy, prompted by a new state law. Mr. Roberts moved to table the policy until the next meeting. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A waterline easement agreement with Patriot Water Company was approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. See.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pat Lanman asked if the board had gotten an update on a Development Agreement with Belterra. Mr. Caddell said that a final agreement had not been made.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the following personnel recommendations:

- resignation of Brian Ford as Ski Club sponsor
- resignation of Gary Pavy as 6th gr. boys basketball coach
- employment of Jason O'Day as full time High School custodian.
- employment of Chris Mattox as 6th gr. boys basketball coach
- employment of Richard McClellan as full-time High School custodian
- FMLA leave for Donna Chambers

Maternity leave for Julee Cole starting approximately 11/29/05
Mrs. See seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The following professional leaves were approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

- Pam Jones: Student Council State Convention at Vincennes University, Nov. 11-13.
- Nicole Lyle, Becky Curlin, Sally Weales, Becky Bunner, and Linda Kurdys: annual Kindergarten conference in Indianapolis, Nov. 28-29.
- Elizabeth Jones, Candis Haskell, Kathy Keith: National Blue Ribbon Ceremony in Washington D.C., Nov. 9 – 10.
- Kyle Weaver: Agriculture conference in Indianapolis, Nov. 17-18.
- Candis Haskell: National Middle School Conference in Philadelphia, PA, Nov. 3-4

USE OF FACILITIES:

The following applications for Use of Facilities were approved in a unanimous decision by the board in a motion made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. Swango.

- Betty Chase: SCES Cafeteria on 11/24/05 for family Thanksgiving.
- Joy Briggs: SCES Cafeteria for Relay for Life Committee Meeting on 12/01/05
- Joy Briggs: SCHS Cafeteria for Relay for Life Committee Meeting on 01/05/06
- Mike Jones: SCHS Cafeteria for Democrat Fish Fry on 11/12/05, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Diana Johnson: SCES Parking Lot for New Liberty Baptist Church on 10/31/05,

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Trunk or Treating

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (Superintendent)

Mr. Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held on October 25, 2005 at the usual time.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.