

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 20, 2006
7:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Switzerland County High School.

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 Melissa May, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Tom Neff, Tom Ning, Frank Weider, Candis Haskell, Elizabeth T. Jones, Darrell Hansel, Mary Ellen Waltz, Vernon D. Waltz, Becky Curlin, Greg Curlin, Paul E. Hewitt, Sean McGarvey, Ruth Lohide, Hilary Lanman, Jacquita Lanman, Pat Lanman, Derek Marshall, Mrs. Queen, Tyler Queen, Melissa Morris, Mitchell Morris, Miles Morris, Bob Bischoff, Ardis Bischoff, Mike Jones, and Marlene Jones.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Professional Leave request from Mr. Gullion and Mr. Green to attend an annual School Safety Meeting and a Use of Facilities request from Cinergy for a public meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Phipps.

FUND REPORT:

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

CLAIMS:

Claims #32006 through 32113 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Truitt asked who had ordered the digital camera paid through

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claim #32074 in the amount of \$220.99. Deputy Treasurer, Melissa May, said the Technology Department had ordered the camera. Mrs. Swango asked if the corporation could not take the \$4,280.83 paid to Zesco for a griddle and stand for the High School Cafeteria in claim #32113 from the Capital Projects fund instead of the Cafeteria fund. Mr. Caddell said that he would amend that. He agreed with Mrs. Swango that it was unfair to charge the cafeteria fund for this amount. Mr. Ranz noted that claim #32083 to Nading Mechanical, for various projects, totaled \$10,338.40. He wanted to know if the corporation had pursued quotes from any other companies for the projects. Mr. Caddell said that he would have to check with maintenance director, Danny DeBaun. He said he thought we had addressed the same situation before and would definitely check into it. Mrs. Swango asked about the bulb purchased through claim #32074 for \$408.48. Ms. May said the bulb was for an overhead projector. Mrs. Swango expressed surprise for the cost of a single projector bulb. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS:

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: Lisa Hitchcock, gr. 9, nominated by Glenda White
Jefferson Craig Elem.: Tyler Queen, gr.5, nominated by Mrs. Padgett and Blodgett
Switz. Co. Elem.: Sawyer Leiland, gr. 4, nominated by Melissa Morris
Switz. Co. Middle School: Hilary Lanman, nominated by 7th grade teachers.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swango made a motion to approve the Disaster Recovery Plan presented with recommended changes from the first reading at last month's regular board meeting. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote to approve the plan was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Roberts motioned to approve the advertisement for bids for the roof project at Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Cole asked if all three types of roofing would be advertised. Tom Neff of Schmidt Associates said that this was correct, adding that other items were put in as alternative items, such as the skylight replacement. Mrs. Swango asked if this was the only alternative item. Mr. Caddell said that there were other alternate items including exterior doors and the replacement of the kitchen exhaust system. Mrs. Swango wanted to know about the time line for the Endowment Committee. Mr. Caddell said that the committee members were aware of the project and have seen the time line. On April 19th, a pre-bid meeting would take place to go over the general rules and specifications of the bidding at the

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Administration Office. At 2:00 on May 4th, the bids would be received at the Administration Office. The bids would then be reviewed and qualified to be presented to the school board for approval on May 20th. The completion time of the project would be right around 120 days. Mr. Caddell said that in terms of payment, in the Rainy Day Endowment Fund, we have right at one half of a million dollars to use, and there would obviously be some payments in between then as well. He went on to say that the Endowment Committee has agreed that once the school board approves the project, they would approve the roof and may or may not approve the alternate projects which would then be up to the school corporation to pay for. The school corporation would also need to pay for the architecture's fees. Mrs. Swango asked if the Maintenance Director, Danny DeBaun, had been given a chance to go over all of the information provided. Mr. Caddell said that Danny had not seen the information presented this evening, but that he had been given all available information prior to the meeting and had been actively involved. He also said that Danny had been present during the initial roof inspection. The vote to approve the project was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the 8th grade trip to Michigan, with Mr. Phipps seconding. Mr. Hewitt explained to the board all of the things the students were planning on doing while on the trip, including a tour of the Ford motor company. He said that 44 students and 14 chaperones were scheduled to go. Mrs. Swango asked Mr. Hewitt if he was confident that the number of chaperones was sufficient. Mr. Hewitt said there would be chaperones with the students at all times, plus the bus driver. Mrs. Swango said she assumed that the 8th graders would not be taking their annual trip to Canada this year. Mr. Hewitt said that he and Mrs. Haskell had decided that the Canada trip was becoming too complicated and too expensive to continue. The board voted unanimously to approve the trip.

Mr. Caddell and Mr. Ranz presented plaques to four individuals in recognition of their superior services to the school corporation. Agriculture teacher, Greg Curlin, was recognized for being selected as a finalist for the National Agriculture Teacher of the Year. County Council President, Mike Jones, was recognized for his contributions to the well-being of our school corporation. Vernon Waltz was recognized for his 5 years of service to the school corporation and for his retirement. State Representative, Bob Bischoff, was recognized for his continued support of our school system in various areas of concern.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Hilary Lanman said she wanted to say thank you to the school board for their recognition of her Celebrating Success nomination, and to the school staff for nominating her.

PERSONNEL:

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The board voted unanimously to approve the early retirement of Bill Kindle, as requested in a letter presented to the board. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Cole.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the Professional Leave Request from Ivan Green and Darin Gullion to attend an Annual School Safety Conference in Indianapolis, April 18th through the 21st. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve a request from Democrat Party Chairman, Mike Jones, for the use of the High School Cafeteria on April 29th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for their annual Jefferson-Jackson Dinner. The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

The use of the High School cafeteria was requested by Frank Weider of Cinergy, PSI to be used on May 9th for a public meeting from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Mr. Roberts moved to approve the request, Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

None.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Roberts said that he was very happy that the four individuals mentioned earlier were given special recognition for their commitment to the service of our school corporation.

Mr. Truitt said that he wanted to congratulate all four individuals, as well.

ADJOURNMENT:

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