

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 23, 2006  
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. Roberts, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Candy Haskell, Sharon Hansel, Darrell Hansel, Sherrie Howard, Sheila Gault, Ginny Reeves, Peggy Eckerty, Janet Hendricks, Pat Lanman, Amy Bovard, Elizabeth Tharp Jones, Harvey Albright, Christine White, Diana Albright, Kristi Albright, Eric White, Shannon White, Emily White, Steve Clark, Paula Clark, Adam Clark, David Todd, Angie Todd, Logan Todd, Brooke Todd, Sara Pavey, Derek Marshall, Bill Kindle, Heather Fussnecker, Suzie Deacon, Linda Smith, Kylee Burrier, David W. Burrier, Jr., Lisa Arnoldy, Bill Lewis, Carole Lewis, Paula Washnock, Shannon Ricketts, Debra Daugherty, Tabitha Arnoldy, Bridgett Washnock, Laci Daugherty, and Robin Rickett.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a proposal from Mr. Kindle for Band and Choir members to go to Hawaii, and a Professional Leave / Field Trip request from Mrs. Seaver. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board voted unanimously to table the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on December 19, 2005, until they had a chance to look over them. The motion was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. Swango.

**FUND REPORT:**

Mr. Cole moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the report.

## **CLAIMS:**

Claims #31665 through 31833 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Roberts. Mr. Ranz asked about the criteria for Fund #035, Capital Projects. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that Maintenance projects for each school could be taken from this fund, as well as salary and payroll taxes for John Sieglitz and for heating and electric costs. Mrs. Swango wanted to know what kind of cameras at the high school were repaired by United Digital Integrators, Inc. in the amount of \$5,251.95. Mr. Cole said he believed the repairs were made to security cameras. Mrs. Geyman confirmed. A transfer resolution was done in December. The vote to approve the claims was unanimous for all claims except claim #31752 to Tammy Cole for \$765.00 for the framing of school banners, from which Mr. Cole abstained.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the non-certified suspension policy with a couple of error corrections. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, the school board recognized the nominees for each of the schools. Board President, Ranz, congratulated each student with a pin and a handshake. The nominees are as follows:

- Switz. Co. High School: Kristi Albright, gr. 10, nominated by Sharon Hansel
- Jefferson Craig Elem.: Logan Todd, gr. 5, nominated by Principal, Darrell Hansel
- Switz. Co. Elem.: Emily White, gr. 5, nominated by Fred Ross
- Switz. Co. Middle School: Adam Clark, gr. 7, nominated by the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve an Endowment Request from Janet Splain and Derek Marshall in the amount of \$8,654.00 to replace ten doors at the High School. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cole, with the vote being unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the Endowment Request from Jefferson Craig Elementary School principal, Darrell Hansel, in the amount of \$6,000 to be used for the purchase of a new sign or, if possible, to make repairs to the existing sign at the school.

In an organizational move, Mr. Ranz made a motion to appoint Mrs. See as President and Mr. Roberts as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Truitt seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Kindle presented the board with a request for the band and choir members to take a trip to Hawaii. Their goal was to raise the money by March, 2007 and take the trip in June. There would be approximately 100 students with at least 25 chaperones who would take the trip. Their goal was to raise \$100,000 to \$150,000 through fund-raising events

such as car washes and bake sales, and donations from organizations such as Wal-Mart, United Way, Vevay-Switzerland Community Foundation, Township Trustees, Pepsi, etc. Mr. Caddell said that some of his concerns regarding the trip included the total amount of money to be raised being so high, the destination of the trip being so far away, and the perception of false representation on behalf of the school in the event that the total amount of monies needed for this specific trip could not be raised, and an alternate, less expensive trip were taken. He said he would like to see the actual commitment from some of the sponsors listed above. Mr. Kindle said that what the board was asking for was not feasible, as these organizations will not sponsor a trip that has not already been approved by the board. Also, these organizations usually matched funds raised by their own fund raising projects.

Mr. Truitt moved to table the band/choir trip request until the February 27th school board meeting in order to review all the particulars of the trip with the provision that a detailed budget plan is submitted with the request. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The ISTEP results for 2005-2006 were presented to the board members by a representative from each school. Although the overall results showed improvement from last year's scores, each of the schools recognized specific areas that needed to be addressed. The state average for Math was 73.9%, our school corporation scoring 77.2%, an increase from 74.2% last year. The Language Arts average for the state was 71.6%. Our corporation scored 73.3%, a slight decrease from last year's percentage of 74.8.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

Mrs. See moved to table the recommendation of Kathy Williams for the recently vacated Extra Curricular position of Business Professional Association Co-Sponsor. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve an amended contract addendum between the corporation and Vernon Waltz. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve Lesa McGarvey as the Assistant Middle School Track Coach in a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the employment of William Stewart as Business Technology teacher at the High School, to replace Greg Deaton. Mrs. See seconded the motion with the vote being unanimous.

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

In a motion made by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. See, the board voted unanimously to approve two professional leave requests as follows:

Greg Curlin: National FFA Foundation Board Meeting in Indianapolis, Feb. 2-5, 2006  
Debbie Seaver: Business Education Classes conf. in Indianapolis, March 5-7, 2006

#### **USE OF FACILITIES:**

In a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mrs. See, the board unanimously approved two requests for Use of Facilities as follows:

H.S. Cafe, Stage, & Band Room by Purdue Extension on May 12, 2006 from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. for "Share the Fun".

J.C. Cafeteria by Carol Ann Sublett for "Good News" meetings one day a week for 6 weeks from 3pm to 5pm, February through April.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment meeting on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned to the board that he would like to move the February Board meeting from February 20<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, as school may not be in session on the 20<sup>th</sup>, which is President's Day.

Mr. Caddell announced a special meeting regarding facility expansion planning. The date and time of the meeting would be determined and announced at a later date.

#### **BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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