

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**April 17, 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 Jefferson Craig Elementary 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, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Dave Ziegler, Pat Lanman, Angie Satterfield, Kathy Daugherty, Fred Ross, Brian Bowen, Tammy Beitzel, Kathryn Williams, Pam and Breanna Ricketts, Debbie Seaver, Rosalind Harrell, Greg Curlin, Sherry Johnson, Donnie Johnson, Jennifer Johnson, Bridget Johnson, Bradley Johnson, Elizabeth T. Jones, Paul Rugg, Carol Rugg, Ryan Rugg, Candy Haskell, Darrell Hansel, Derek Marshall.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item #6 under Personnel regarding B.J. McAlister as the varsity boys' golf coach for spring, 2006. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of March 20, 2006. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

**FUND REPORT:**

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

**CLAIMS:**

Claims #32114 through 32231 were presented for approval, in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Phipps asked about claim #32163 to Bell Industries for web

sense license for 600 users. Assistant Superintendent/Technology Director, Darin Gullion, explained that a license was needed for more users than what was being covered, so they needed to upgrade. Mrs. Swango asked what the \$5,000 being paid to Dr. Robert Boyd was for in Claim #32166. Mr. Caddell explained that this was for Dr. Boyd's services in preparing Cape III grant reports. Mrs. Swango said she was wondering exactly what kind of kitchen equipment was being purchased from Zesco in claim #332231 in the amount of \$5,269.94. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that the biggest expense was for a meat cutter which cost \$3,000. Mr. Marshall said that a large mixing bowl was among other smaller kitchen items purchased in this claim. Mrs. Swango was also curious about the reasons the Workman's Compensation claim for Steve Higgins might have been denied, resulting in a payment to the Switzerland County Nurse Managed Clinic in claim #32149 for \$30. Mrs. Geyman said that they would not pay anything if the person went back to work right after the incident, which Mr. Higgins did. There being no other questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

### **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: Ryan Rugg, gr. 12, nominated by Rosalind Harrell

Jefferson Craig Elem.: Breanna Ricketts, gr. 4, nominated by Fred Ross

Switz. Co. Elem.: Jennifer Johnson, gr. 5, nominated by Music Teacher, Mrs. Beitzel

Switz. Co. Middle School: Storm Hinman, gr. 8, nominated by Kathy Daugherty

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Truitt moved to approve an Endowment Request from Greg Curlin in the amount of \$53,000 to replace the Greenhouse. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The new greenhouse would include a new heating and cooling system that would be 40 to 50% more efficient. It would be built on to the school on pebbled gravel rather than asphalt. Mr. Ranz noted that the bid from the Stuppy Company which was being recommended by Curlin was only for \$40,207.02. Mr. Curlin said the additional cost was for breaking up and removing the asphalt from the area where the new structure would be built and to cover any unforeseen costs. Mr. Truitt asked how far out from the back of the school the new greenhouse would go. Mr. Curlin said that it would extend out from the double doors and then would be horizontal to the building. Mrs. See said she knew there were deliveries made through the inside double doors in the back and asked if that would be a problem. Mr. Curlin said that it should not be a problem. He said they could make the deliveries as before and it should not affect the efficiency of the greenhouse no longer than the doors would be open. Mrs. See asked how old the current facility was. Mr. Curlin said he was

not sure. Mr. Ranz asked if the glass in the current greenhouse could be recycled. Mr. Curlin said this was a good possibility. Mrs. Swango asked about the labor/equipment option. Mr. Curlin said the final total was for both labor and equipment. The motion passed with a NAY vote from Swango and AYES from Ranz, Roberts, Truitt, See, Phipps and Cole.

Mrs. See moved to approve Superintendent Caddell's request for permission to offer summer school positions based upon enrollment. The board would make final authorizations of personnel to be hired based on his recommendations presented at the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The number of staff would be based on an average of 15 students per class. Mr. Caddell said that as it stood now, 300 to 320 students were signed up, but not all of them will show. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve a Drama Club Director position to be added for the 2005-2006 school year in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Phipps. The agreement between the superintendent and CTA called for a one year only position for 2005-2006, with a \$1700 stipend. Mrs. Swango asked if there were positions that we did not fill this year. Mr. Caddell said that there were positions every year that were not filled.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a United Fund of Switzerland County Award to Middle School/Studio 2B Girl Scout grant for up to \$1,100. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to table a stipend for Gas Escalation until the June 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting when the total year's costs could be considered. Mrs. See seconded. Mr. Caddell explained that during the first semester, contract drivers were paid \$2.90 per gallon for the average price of gas. The average gas price did not reach that amount. Bus drivers were also given an additional \$1.00 per year as indicated by the transportation contract. Mr. Caddell said that the school board was under no obligation to add more to the contract. A lump sum was given for first semester, then the regular contract was continued. Mr. Cole asked what last years amount ended up being. Mr. Gullion said he was not sure and would need to check on that. The vote was as follows: AYES: Phipps, See, Swango, Roberts, Cole. NAYS: Ranz, Truitt.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Pat Lanman said that he and his daughter tried to use the school playground area to practice putting and found that the gates were locked and could not gain access. He asked the board to consider unlocking the gates again so that kids could use the playgrounds and equipment when no school activities were going on.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

The board voted unanimously to approve a number of personnel requests in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mrs. See. They are as follows:

Sharon Barbour: request for FMLA leave  
Donna Chambers: request for FMLA leave  
Steven Konkle: resignation from Girl's JV Basketball Coach  
David Todd: resignation from Varsity Boys Basketball Coach  
Marietta Crandell: resignation as Bus Driver as of June 01, 2006  
Rob Banta: resignation as SCES drama sponsor for 2006-2007  
Brain Bowen: application for Varsity Boys Basketball Coach  
Lisa Burk: request for FMLA leave  
Mike McClure: request for FMLA leave

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

Mr. Truitt moved to approve five professional leave requests and one field trip. Mr. Roberts seconded. The requests considered are as follows:

1. Lesa McGarvey, Kim Temple, Tara Justice: prof. leave to annual literacy academy on June 11-13, in Lebanon, Indiana.
2. Scott Stewart, (instructor), and Josh Wegman, (student): National BPA competition in Orlando Florida, May 10-14.
3. Cindy Stewart: prof. leave to ED conference on April 27-28, in Nashville, Indiana.
4. Amy Bovard, Kathy Keith, Tammy Gregory, Sally Weales: prof. leave to attend annual literacy academy on June 11-13 in Lebanon, Indiana.
5. Melissa May, Ann Geyman: prof. leave to attend IASBO conference in Ft. Wayne on May 9-12.
6. Kathy Williams: field trip to Belterra with ICE students to discuss banquet planning skills during fourth period on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Swango asked how much the Florida trip would cost. Business teacher, Debbie Seaver said that she had figured the cost to be roughly \$1500 for both. Mrs. Swango asked if we needed to okay Cindy Stewart's professional leave since she was an SSU employee. Mr. Caddell said that since SSU employees are absent from our buildings and substitutes are called in for the time they are gone, we have done so in the past, but added that this was a good question. With no further questions, the board unanimously approved the requests.

### **USE OF FACILITIES:**

Mr. Cole moved to approve the request from Bob and Debbie Meyer for Boy Scout Troop 741 to use the Old Gym on May 13, 2006 for a Dodge Ball tournament from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. Mr. Ranz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

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

Superintendent Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting would be on Tuesday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Caddell also announced an open working session for facilities discussion to be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Craig library. Mr. Roberts said he would not be able to attend that meeting. Other dates were discussed. As no one could agree on the best time, Mr. Ranz suggested sending out some possible dates and notifying Mr. Lanman at the newspaper office when a date was finalized.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Swango said that she felt strongly that those in coaching positions did more than just coach. She said she knew that Mr. Todd and Mr. Bowen have done that and wanted to see that continue.

Mr. Truitt congratulated Mr. Bowen for his coaching assignment and wished good things for him, as did Mr. Ranz.

Mr. Phipps said he realized Mr. Bowen had big shoes to fill and was confident that he would do a good job.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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