

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

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working 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., Mr. Roberts, Mr. Truitt, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Darin Gullion, Ronald Hocker, Derek Marshall, John Druba, Kattie Eldridge, Rob Banta, Tony Hernandez, Lesa McGarvey, Judith Johnson, Dylan Casey, Heidi Casey, Dean Casey, Bobbie Hernandez, Vince Hernandez, Ryan Jesop, Elizabeth Tharp Jones, Darrell Hansel, Greg Coy, Barbara Coy, Erika Coy and Benjamin Jackson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of one new item regarding the Indiana Bond Bank. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2005 meeting of the School Board of Trustees with two corrections. The vote to approve Marv Liberson's contract was stated exactly the opposite of what the vote actually was. Also, the automation of the doors was for all school buildings of the corporation, not just for Switzerland County Elementary School. The motion to approve the minutes as amended was seconded by Mrs. Swango. The vote was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

The board voted unanimously to approve the fund report in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Phipps. Mr. Cole mentioned that Fund #261 showing a negative figure. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, explained that the grant was in arrears and that at this time, the school corporation was waiting for payment.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Cole moved to approve claims 31535 through 31662 for payment as submitted. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Swango. Mrs. Swango asked if claim #31546 for \$1,000 to The Sign Group was for an inside sign at the High School. Mr. Caddell said the treasurer had held back \$1,000 of the total owed on the outside sign at the High School and this was the final payment for that sign. Mr. Ranz questioned paying \$5500 to BBN Sales in claim #31580, for automatic flushes for the middle school and the high school, when the corporation had just spent quite a bit of money for waterless urinals and wondered where these were being used. Mr. Caddell explained that they were going to be placed in other General Ed areas of the schools. The vote to approve the claims as submitted was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board voted unanimously to approve the memorandum of agreement between Switzerland County High School and River Valley Resources in a motion made by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mrs. Swango. Mr. Marshall explained that this program would help place students in job positions related to their area of study through various assessments; give them tips on what to wear for job interviews; and explorations into body language and the importance of first impressions. Mr. Cole asked if Mrs. Williams would be the coordinator. Mr. Marshall said that she would be. Mrs. Swango asked how many students would be participating. Mr. Marshall said that there were about 13. Mr. Caddell said that with only one teacher, no more than 20 students would be acceptable.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Endowment request for a sign at Jefferson-Craig Elementary, and then amended his motion to table it until Mr. Hansel and his staff chose a particular sign they wanted. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to table the Endowment request from Janet Splain and Derek Marshall for replacement doors at the High School until more information could be secured. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Caddell suggested withdrawing the Endowment request from Special Education Director, Darrell Mahoney, for the automation of existing doors at all schools until Mr. Mahoney could be present and additional quotes were obtained. No action was taken.

In the Celebrate Success portion of the meeting, Mr. Ranz congratulated each student nominee with a handshake and the presentation of a pin. They are as follows:

SCES: Dylan Casey, gr. 3, nominated by Rob Banta

JCES: Erika Coy, gr. 4, nominated by Mr. Hansel

SCMS: Tony Hernandez, gr. 6, nominated by 6th grade teaching team

SCHS: Kattie Eldridge, gr. 12, nominated by Pam Jones

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a resolution for year-end appropriation transfers as necessary for the efficient operation of the corporation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole and approved unanimously.

The board voted unanimously to approve the Property and Casualty Insurance retroactively. Mrs. Swango motioned for the approval with Mr. Phipps seconding.

Mr. Roberts motioned to table the amended school employee suspension policy, as this was the first reading. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the acceptance of nine computers donated by Dow Corning as part of a grant applied for by Systems Administrator, John Sieglitz. Mr. Cole seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the donation.

A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to pay Roger Christman of Pleasant View Bus Company additional monies in the amount of \$4,352 for a substitute during one of his driver's suspension. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole. The vote was as follows: AYES: Ranz, Roberts, Phipps, Cole, Swango. NAYS: Truitt

Mrs. Swango made a motion to approve the resolution to borrow funds from the Indiana Bond Bank for the transportation fund. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

The board unanimously approved the resignation of High School Business teacher, Greg Deaton, in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Two professional leaves were approved by a unanimous vote in a motion by Mrs. Swango, seconded by Mr. Truitt. They are as follows:

- Cafeteria Director, Gayla Bullock and another person from the Technology department to attend a Comalex training session in Naples, Florida, Feb. 7-10.
- Shannon Barger to attend IHSAA Baseball Coaching Clinic in Indianapolis Jan. 19-20.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Mr. Caddell announced that there would be a meeting of the Endowment Committee on December 20th at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Caddell also announced that the January School Board meeting would be changed from January 16th to January 23rd, because of Martin Luther King Day.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Cole asked if the new nurse would be writing any new grants or was involved in any other activities. He also asked who she reported to. Mr. Caddell said that she reported to him and Elizabeth Jones. Mr. Caddell said that since she has been here, a variety of issues have been discussed such as being in charge of the flu shots given to the employees. He said that she would be in charge of the defibrillator training, and will serve on the HIV committee. He said that she will probably be involved with the new federally mandated Wellness Program as well. Mr. Truitt asked if the board could get an update on all of that. Mr. Caddell said that since school had just started and the nurse was only into her second month, he really did not have much to report, but if the board would like something in writing, he could do that. Mr. Ranz said that a written update of the nurse's activities along with some ideas for various programs she might wish to implement would be good.

Mr. Phipps said that he appreciated the information included in his packet regarding our students' use of the YMCA.

ADJOURNMENT:

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