

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 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. Truitt, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mrs. Swango, Mr. Roberts, and Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Gullion.

Others in attendance were Candis Haskell, Adam Dennis, Justin Ballard, Pat Lanman, Derek Marshall, Elizabeth Jones, Bert Moore, Tammy Moore, Wilma Moore, Michael Ellis, Becky Smith, Angela Staggs, Troy Smith, Sandy Maples, Jim Maples, Latina Butters, Erica Moore, Konna Padgett, Angela Swanson, Belinda Swanson, Clint Swanson, Ron Hocker, Mona Crabtree and Ann Geyman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve an amended agenda that included the addition of an insurance agreement proposal and the contract renewal of the corporation's teacher contract negotiator, Marvin Liberson. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2005 with a correction. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Truitt abstained from the vote as he was unable to attend that meeting. All other board members voted to approve the minutes.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the fund report as submitted, with Mr. Roberts seconding. The vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

The board voted unanimously to approve claims #31273 through 31533, as submitted in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Truitt. Mr. Ranz asked about claim #31509 to

ProComputing for a projector bulb replacement for \$460.99. He questioned why we would charge this to the capital projects fund if it did not extend the life of the equipment. Mr. Ranz also asked about claim #31499 to Nading Mechanical in the amount of \$13,326.27 for replaced drain lines in the High School Kitchen. He asked if the school had obtained more than one quote for the project. It was explained that this was for extended work, as the project became bigger than originally anticipated. Mrs. Swango asked if the \$14,740.90 paid to Global for toner for copiers and printers in claim #31472 was for a yearly supply. Mrs. Geyman said that it was a yearly supply amount and that we got a discount by ordering that way. Claim #31502 for \$1200 to NCA was questioned by Mrs. Swango. It was explained that this was for North Central Association's fall conference registration for six people. Mrs. See made mention of claim #31520 to Staples for \$314.45. She wanted to bring attention to the fact that the corporation needed to buy supplies from local merchants if at all feasible.

OLD BUSINESS:

A new bullying policy was adopted by the board in a unanimous decision. The motion to adopt the policy was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole. Mrs. Swango asked if there were parent organizations in all school buildings. Middle School Principal, Candis Haskell said that in her building, there was a group of parents, but not a legal P.T.O. Mrs. Swango said she was concerned on how to handle that if we don't.

The board voted unanimously to accept a \$1000 donation from Dow Corning for the AP Environmental Science Department for "Student as an Environmental Scientist" grant, in a motion made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to table the Endowment Request for \$28,154 for the automation of existing doors for all school buildings, as the requester, Mr. Mahoney was not there to answer questions, and there was only one quote obtained for the request. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. See moved to table the Endowment Request of approximately \$6500, from Jefferson-Craig Principal, Darrell Hansel, for a new marquee sign to replace the school's present sign that is irreparable. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous. The request was tabled until such time as a representative could be present to explain the request.

School Board President Ranz shook each student's hand and presented them with a pin on behalf of all school board members for their accomplishments, resulting in their nomination for this month's Celebrating Success award. Those nominated were:

- High School: Mike Ellis, nominated by Mr. Marshall.
- Middle School: Justin Ballard, gr. 8, nominated by Mr. Dennis
- SCES: Amber Moore, gr. 3, nominated by Mrs. Scott
- Jefferson-Craig: Clint Swanson, gr. 5, nominated by Mrs. Padgett.

The board voted unanimously to approve the 2006-2007 school year calendar as presented. The chosen calendar was one of three proposed and was the favorite of the CTA. The motion to approve the calendar was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mid-term graduation was granted to Mindy Fugate by a unanimous decision in a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the agreements with the Switzerland County Department of Health as presented. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve a new insurance agreement proposed due to increased insurance rates. The corporation would contribute an increased amount of 7.5% toward the non-certified employees' plan. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion not to re-new the contract of Marvin Liberson who is the corporation's current teacher contract negotiator. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. After some discussion, the board voted as follows: AYES: See, Roberts, Truitt. NAYS: Ranz, Swango, Cole, Phipps.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the recommendation for Debbie Seaver and Greg Deaton to serve as BPA sponsors. These are new ECA positions. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

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

Mr. Hansel to attend IASP conference in Indianapolis, Nov. 20th through Nov. 22nd.

Mr. Caddell to attend the National Superintendent's Conference as a member of Indiana's Blue Ribbon Schools in San Diego on February 23rd to the 26th.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve three requests for use of school facilities as presented, in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Phipps. They are as follows:

SCES Cafe. by Amy McAllister for Cub Scout meetings beginning 11-07, 3-4p.m.

SCHS Cafe. by Joy Briggs for Relay for Life Committee Mtg. on Jan 5, 2006.

HS Home Ec Rm. by Virginia Furnish, 12-17, 3 to 8pm, baking cookies for American

Legion Christmas Baskets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS (SUPERINTENDENT):

Mr. Gullion announced that there will be an Endowment meeting on November 29, 2005.

Mr. Gullion told the board that they needed to have a working session meeting for discussion of planning facilities projects on December 5th. The projects to be discussed included a new roof for Switzerland County Elementary School; a new master plan for the transportation department's drop-off and pick-up issues at the High School, Middle School, and Jefferson-Craig; possible removal of modular classrooms; and problems with the administration building. He said there would be no other items on the agenda.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Swango asked about information received in her board packet from River Valley Resources, and asked if the board needed to vote on it. Mr. Marshall said that at this time, he believed it was for information purposes only. No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded. The vote was unanimous and the meeting was so adjourned.